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Harford County COVID-19 Update: No Active Cases in Nursing Homes; 10-Person Limit on Gatherings Lifted with Safety Precautions

BEL AIR, Md., (June 12, 2020) – County Executive Barry Glassman issued the following update on COVID-19 in Harford County:

“As of this morning, the Maryland Department of Health is reporting a total of 991 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 55 deaths and 3 probable deaths among Harford County residents. At this time, all nursing home residents and staff in the county have been tested and there are no longer any active cases, according to the Harford County Health Department. This good news is a testament to the impact of safety precautions and cooperation between public health officials and those caring for some of our most vulnerable residents.

As you likely have heard by now, Harford County will follow the additional steps in Stage Two of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery announced on Wednesday by Gov. Hogan. The governor’s updated executive order no longer includes a 10-person limit on gatherings, although social distancing and avoiding large crowds are strongly encouraged. In addition, effective at 5 p.m. today, the governor has allowed indoor dining at 50% capacity and outdoor amusements are permitted with health and safety protocols in place. Next Friday, June 19 at 5 p.m., indoor fitness facilities, indoor pools and aquatic centers can reopen at 50% capacity and malls, casino and arcades can begin to safely resume activities. Details are on the Maryland Back to Business web page.

Business relief grants

We now have three types of business relief grants to help companies through this crisis. If you own a business or know someone who does, it’s likely that business qualifies for one of our programs funded by the federal CARES Act. Payments have already gone out to nearly 150 applicants, and we’re working on more every day. Visit the county website for details and applications.
In closing, remember to support our local businesses if you can. They are job creators and the drivers of our economy, and in better times, they generously give back to our community. This is our chance to give back by buying local, now more than ever.

Thanks and be safe.”