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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS REDUCES PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TO ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS ONLY**

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced that County Government operations are reduced to essential operations only. This mandate was put into place at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, in an effort to reinforce social distancing and keep County employees and residents safe.

“These are unprecedented times for Prince George's County, but I can tell you with certainty that the coronavirus will not have the final say,” said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. “We will continue to do everything in our power to contain the spread of this virus and save lives, and by working together, we will make it through this crisis.”

The County Executive also provided an update on recent operations at FedEx Field. Prince George's County has partnered with the State to launch a prototype coronavirus screening location at FedEx Field. The Governor, who selected Prince George's County to build the prototype, has sent the Maryland National Guard to help the County build the site.

The prototype screening facility is designed by Prince George's County Health Officer Dr. Ernest Carter and the Prince George's County Health Department. It will operate with assistance from the Maryland Department of Health and the University of Maryland Medical System. The County will announce in advance when registration for the screenings will be available and when testing will become available.

To ensure the Prince George's County community remains safe and healthy, the following essential functions will continue to operate under the Prince George's County Government.

Public safety agencies, including the **Prince George's County Police Department**, the **Fire and EMS Department**, and the **Department of Corrections**, will remain operational to ensure the safety of Prince George's County residents and those in custody.

The **District Court Commissioner's Offices** are open in both Hyattsville and Upper Marlboro and are both accepting and issuing domestic violence petitions.

The **Family Justice Center**, while not open to the public, continues to do business by telephone. Residents may access its services during business hours by calling 301-780-8008.

The **Department of the Environment** continues ongoing trash, recycling, and yard trim collection. Bulky trash collections are suspended and will be rescheduled at a later date. Convenience Center drop-off locations will remain open as well for the public.

The **Animal Services Facility and Adoption Center** remains operational although closed to the public. It will still respond to emergency calls for service, which can be placed to 301-780-7200.

The **Department of Family Services**, in partnership with the Department of Public Works & Transportation, continues to provide meal deliveries to seniors who are part of existing meal delivery programs, including those participants of the Senior Nutrition Program.

The **Department of Public Works and Transportation** continues to operate essential para-transit services, including medical appointments, trips for dialysis patients, and senior trips for grocery shopping. They will also maintain critical repairs of County roads, bridges and traffic signals.

TheBus is operating under Phase 2 of service reductions, suspending transit service on routes 11, 12, 14, 15x, 23, 27 and 34, in addition to the bus lines already suspended (routes 21x, 22, 25, 35s, 51 and 53). No fare will be charged while services are reduced.

The **311 Call Center** will continue to take calls to address issues. However, as bulky trash pick-up is suspended, they will not be scheduling pick-up until that service is restored.

The **Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement** will provide essential review of licenses and permits in addition to continuing essential inspection functions.

The **Health Department** continues to operate, providing essential health and wellness services in addition to its work on containing this pandemic.

For more information about County Government operations, as well as for more information about COVID-19 resources in Prince George's County, visit mypgc.us.

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