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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES COVID-19 AMBASSADOR
COMPLIANCE TEAM**

***Inspectors from Several County Agencies Will Conduct Inspections to Ensure
Businesses are in Compliance With COVID-19 Safety Protocols***

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that she has created a COVID-19 Ambassador Compliance Team, consisting of more than 70 inspectors from multiple County agencies, who will begin conducting inspections at restaurants, retail establishments and businesses across the County. The inspections, which will begin this weekend, will ensure that establishments are adhering to COVID-19 protocols such as facial covering requirements and social distancing. The announcement comes as the County has seen slight increases in some coronavirus data points.

“Prince Georgians have done a tremendous job of wearing masks, practicing appropriate social distancing and staying home unless they need to go out for essential trips,” said Alsobrooks. “However, we have seen a slight increase in certain data points, so we are taking this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of continuing to be vigilant with these safety protocols and to help ensure our businesses are adhering to them as well, so we don't have to endure another shutdown.”

Over the last couple of weeks, the County has seen slight increases in the infection rate and number of new cases, but other key factors such as the positivity rate, available hospital bed capacity and number of people hospitalized due to COVID-19 have continued to trend in the right direction.

The Ambassador Compliance Team will begin visiting establishments throughout the County on Saturday, July 18. Initially, the focus will be distributing information packets regarding COVID-19 protocols, monitoring for capacity compliance, appropriate social distancing and face coverings, and ensuring hand washing and sanitizer is staged for use by patrons and staff.

Business and retail establishments that are violating these protocols will be given a short period of time to come into compliance. If they are not in compliance during a second visit, they could be subject to a fine of \$1,000. Those who remain non-compliant on a third visit, would be shut down until they come into compliance.

The goal of the Ambassador Compliance Team is to help save lives and prevent businesses from having to close by informing and educating businesses and retail establishments about the proper protocols and how to comply with them. Information about safety protocols for businesses can be found on the County's coronavirus webpage at health.mypgc.us/coronavirus.

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