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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 7-2020

April 13, 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

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 issued its first local declaration of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order Number 6-2020, on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland, with currently over 2100 cases, has the highest number of COVID-19 positive cases in the State of Maryland; and

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WHEREAS, unemployment in Prince George’s County, Maryland is currently at approximately fifteen percent and many of 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 imminently anticipates experiencing a surge of County residents becoming ill with the virus and placing stress on the standard method of providing medical care;

WHEREAS, Prince George’ s County, Maryland has been and continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, on this 13th day of April, 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. To protect the public safety and welfare of all Prince Georgians during this pandemic, by controlling and preventing the further spread of COVID-19, the following orders are issued:

Effective April 15, 2020:

1. All patrons shopping in County grocery stores, pharmacies and large chain retail establishments are required to wear masks or face coverings to enter.
2. All individuals who ride “The Bus”, Prince George’s County’s bus transit system, are required to wear masks or face coverings onboard.
3. Grocery stores, pharmacies and large chain retail establishments are required to promote social distancing inside and even outside of these establishments while customers wait to enter the premises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a task force committee be established to provide professional, technical and strategic assistance to the County in successfully combatting this health emergency and such assistance is needed for the continued protection of life and property. Members of the task force will be appointed by the County Executive and may include members of the County government, County, state and federal elected officials or their designees, representative from Prince George’s County Public Schools, business and civic leaders, educational institutions, faith organizations, and non-profit leaders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all mandates in Executive Order Number 6-2020 remain in full force and effect until further notice,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this continued declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall terminate 30 days from April 13, 2020 unless terminated sooner or unless it is further extended.



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