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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS ANNOUNCES THE COUNTY WILL
MOVE TO MODIFIED PHASE 1 OPENING BY JUNE 1**

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that if current data trends continue, Prince George's County is on track to move toward a modified reopening in a week and a half. Recent data shows the County on a downward trend in positivity rates, hospitalizations and death rates.

“After reviewing recent data, we are cautiously moving toward a modified phase one reopening by June 1,” said Alsobrooks. “While the data has improved, we are not out of the woods yet. I urge all Prince Georgians to exercise caution, use good judgement and observe the Stay-at-Home Order this holiday weekend so that we can stay on track to begin reopening by our target date.”

According to County data, the week of May 3 through May 9 was the highest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations with an average of 244 inpatients in County hospitals per day. The County began to see a decrease starting on May 10, with last week's average being 208 patients. For this week, to date, County hospitals are averaging 184 patients, a 25% decrease from the peak.

In addition, preliminary data of tests collected last week have a 28% positivity rate, which is a decrease from a high of 41% the week of April 19. And finally, deaths have slowly decreased from a high of 72 during the week of April 19, to 66 the week of May 3. Preliminary data from the week of May 10 shows 59 deaths. While this is an improvement, COVID-19 continues to be the leading cause of death in the County since April, surpassing heart disease and cancer.

The County Executive will provide details on the modified reopening in the coming days.

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