



## FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## Frederick County Indoor Dining Restrictions to Remain Unchanged *County to take a pause on lifting restrictions until February 15*

FREDERICK, Md. – The coronavirus continues to spread at a high rate in Frederick County. This is demonstrated in our positivity rate and our rate of case per 100,000 population, both of which remain above the statewide average. Hospitalizations in Frederick County related to COVID-19 remain high and are currently 150% of the peak from the surge experienced in spring of 2020. To protect public health and safety, County Executive Jan Gardner today announced that the County will not yet adopt Governor Hogan's most recent Executive Order to lift the 10 p.m. restriction on restaurants and bars.

“Because our hospitalizations are still extremely high and because our new case rate reflected in positivity rates and in cases per 100,000 population are above the statewide average, I want to maintain the limitation for two additional weeks and will reevaluate the situation at that time,” she said.

There have been 15,447 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Frederick County. While Frederick County is beginning to see a downward trend in cases, the county has moved from what County Executive Gardner describes as “an extremely high rate of spread” to a “very high rate of spread.” Frederick County has been trending worse than the State in health metrics since the end of November.

For more information, please find the full text of Executive Order 01-2021 here:

<https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/covidorders>

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