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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS ANNOUNCES CONTINUED DECLINE IN COVID-19 CASES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
Prince George's County is Well-Positioned for a Strong Recovery

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that key metrics for the County's COVID-19 data continue to trend downward, including the number of new cases, the positivity rate and the number of hospitalizations. These trends have allowed the County to begin to focus on the early stages of growth and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The actions that we have taken, as a County Government and as a community, have helped flatten the curve in Prince George's County," Alsobrooks said. "While this pandemic is far from over, the economic outlook for our County is improving and we are well-positioned to emerge from this virus stronger than we've ever been before."

The majority of the key metrics that the County is monitoring continue to trend downward as the County moves forward with its phased reopening. Preliminary data from the week of June 28 shows that the County's positivity rate was 6.5%, a sustained decreased since the high of 43% for the week of April 19. The County's infection rate is currently .92, a slight increase over the last few days but still lower than the State's average at .99.

For the week of June 21, the County saw 586 new cases of COVID-19, a sustained decrease from the high of 2,423 new cases the week of April 26. While the number of deaths slightly increased from 18 the week of June 14 to 20 the week of June 21, it is still a 74% decrease from the high of 78 deaths the week of April 19. Finally, hospitalizations from COVID-19 continue to decrease, and the County continues to see its med/surgery and ICU bed capacities increase.

The County is positioned for a strong recovery not only due to these continued downward trends, but also due to the work of the Prince George's Forward Task Force. County Executive

Alsobrooks set up this task force to not only help the County recover, but to be forward thinking and look to find opportunities through lessons learned from this pandemic.

The Forward Task Force is a group of experts in public health, business, government and other areas that will provide well-reasoned recommendations on how the County should deal with this pandemic going forward. This group will present their first set of recommendations to the County Executive around August 1, 2020.

Finally, the economic outlook for Prince George's County is improving as projects across the County continue moving forward. The Branch Avenue U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services building is complete, and that project will bring 3,000 jobs to the County. The new Hospital in Largo (UM Capital Region Medical Center) is moving forward, which will not only help the County recover in terms of state-of-the-art healthcare, but will be a boon for further development in that area.

The WMATA headquarters project in New Carrollton is moving forward, including the Remy II project. The Gilbane Building Company has two proposed developments, the Northgate student housing project and Atworth multifamily housing project. Both of these projects continue to move forward in College Park. In Suitland, the Towne Square development is proceeding as well.

In addition, Amazon recently announced two commitments to the County, signing leases for two last mile delivery stations in the County and bringing their Amazon Future Engineer Program to 132 Prince George's County public schools. All of these projects, as well as the recent announcement that the County has maintained a triple-A bond rating, indicate that the County is in a strong economic position for the future.

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