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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

### EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 8-2020

May 14, 2020

### CONTINUED DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**WHEREAS**, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-134, et seq., of the Prince George's County Code provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland declared a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State of Maryland to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and these emergency declarations continue; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization, on March 11, 2020, announced that the COVID-19 outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County, Maryland previously issued the following emergency declarations: Executive Order Number 6-2020 dated March 16, 2020; Executive Order Number 7-2020 dated April 13, 2020; and CR-31-2020 adopted May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County, Maryland, with more than 10,400 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, has the highest number of confirmed cases in the State of Maryland; and,

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County, Maryland has more than 1,900 COVID-19 related hospitalizations and more than 350 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County, Maryland is still experiencing a surge of County residents becoming ill with the virus and placing stress on the standard method of providing medical care;

**WHEREAS**, unemployment in Prince George's County, Maryland is currently at approximately fifteen percent and all the jobs created in the County over the last five years have been lost due to economic downturn caused by the current health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County, Maryland has been and continues to be severely impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland Number 20-05-13-01, issued May 13, 2020, specifically authorized political subdivisions to issue more restrictive orders than issued by the Governor including requiring any businesses, organizations, establishments, or

facilities to close or modify their operations; and/or requiring individuals to remain indoors or to refrain from congregating; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince George's County Maryland's available data does not show sufficient downward trend in the number of positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, or sufficient increase in necessary testing capacity, to support a re-opening or restart of certain businesses and activities; and

**WHEREAS CR-31-2020** authorizes the County Executive to amend the County's emergency declaration; now, therefore

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, on this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2020, that I, Angela D. Alsobrooks, County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland, hereby proclaim that a Local State of Emergency continues to exist in Prince George's County, Maryland. It is necessary and reasonable to save lives and to protect the public safety and welfare of all Prince Georgians during this pandemic, by controlling and preventing the further spread of COVID- 19, to issue the following orders:

**Effective May 15, 2020, beginning 5:00 p.m.:**

I. Stay-at-Home Order

A. All persons living in Prince George's County, Maryland are hereby ordered, effective as of 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020, to stay in their homes or places of residences ("Homes") except:

1. To conduct or participate in Essential Activities (defined below) or Permitted Outdoor Activities (defined below);
2. Staff and owners of businesses and organizations that are not required to close may travel:
  - a. Between their Homes and those businesses and organizations; and
  - b. To and from customers for the purpose of delivering goods or performing services; and
3. staff and owners of Non-Essential Businesses (defined below) may travel:
  - a. Between their Homes and those Non-Essential Businesses for the purpose of engaging in Minimal Operations; and
  - b. To and from customers for the purpose of delivering goods.

B. As used herein, "Essential Activities" means:

1. Obtaining necessary supplies or services for one's self, family, household members, pets, or livestock, including, without limitation: groceries, supplies for household consumption or use, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, laundry, and products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence;
2. Engaging in activities essential for the health and safety of one's self, family, household members, pets, or livestock, including such things as seeking medical or behavior health or emergency services, and obtaining medication or medical supplies;
3. Caring for a family member, friend, pet, or livestock in another household or location, including, without limitation, transporting a family member, friend, pet, or livestock animal for essential health and safety activities;
4. Traveling to and from an educational institution for purposes of receiving meals or instructional materials for distance learning;
5. Travel required by a law enforcement officer or court order; or

6. Traveling to and from a Federal, State, or local government building for a necessary purpose.
- C. As used herein, "Permitted Outdoor Activities" means the following, done in compliance with applicable Maryland State Secretary of Health's Directives, Health Officer Directives, and social distancing guidance published by the Centers for Disease Control and the Maryland Department of Health:
1. Outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, biking, or individual and small group sports such as golfing, tennis, and similar activities;
  2. Outdoor fitness instruction;
  3. Recreational fishing, hunting, shooting, and archery;
  4. Recreational boating;
  5. Horseback riding; and
  6. Visiting cemeteries
- D. Except as set forth in Paragraph I.E. of this Order, Non-Essential Businesses (as defined below) shall remain closed to the public.
- E. Staff and owners may continue to be on-site at Non-Essential Businesses for only the following purposes:
1. Facilitating remote working (a/k/a/ telework) by other staff;
  2. Maintaining essential property;
  3. Preventing loss of, or damage to property, including without limitation, preventing spoilage of perishable inventory;
  4. Performing essential administrative functions, including without limitation, picking up mail and processing payroll; and
  5. Caring for live animals.
- F. Non-Essential Businesses are defined as all businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are not part of the critical infrastructure sectors identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (currently described at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19> (collectively, "Non-Essential Businesses")

## II. Closure of Certain Specific Businesses, Organizations and Facilities

### A. Senior Centers

1. All senior citizen activities centers (as defined in Section 10- 501 (i) of the Human Services Article of the Maryland Code) shall remain closed.

### B. Restaurants and Bars

1. Restaurants, bars, and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for consumption on-premises in Prince George's County, Maryland ("Restaurants and Bars") shall remain closed to the general public, except that, in accordance with any social-distancing recommendations of Maryland Department of Health or Prince George's County Health Department, food and beverages may be:
  - a. Sold if such food or beverages are promptly taken from the premises, i.e., on a carry-out or drive-through basis; or
  - b. Delivered to customers off the premises.
2. This Order does not apply to food or beverage services in health care facilities, which are expressly excluded from the definition of "Restaurants and Bars."

C. Fitness Centers

1. This Executive Order controls the occupancy and use of fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers, and self-defense schools in Prince George's County, Maryland ("Fitness Centers").
2. All Fitness Centers shall remain closed to the general public, except that the portion of any Fitness Center that is licensed or otherwise permitted by applicable law, regulation, or order to provide child care services may remain open to the general public for the purpose of continuing to provide such child care services.

D. Theaters

1. Theatres in Prince George's County, Maryland at which live performances occur or motion pictures are shown shall remain closed to the general public.

E. Malls

1. This Executive Order controls the occupancy and use of shopping centers in Prince George's County, Maryland that have one or more enclosed pedestrian concourses ("Enclosed Malls").
2. Except as set forth in paragraphs II.E.3 and II.E.4 of this Order, the following portions of Enclosed Malls shall remain closed to the general public:
  - a. Pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas open to the general public, including without limitation, food courts; and
  - b. Retail establishments only accessible to the general public from enclosed pedestrian concourses or other interior areas.
3. Retail establishments attached to Enclosed Malls that are directly accessible from the outside are not required to close.
4. Access to the general public to the following portions of Enclosed Malls is not prohibited:
  - a. That primarily sell groceries or pharmacy products, or
  - b. At which licensed professionals provide health care services; and
  - c. Pedestrian concourses and other interior common areas, but solely to the extent necessary for the general public to access the retail establishments described in this sub-paragraph.

F. Other Recreational Establishments

1. Except for those activities allowed as Permitted Outdoor Activities as defined in paragraph I.C of this Order, "Recreational Establishments" includes:
  - a. Bingo halls;
  - b. Bowling alleys;
  - c. Pool halls;
  - d. Amusement parks;
  - e. Roller- and ice-skating rinks;
  - f. Social and fraternal clubs, including without limitation, American Legion posts, VFW posts, and Elks Clubs;
  - g. Campgrounds; and

