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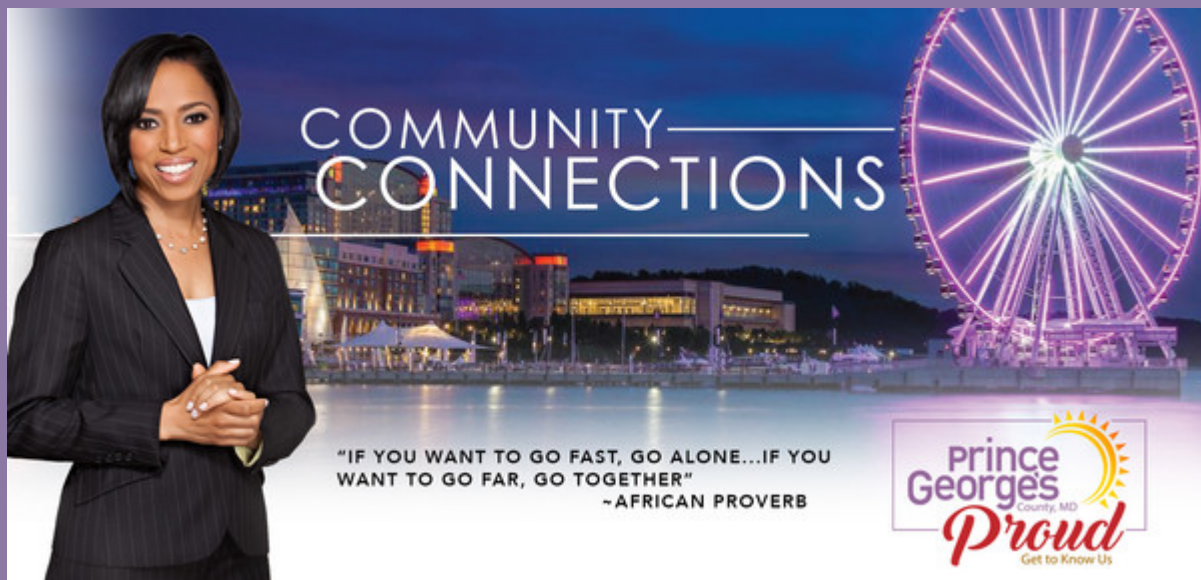


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Community Connections Newsletter: COVID-19 Update

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Friday, June 26, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Prince George's County Will Enter a Full Phase Two Reopening on Monday, June 29 at 5:00 PM

Dear Prince Georgians:

I want to thank each and every one of you for your strength and resilience as we adjust to our new normal in Prince George's County. Due to your diligence in following safety guidelines such as wearing a face covering and practicing physical distancing, we are continuing to see downward trends in our number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Therefore, I am announcing that Prince George's County will enter a full phase two reopening on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

We remain cautiously optimistic as we move forward with our phased reopening and recovery of Prince George's County. I am encouraged by the progress that we have made together as a community to slow the spread of this virus, and I know that if we all continue to take certain precautions that are part of our new normal, we can continue to contain the spread of COVID-19 in this next phase of our reopening.

As part of the full phase two reopening, we are still encouraging everyone to exercise caution and limit non-essential trips. We need all residents to continue to wear a face covering, maintain physical distancing (at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others) and practice critical hygiene actions such as washing your hands frequently with soap and water. A number of non-essential businesses and services will be able to reopen with modifications that protect the health and safety of employees and residents, including the following:

- Gyms, fitness centers and other indoor physical activities may reopen with 1 patron per 200 square feet of fitness space, not to exceed 50% capacity, with safeguards in place.
- Casinos, bingo halls bowling alleys, pool halls, indoor skating rinks, miniature golf and other recreational establishments may reopen at 50% capacity, with safeguards in place. Amusement parks may reopen at 40% capacity, with safeguards in place.
- Social and fraternal clubs may reopen at 50% capacity, with safeguards in place.
- Shopping malls may reopen up to 50% capacity, with safeguards and physical distancing in place.
- All personal services that have remained closed, including tattoo parlors, massage parlors, and spas, may reopen by appointment only with 1 customer per 200 square feet of service delivery area, up to 50% capacity. Safety and health guidelines must be in place.

Large gatherings may also resume with capacity limits, one person/family unit per 200 square feet or a maximum of 100 persons, whichever is lower. Venues for large gatherings must adhere to physical distancing requirements and CDC guidelines. A more thorough list of additional openings with modifications is included below.

This decision to move to a full phase two reopening was made under the advice of our public health officials, who made this determination based on the science and [data we are monitoring](#). For the week ending June 13, there were 27 deaths with an average of 3.9 deaths per day. Deaths per week have decreased by 64% from our high of 74 deaths per week in April.

Our hospitalization rate is also declining. In early May, County hospitals had 244 COVID-19 inpatients, on average, per day. That has since decreased for seven consecutive weeks to 80 patients so far this week. That is a 67% decrease from the highest average. We have also experienced a decrease in med/surgery bed use, as well as the number of patients with COVID-19 in hospital ICUs, which is now almost half what it was in early June. We have 58.8% of med/surgery beds available and 48.1% of ICU beds available.

We have also successfully increased our testing capacity, now operating four Health Department testing sites. The City of Hyattsville is operating a fifth testing site with supplies from the Prince George's County Health Department. The Health Department, in addition to private entities and hospitals, are testing approximately 10,000 people per week countywide, with the capacity to test more as needed. The positivity rate has now decreased to 7.8%. The Health Department is now offering free testing **without**

appointments at all of its testing locations, and more information on COVID-19 testing in the County is included below.

As we continue moving forward, I want to again remind everyone to use caution and good judgment. This virus has taken a terrible toll on our community and still remains in our County and region. However, we can all continue doing our part to stop the spread of this virus, and together we can ensure that COVID-19 does not have the final say.

Yours in service,

Angela Alsobrooks

Prince George's County Executive

COVID-19 Updates

Full Phase Two Reopening



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Prince George's County Full Phase Two Reopening



Prince George's County will enter a full phase two reopening
June 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

We encourage all residents to use good judgment and limit non-essential trips.

Additional Reopenings with Modifications:



Amusement Parks
(40% capacity)



Casinos/Bingo Halls/Recreational
Establishments (50% capacity)



Childcare Facilities
(all licensed facilities for all children)



Houses of Worship
(indoor services at 50% capacity,
outdoor services up to 250 people)



Shopping Malls (50% capacity)



Outdoor Community Pools
(public and private at 50% capacity)



Car Washes with Automated Systems
(internal cleaning now permitted)



Social/Fraternal Clubs
(50% capacity)



Tattoo Parlors/Spas/Other Personal Services
(by appointment only, 1 customer
per 200 sq. ft. up to 50% capacity)



Gyms/Fitness Centers
(1 patron per 200 sq. ft.,
no more than 50% capacity)

What Remains CLOSED:



- Indoor pools
- Theaters
- Concert venues
- Senior centers
- Bars, nightclubs and adult entertainment
- County Government buildings

Unless expressed in our Executive Order, gatherings for all other activities are limited to one person/family unit per 200 sq. ft. or a maximum of 100 persons, whichever is lower.
For more information, please visit: mypgc.us/reopen

Prince George's County will move into a full phase two reopening on Monday, June 29 at 5:00 PM. Residents are asked to continue to exercise caution, limit non-essential trips and use face coverings when out in public. A number of non-essential businesses and services will be able to reopen with modifications that protect the health and safety of employees and residents, listed below.

Gyms, fitness centers and other indoor physical activities may reopen with 1 patron per 200 square feet of fitness space, not to exceed 50% capacity. All CDC guidelines and safety precautions must be adhered to.

Some **recreational establishments** may now reopen with capacity limits, CDC guidelines and other requirements in place. **Casinos, bingo halls, bowling alleys, pool halls, indoor**

skating rinks and miniature golf may reopen at 50% capacity. **Amusement parks** may reopen at 40% capacity.

Social and fraternal clubs may reopen at 50% capacity, with safeguards in place.

Retail stores will be able to expand to 1 person per 100 square feet allowed in store, not to exceed 50% percent capacity.

Shopping malls may reopen up to 50% capacity, with safeguards and physical distancing in place.

All **personal services** that have remained closed, including tattoo parlors, spas and massage parlors, will be able to reopen by appointment only with 1 customer per 200 square feet, not to exceed 50% capacity. The same safety and health guidelines remain in place from the modified phase two reopening for these businesses.

Houses of worship may expand indoor services to 50% capacity, with safeguards and physical distancing requirements in place.

Childcare facilities can reopen for all children with health and safety precautions. In addition to the use of masks and gloves for all employees and having appropriate social distancing and disinfecting in place, they must also have a schedule for staggered drop offs and pickups, conduct daily symptom checks and have a strict dismissal policy in the event of positive cases.

Outdoor community pools, both public and private, may now expand to 50% capacity, but must practice proper social distancing guidelines. **Indoor pools** will remain closed.

Car washes are now allowed to perform internal cleaning, with all employees wearing PPE and other safeguards in place.

Outdoor youth sports may expand to no more than 100 people in any area, still in small groups with no more than 9 children and 1 coach per group.

Unless expressed otherwise in our Executive Order, **large gatherings** may resume with capacity limits of one person/family unit per 200 square feet or a maximum of 100 persons, whichever is lower. Venues for large gatherings must adhere to physical distancing requirements and CDC guidelines.

For County Government, buildings will remain closed to the public. The County Government is still open and operational, adding a number of virtual services in our agencies to ensure that we can still serve our residents.

For additional details on the County's full phase two reopening and to access a copy of the Executive Order, please visit our [County website](#).

COVID-19 Testing is Now Appointment Free



Prince George's County is offering appointment-free COVID-19 testing at the following locations:

Rollingcrest-Chillum
Recreation Center
6120 Sargent Road
Chillum, MD 20782
Mon.-Thurs., 10AM – 6PM

Cheverly Health Center
3003 Hospital Drive
Cheverly, MD 20782
Mon.-Thurs., 10AM – 3PM

Laurel-Beltsville Senior
Activity Center
7120 Contee Road
Laurel, MD 20707
Mon.-Thurs., 10AM – 6PM

Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Center
8001 Sheriff Road
Landover, MD 20785
Mon.-Thurs., 10AM – 6PM

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville
6201 Belcrest Road
Hyattsville, MD 20782
Mon., Thurs. & Sat., 9AM – 3PM

These tests are **FREE** for all residents, regardless of insurance coverage. Our testing sites can accommodate drive-thru and walk-up testing of those with or without symptoms who have been exposed to or suspect they may have been exposed to a COVID-19-positive person.

For additional information on COVID-19 testing in Prince George's County, please visit: health.mypgc.us/covidtesting

For questions or concerns
related to COVID-19,
call our hotline at 301-883-6627.



HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
Prince George's County

Prince George's County now offers free COVID-19 testing at five sites around the County, **no appointment necessary**. The sites include the Cheverly Health Center, the Rollingcrest-Chillum Recreational Center, the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, the Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Center, and First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville (operated by the City of Hyattsville).

These tests are free for all residents, regardless of insurance coverage. Testing sites can accommodate drive-thru or walk-up testing of those with or without symptoms. For more information about testing, please click [here](#). Residents can also call our COVID-19 hotline at 301-883-6627 for questions about testing or other COVID-19 concerns.

Business Questions About Reopening



REOPENING FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BUSINESSES

All County businesses with questions about whether they can be open and how they can operate as Prince George's County moves through its phased reopening should reach out to Experience Prince George's.

Email:
ReopenPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us

Phone:
 301-925-8300

If you are a restaurant looking to add or expand outdoor seating options, please visit: dpie.mypgc.us/OutdoorSeating






Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

All County businesses with questions about whether they can be open and how they can operate in this next phase of the County's reopening should reach out to our team at Experience Prince George's. They can be reached at ReopenPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us or 301-925-8300.



June 18 Tele-Town Hall Now Online



Original Broadcast Date
Thursday, June 18, 2020

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
COMMUNITY UPDATE

County Executive Alsobrooks' Tele-Town Hall about the Government's COVID-19 response.

Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

County Executive Alsobrooks' most recent COVID-19 Tele-Town Hall is now available online. Anyone that missed this update from the County Executive, her administration leadership and other elected officials can listen to the entire event [online here](#).

WMATA Service Updates



WMATA has announced that they will reopen fifteen Metro rail stations that were closed due to COVID-19 on June 28, 2020. The following day, they will add more buses to some of Metro's busiest bus lines. More information from WMATA is available [here](#).

Senior Nutrition Program

SENIOR MEAL DELIVERY



MEAL OPTIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The Senior Nutrition Program (301) 265 - 8475

The Senior Nutrition Program provides residents 60 years and older with the opportunity to enjoy nutritious, home-delivered meals to promote safety and good health during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Aging & Disabilities Resource Center (301) 265 - 8450

Older adults needing guidance with delivery services from grocery stores and pharmacies, or who want to learn about other programs and services for older adults, can call the Aging & Disabilities Resource Center.



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive



The County's Senior Nutrition Program provides home-delivered meals for older adults 60 years and over during the coronavirus pandemic. For more information, contact the Senior Nutrition Program at 301-265-8475. Older adults needing guidance with delivery services from grocery stores and pharmacies should call 301-265-8450.

PGCPS Summer Meals



Prince George's County Public Schools' annual Summer Food Service Program will begin Monday, June 29 and run through August 13. For additional information about the program, as well as a list of meal sites, visit the [PGCPS website](#).

Stand Up & Deliver Program



Stand Up & Deliver (Prepared) Pop Up Meal Sites
Tuesday & Thursday at 12:30pm
Please stay in your car | While supplies last

Tuesday, June 30



St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
7501 Adelphi Road
Hyattsville, MD 20783

Thursday, July 2



St. Mary's of Piscataway
13401 Piscataway Road
Clinton, MD 20735



Prince George's County will be distributing groceries to go at the following locations. Groceries will be distributed Fridays at 12:30pm, while supplies last. One (1) box per car. Please remain in your car.

~ Friday, July 3 Locations ~



Creative Suitland
4719 Silver Hill Road
Suitland, MD 20746



Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
7707 Allentown Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744



St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church
410 Addison Road South
Capitol Heights, MD 20746



Turner A.M.E. Church
7201 16th Place
Hyattsville, MD 20783



Walker Mill Baptist Church
6801 Walker Mill Road
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive



Next week, we will continue our distribution of prepared meals and groceries through our Stand Up & Deliver program. On Tuesday, June 30, we will distribute prepared meals to go at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hyattsville. On Thursday, July 2, we will distribute prepared meals to go at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway in Clinton. Finally, on Friday, July 3, we will distribute groceries to go at 5 locations in the County:

- Creative Suitland in Suitland
- Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Ft. Washington
- Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Capitol Heights
- Turner A.M.E. Church in Hyattsville
- Walker Mill Baptist Church in Capitol Heights

All of these distributions will take place at 12:30 PM, while supplies last. We will continue to keep you updated on future distribution locations and dates as we work to combat food insecurity in Prince George's County.

County Government Updates

COVID-19 Health Insurance Enrollment Period Extended to July 15



NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

**COVID-19 Special Enrollment is
Open Now! Get Covered.**

PHONE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE!

Here is how you
can get help:



BY PHONE - MONDAY - FRIDAY:

PGC HEALTH CONNECT CALL CENTER

301-927-4500 or 240-719-2167

9:00am – 3:00pm

CASA Multi-Lingual Health Hotline

Spanish/English - 301-270-8432

French/English - 240-270-1318

9:00am – 4:00pm

Maryland Health Connection

1-855-642-8572

(Toll Free); Relay users dial 711

8:00am – 6:00pm



ON LINE:

www.marylandhealthconnection.gov



BY MOBILE APP:

**Download our free mobile app,
Enroll MHC! Upload documents
right from your phone or tablet!**



PGC Health Connect is a program of the Prince George's County
Department of Social Services.

PGC Health Connect wants to let all Prince Georgians know that the COVID-19 health insurance enrollment period has been extended to July 15, which includes the Maryland Easy Enrollment Program (MEEP) that allows residents to sign up for health coverage when filing their taxes. Nearly 8,000 County residents have enrolled in health coverage during the COVID-19 special enrollment period. The new date coincides with the deadline for filing federal and state income tax returns. PGC Health Connect Navigators are available by telephone Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 301-927-4500 or 240-719-2167. For more information, visit PGCHealthConnect.org.

Updates from the Library

TUESDAY JULY 21

PHASED REOPENING

PHASE 1 - CURBSIDE SERVICE

TUESDAY 1-8 PM | WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 1-6 PM | SATURDAY 1-5 PM

CURBSIDE SERVICE **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** **BOOK DROPS OPEN** **DRIVE-UP WIFI**

PGCMLS.INFO/REOPENING

Participating Branches: Accokeek, Beltsville, Bladensburg, Bowie, Fairmount Heights, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Hillcrest Heights, Hyattsville, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, New Carrollton, Oxon Hill, South Bowie, Spauldings, Upper Marlboro

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is “fine free” beginning on July 1, 2020. The Library will waive all existing overdue fines from customer accounts when the policy takes effect. The new “fine free” policy ensures that all Prince Georgians have equitable access to the Library’s resources and services, while eliminating the financial barrier of overdue fines. Visit pgcmls.info for more information.


The Library announced its [Phased Reopening Plan](#) today, which is organized in four phases. Phase 1 offers curbside service by appointment only. Curbside service will be available at 16 of the Library's branches beginning on Tuesday, July 21 (Tuesday 1:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday-Friday 1:00-6:00 PM, Saturday 1:00-5:00 PM). Customers will be required to wear face coverings for curbside service appointments, which may be scheduled July 21 via the PGCMLS app, pgcmls.info, or by calling 240-455-5451. Public access to the Library's buildings remains suspended until Phase 2 (limited branch access, date to be announced). Customers may begin to return materials to book drops beginning on Thursday, July 9. Visit pgcmls.info/reopening for details.

100 Events of Summer “Try Something New Thursday”

A vibrant poster for the "100 Events of Summer" series. The background is a bright blue sky with a large yellow sun in the center. The sun has rays extending outwards. The text "100 EVENTS OF Summer" is prominently displayed in the center, with "100" in red and "EVENTS OF Summer" in black. Below this, it says "A Virtual Summer Series" in a smaller font. To the left of the sun is a purple starburst with the word "ENTERTAINMENT" in white. To the right is a red starburst with the word "GIVEAWAYS" in white. Below the sun is an orange rectangular box containing the text: "Try Something New Thursday - Thursday, July 2nd", "Afrobeats: A Dance Session with Azeez", "6:30 pm", and the URL "ocr.mypgc.us/100EOS". To the left of this box is a circular portrait of a man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing a black jacket and a chain necklace. To the right of the orange box is a green starburst with the text "FOLLOW US! #OCR100EOS" and social media handles for Instagram (@pgc_communityrelations) and Twitter (@PGCCCommunity). At the bottom of the poster, it says "For more information, contact Harrison Nwozo at 301-793-6430 or hnwozo@co.pg.md.us." In the top left corner, there are logos for Prince George's County, including the official seal and the "Proud" logo, along with the text "Prince George's county Office of Community Relations" and a small circular logo with a person sitting in a chair.

Join the Office of Community Relations (OCR) as they host their first 100 Events of Summer "Try Something New Thursday!" If you are interested in learning some new dance moves, join in on Thursday, July 2 at 6:00 PM for a FREE virtual dance session. "Afrobeats: A Dance Session with Azeez" will be live on ocr.mypgc.us/100EOS. Follow OCR on Instagram (@pgc_communityrelations) and Twitter (@PGCCCommunity) for updates on upcoming events and more.


Men's Challenge Initiative



Angela D. Alshbrook
County Executive


Prince George's County Department of Family Services
Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Division

The Men's Challenge
Living Together Without Violence Initiative
All meetings are from 5:30pm to 6:30pm



Elana Belon-Battler
Director

Summer
Virtual Edition



June 29th
July 1st
July 15th
July 28th

Join the Department of Family Services for a new installment of the Men's Challenge Initiative, a series of group discussions that seeks to influence men and boys through conversations about developing healthy relationships. The first topic of discussion will focus on Men's Health Month, the importance of weight management and how to stay active during quarantine. Other topics of discussion, titled "Emmett Till to George Floyd" and "The Ancient Future of Black Fatherhood in the 21st Century," will dive into the alienation of marginalized black lives and historical views of black fatherhood.

For a full list of discussion topics and meeting dates, visit the [Department of Family Services, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking page](#).

How to Be an Antiracist (Rescheduled Virtually)



IBRAM X. KENDI

**HOW
TO BE
AN
ANTIRACIST**

Monday, July 20 at 7 pm

Virtual Event



Dr. Charlene M. Duker








Several Prince George's County partners are proud to host a timely virtual conversation with Dr. Ibram Kendi, author of the best-selling work “How to Be an Antiracist”, on July 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM. During this seminal moment in the ongoing movement for racial equity and understanding, Dr. Kendi’s award-winning book provides insight and guidance on our collective abilities to actively be anti-racist. Free registration can be [found here](#).

The event is co-presented by Joe's Movement Emporium, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission (HRC), the Prince George's Community College Center for Performing Arts, and Maryland State Library. As a lead-in to this discussion, PGCMLS and HRC will discuss the book as part of their “The Elephant We Don’t See Diversity Dialogue” on June 30. Registration for that free discussion can be [found here](#).

Waste Collection Updates



County Government offices, with the exception of public safety agencies, will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020, in observance of Independence Day. All trash and recycling collections remain on a regular schedule.

Modified bulky trash drop-off collections continue throughout the nine councilmanic districts through August 1, 2020. No box trucks, commercial, or U-Haul trucks are allowed at the drop-off locations. The Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Acceptance Sites have reopened for disposal from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. All other services at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill remain closed to residents. Visit environment.mypgc.us for a complete list of drop-off locations and other information.

Prince George's Proud Moments

311 Call Center Receives National Recognition



County Executive Alsobrooks pictured with the 311 Award of Excellence.

Congratulations to our 311 Call Center on receiving the national 311 Award of Excellence Finalist Award! This is due to the hard work of our call center employees, our Office of Community Relations (OCR) Director Euniesha Davis, and OCR Special Assistant to the Director Charice Young. They accomplished a number of things in the first year of our administration, including reducing call wait times from four minutes to six seconds and setting a record for the number of calls taken at the call center. We are excited to continue strengthening our County's 311 system to ensure Prince Georgians get the high-quality government services that they deserve.

Experience Prince George's County – the Crown Jewel of Maryland



Prince George's County is the Crown Jewel of Maryland, and we invite everyone to experience our County. [Watch our video here](#) to see where our County can take you as you create new memories. To learn more about all our County has to offer, visit the [Experience Prince George's website](#).

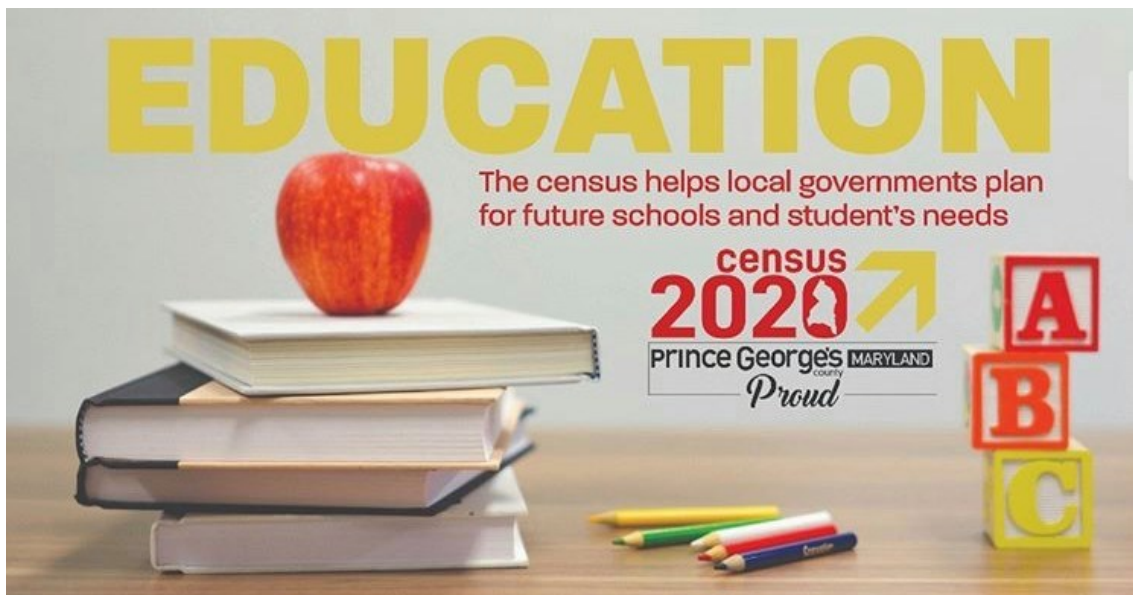
Office of Emergency Management Distributes “Starter Kits” to Daycare Facilities



We are Prince George's Proud of the Office of Emergency Management, which has been distributing “starter kits” to daycare facilities that are caring for the children of essential workers during this pandemic. These kits include items such as disposable masks, gloves and hand sanitizer so our daycare facilities can continue to safely serve our community. Watch our video [here](#).

2020 Census

Complete the 2020 Census



No matter what area of education impacts your life or that of your family, the 2020 Census makes a difference. Complete the Census to help the children in your life build the right blocks. Call 844-330-2020 or visit my2020Census.gov to complete your Census today.




Wayne K. Curry County Administration Building

1301 McCormick Drive, Suite 4000
Largo, Maryland 20774



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