News Release

Executive Gardner Extends Closures of County Buildings
Essential Services Will Continue

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner announced today that Frederick County buildings remain closed to the public until further notice in response to state and local decisions to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Senior centers, libraries, park buildings and nature centers remain closed. TransIT services are reduced and should only be used for essential needs, such as to reach jobs, grocery stores, or dialysis appointments. TransIT riders should be alert for future service changes.

"The coronavirus is a serious public health emergency. I urge everyone to stay at home as much as possible and continue to practice good hygiene like hand washing and social distancing," said Executive Gardner. "I commend all our health and public safety personnel, emergency responders and employees who continue to serve our citizens at this time. With everyone doing their part, we will greatly reduce the impact of this disease on our community."

While all essential services to help people and business are continuing, she noted changes and updates to the following public services:

- The **Frederick County Landfill** remains open, although residents are asked to limit visits to essential-only trips. The recycling drop-off center will close to the public as of Monday, March 30. No walk-ins will be accepted for recycling or compost bins.

- **Senior centers** remain closed. Meals on Wheels continue to be delivered to participants in a modified manner. Visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/seniorservices for information on online resources or call 301-600-1234.

- **Frederick County Public Libraries** remain closed. Visit www.fcpl.org for wide array of digital resources for all ages.

- **TransIT Services** has reduced all services. TransIT-plus will continue providing pre-scheduled trips. For more information visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/transit or call 301-600- 2065.

- **The Frederick County Health Department** remains closed to the public. Essential services needed for the immediate protection of public health will continue. Visit https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/ for more information.

- **Park and Recreation programs** are canceled, and park buildings, including nature centers, the Ballenger Creek Community Center and the Browning Building at Pinecliff Park, are closed to the public. Parks remain open, however, all playgrounds and restrooms remain closed and water fountains have been turned off. Spring recreation programming, park shelter and building reservations and all other special

programs are canceled until June 1. Visit www.Receater.com for new online activities and programs.

- **Boards and commission meetings** are canceled until further notice.

- **The Department of Permitting and the Treasurer's Office** remain open to pay taxes and water and sewer bills. Residents are encouraged to pay online.

  o **Inspection services** continue with some modifications.

- **Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living –** non-essential visits are no longer permitted.

- **Animal Control –** The shelter remains closed to the public. Essential and emergency services are available by appointment only. Call 301-600-1546.

- **The Adult Detention Center** has suspended visitor access.

- **Citizens Services Division** and the Department of Housing and Community Development appointments are being handled by e-mail and phone.

  o **The Family Partnership and the Scott Key Center** will remain closed.

- **Public Works** offices are closed to the public.

Information on agency announcements and resources related to the coronavirus or COVID-19can be found at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/coronavirus. Public health information is available at https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov.

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