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Virus Transmission Rate High in Frederick County *County Facilities to Remain Open by Appointment Only until Nov. 1*

FREDERICK, Md. – Cases of COVID-19 remain high in Frederick County, leading to 11 deaths in the past month and stressing local healthcare systems. Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner called on residents to stay diligent by getting vaccinated against the coronavirus and wearing masks in indoor public places upon CDC Guidelines.

“We are at risk of overwhelming our healthcare system,” Executive Gardner said. “All of us need to do our part to protect our loved ones and the most vulnerable members of our community. Please get vaccinated and wear a mask when you are inside with others.”

There are 31 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized at Frederick Health Hospital. Six patients are in the intensive care unit. Outbreaks have been recorded at local nursing homes, public and private schools, and at the Adult Detention Center. Frederick County has a higher positivity rate than the state as a whole. As of this morning, the local positivity rate stands at 4.6%. The seven-day average of new cases is 17.45 cases per 100,000 people. For comparison, Maryland’s positivity is 4.38% and its case rate is 20.09. Local statistics are updated each weekday at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/CovidStats.

Because Frederick County is experiencing high rates of community transmission, County facilities will remain closed to the public, except by appointment, until Nov. 1. Masks must continue to be worn in all County buildings, including Frederick County Public Libraries.

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