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## Coronavirus daily updates: Frederick County has second COVID-19 case

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Gov. Larry Hogan speaks at a recent news conference in Annapolis. Behind him is Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford.  
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## Second COVID-19 case announced in Frederick County

A second Frederick County resident tested positive for COVID-19, according to a health department spokesperson.

The case was found in a man in his 20s is Frederick County's second confirmed case of COVID-19.

The man recently returned from travel abroad and is not related to the county's first case, said Rissah Watkins, director of Planning, Assessment and Communication with the Frederick County Health Department.

The man does not have any underlying health conditions, has mild symptoms and is recovering at home, Watkins said. Contract tracing determined he was not in any public places where he could have exposed someone.

The first Frederick County confirmed case, a woman in her 30s, has met Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria does being released from home isolation, Watkins said.

That meant it's been seven days since onset of her symptoms, and she went 72 hours without a fever, Watkins said. The woman's symptoms have also improved.

Gov. Larry Hogan is scheduled to hold a press conference at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

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## General Assembly staffer tests positive for COVID-19

A Maryland General Assembly staff member has tested positive for COVID-19.

The Baltimore Sun reported Sunday that Maryland House Speaker Adrienne Jones' chief of staff, Alexandra Hughes, wrote in an email that the office was notified about the positive test Sunday and that the staff member hasn't been at work since Monday.

Del. Kumar Barve (D-Montgomery) told the Sun that the person is a staff member of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

"I have spoken to all other members of my committee and my other staff, and everyone feels great," Barve said, according to the Sun.

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## Frederick still has one case

Since Saturday morning, the number of COVID-19 cases in Maryland has increased from 190 to 244.

According to the Maryland Department of Health website, Montgomery County still has the most cases with 83 confirmed cases, followed by Prince George's County with 40.

The Maryland Department of Health announced Saturday night that a third person died from COVID-19.

The updated MDH number does not include a case from Queen Anne's County, which was reported shortly before 2 p.m. Saturday, bringing the total of confirmed cases to 245.

Frederick County still has only one confirmed case.

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## Third death in Maryland from COVID-19

A third person in Maryland died from COVID-19.

The person is a Montgomery County woman in her 40s who had an underlying medical condition, according to a release from the Maryland Health Department.

"Our thoughts are with her family and loved ones," according to the release.

The announcement of the third death comes just over 24 hours after Gov. Larry Hogan announced the second death, a Baltimore County resident in his 60s.

All three deaths are in people with underlying medical conditions.

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## Maryland cases jump to 194

Washington, St. Mary's and Caroline counties also reported their first cases of COVID-19, bringing the total of cases in Maryland to 194.

St. Mary's County's first case is a woman in her 20s who had prior exposure to someone with the new disease, according to the St. Mary's County Health Department. The woman is in good condition and is isolating at home. The health department is monitoring her.

A Washington, D.C. resident who works in St. Mary's County also tested positive for COVID-19, the health department reported Saturday. The case is being classified as a D.C. case.

The Caroline County case is a woman in her 30s in the Federalsburg area, according to the Caroline County Health Department. The woman was tested on March 17 through her primary care physician.

The woman is at home, where she and her family are self-quarantining, according to a release from the department. The woman did not travel but was in contact with people who recently did.

"Unfortunately, we knew it was only a matter of time until we had our first case of COVID-19," Caroline County Commissioner Larry Porter said in the release. "Our team has been actively preparing for this and is ready."

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## Nearly 200 cases confirmed in Maryland

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Maryland jumped by 28 percent in 24 hours.

Maryland reported 190 confirmed cases of COVID-19 Saturday morning, up 41 from Friday morning. The numbers also include the second death from the disease, announced by the governor Friday night.

Of the cases, majority of them are in individuals between 18-64 years old.

Frederick County continues to have one confirmed case of the disease.

# First Frederick County patient recovering

Frederick County's first COVID-19 patient is doing well, according to the Frederick County Health Department.

The woman, who is in her 30s, is recovering from home and had very mild symptoms, according to the health department's website.

Nurses at the health department did contact tracing and reported that the person was not in public places while she was contagious. Close contacts who may have been exposed were contacted and given instructions by the health department.

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## Seminary member tests negative for COVID-19

Mount St. Mary's University announced that the COVID-19 test for a member of their Seminary came back negative.

The individual was tested on March 16 after learning he had come into contact with someone outside Maryland who had tested positive for the virus.

Once learning of his contact, he had gone into quarantine away from the main campus.

"He is feeling well, and our Seminary community is thankful for him, and relieved as are we all," Timothy Trainor, President of the university said in a statement.

This individual is the first known person at the university to have been tested for the coronavirus.

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## More details on minors with COVID-19

The three children with confirmed cases of COVID-19 are a 5-year-old elementary school student, a teenager and an infant.

None of the children are hospitalized, said Gov. Larry Hogan in a press release.

In the press release, Hogan encourages people to enjoy the warm weather while practicing social distancing and avoiding crowds of 10 or more people.

"Please do not take this guidance lightly," Hogan said in his release.

Hogan and the state government are doing their best to keep residents safe, the governor said, but he asks that everyone do their part.

"As I said yesterday, we are unfortunately only at the beginning of this crisis," Hogan said in the release. "We are all in this together, and we will only get through this if we work together."

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## Hogan calls for spring breakers to quarantine

Returning home from spring break? Gov. Larry Hogan wants all spring breakers to self-quarantine for 14 days after returning home to Maryland.

They should also avoid people over 60, said Mike Ricci, Hogan's spokesman, in a tweet.

"Even though students are off campus, this is NOT an extension of spring break. If you ignore this recommendation, you endanger yourself and the health of others," Ricci tweeted.

In a press release Hogan also issued this statement: "This morning, I convened a call with my Coronavirus Response Team and another call with Maryland's entire federal delegation. This afternoon, I will speak to our full Cabinet to review our team's all-hands-on-deck response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While we hope Marylanders will take advantage of today's warm weather, we urge you to avoid crowds at all costs. Avoid all playgrounds, pavilions, and anywhere that groups of more than 10 people may congregate. Please do not take this guidance lightly.

"We are asking all returning spring break travelers to self-quarantine for the next 14 days, and to avoid people over the age of 60. Even though students are not returning to campus, this should not in any way be treated as an extension of your spring break. If you ignore this recommendation, you are endangering yourself and the health of others.

“At the state level, we are doing everything in our power to protect the health and safety of our citizens, but everyone has a critical role to play. If every single Marylander steps up and does their part by making sacrifices now, it will slow the spread of this virus and save lives.

“As I said yesterday, we are unfortunately only at the beginning of this crisis. We are all in this together, and we will only get through this if we work together.”

Thurmont Mayor John Kinnaird issued a statement on social media saying the town was closing its playground in response to state guidance.

Emmittsburg also closed their playgrounds to children and adults, according to an Alert Frederick County email.

Parks, the dog park and walking paths are open, but people are asked to practice social distancing.

The city of Frederick also suspended the use of its playgrounds, it announced in a press release.

The Maryland Department of Transportation will also close all Motor Vehicle Administration offices starting at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Online services and self-service kiosks will still be available, according to an MDOT announcement.

Gov. Larry Hogan previously announced that the state will extend expiration dates of licenses until after he lifts the state of emergency.

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## Three COVID-19 cases in minors

There are now three cases of COVID-19 in people under the age of 18 in Maryland.

One of the cases is a five-year-old Elkridge Elementary School student.

Cases in Maryland jumped from 107 to 149 in 24 hours, an approximately 39 percent increase.

Montgomery and Prince George's counties continue to have the majority of cases in the state.

Majority of the cases are in people between 18 and 64, according to the Maryland Department of Health's daily update.

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