

DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IMPOSING JUVENILE CURFEW AT NATIONAL HARBOR
*Pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, Health General Article, § 18-208 and
Code of Maryland Regulations, Sec. 10.06.01.06*

I, Ernest L. Carter, MD, PhD, Health Officer for Prince George's County, as a designee for Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health for the State of Maryland, finding it necessary to control and medical containment of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease that it causes – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), in light of the recent increase of several essential metrics which indicate further spread of COVID-19, and in order to reduce the threat to human health, to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable to implement the following measures to ensure public safety and welfare of all persons in the County, hereby direct the following measures to be implemented to ensure public health and safety in Prince George's County, Maryland.

1. The National Harbor is a 300-acre multi-use waterfront development located along the Potomac River near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Prince George's County, Maryland that has approximately one-hundred and sixty (160) restaurants, forty (40) hotels, retail stores, the Capital Wheel and a plaza for outdoor dining and gathering.
2. As of the date of this order, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in Prince George's County is over 37,800, with approximately 4,253 hospitalizations and approximately 883 deaths.
3. Based upon data analysis as of November 17, 2020, the County's infection rate, positivity rate and average daily case rate have risen significantly in the past thirty days, the County's infection is 1.24, its positivity rate is 8.6%, and, the average daily case rate is 33.4 per 100,000 residents.
4. On November 15, 2020, the undersigned issued a Health Directive and Order that included a more restrictive prohibition on large indoor and outdoor gatherings and events to address recent increases, prevent and reduce the further spread of, and suppress COVID-19¹.

¹ Unless specifically allowed otherwise, social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events are:

a. limited to 1 person/household per 200 square feet, or a maximum of 10 persons—whichever is lower— at all **indoor** locations and venues, including but not limited to: private residences, parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers.

b. limited to 1 person/household per 200 square feet, or a maximum of 25 persons—whichever is lower-- at all **outdoor** locations and venues, including but not limited to: private residences, parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers.



5. On November 18, 2020, the Prince George's County Council passed Council Resolution, CR-125-2020, that extended the more restrictive prohibition on large indoor and outdoor gatherings and events until January 15, 2021.
6. Juveniles or minors are defined as any unemancipated person age seventeen (17) years of age or younger.
7. During the past one-hundred and twenty (120) days, large numbers of juveniles have been congregating at the National Harbor on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to socialize in outdoor areas and to attend parties located inside hotel guest rooms.
8. The number of juveniles congregating in the outdoor areas or in hotel guest rooms at National Harbor during this time period range approximately from one-hundred and fifty (150) to two-thousand five hundred (2500).
9. The maximum number of persons generally allowed to gather has never exceeded one-hundred (100) persons during the past one-hundred and twenty (120) days.
10. A significant number of the juveniles are not wearing a face covering or socially/physically distancing from one another.
11. Despite multiple public warnings by the County Executive and Health Officer for George's County, and repeatedly being advised by Health Department Inspectors, other Prince George's County employees detailed to National Harbor, and Prince George's County law enforcement, the juveniles have refused to stop congregating in violation of the large gathering restriction, wear face coverings or socially/physically distance as required.
12. The failure to wear face coverings and socially/physically distance, along with the large number of the juveniles congregating, violates restrictions in effect in Prince George's County, Maryland and thereby, increases the risk of the spread of COVID-19.
13. On November 12, 2020, two hotels located at the National Harbor were closed to prevent and reduce the further spread of and suppress COVID-19.
14. Due to the recent increases in the County's infection and positivity rates, and the average daily case rate in the County, it is necessary and reasonable to impose a restriction on the movement, by way of a curfew, on juveniles at National Harbor on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, as of the date of this order to reduce or prevent the spread of COVID-19.
15. No juvenile or person seventeen (17) years of age or younger may be or remain in or upon a public street, avenue, boulevard, alley, walkway, right-of-way, or publicly accessible parking garage, place or street at the National Harbor during the period beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and ending 6:00 am on Saturday and at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and ending 6:00 am on Sunday and at 5:00 p.m. on

Planned larger gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed. CDC, MDH and County social distancing protocols must be followed. This rule does not apply to members of the same household within their homes.



Sunday and ending 6:00 am on Monday, as of the date of this order except as provided herein.

16. This Directive and Order does not apply to juveniles or persons seventeen (17) years of age or younger when:

1. Accompanied by a parent or guardian or any person age 21 or older.
2. Completing an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian, without detour or stop.
3. Working or returning home from a job, without detour or stop.
4. Involved in an emergency.
5. On a sidewalk that joins their residence or the residence of a next-door neighbor, if the neighbor did not complain to police.
6. Attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity sponsored by Prince George's County, a civic organization or other similar group that takes responsibility for the juvenile (this includes traveling to and from the activity).

17. Any parent or guardian who knowingly and willfully allows a person 17 years of age or younger in their care or custody to be present at or remain in or upon the streets, alleys, right-of-way, or publicly accessible property at National Harbor under circumstances not constituting an exception to this order, is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

18. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this Directive and Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5000 or both.

19. Any person that does not comply with this Directive and Order will be subject to a fine of \$1,000.

20. This Directive and Order will be enforced by the Prince George's County Health Department, with the assistance of additional Prince George's County agencies, including the Prince George's County Police Department, and other law enforcement as needed.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER AT 5:00 PM.



Ernest L. Carter, MD, PhD,
Health Officer, Prince George's County

