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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS ANNOUNCES NEW RESTRICTION TO HELP ADDRESS RECENT UPTICK IN COVID-19 CASES

County Executive Reminds Residents of Governor's Mandate for Facial Coverings

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that a new restriction will be put in place starting Saturday, August 1 at 5:00 p.m. in response to a slight uptick in new COVID-19 cases over the last several weeks. Gatherings for all activities not outlined in the County's most recent Executive Order are now limited to a maximum of 50 persons.

"We are not afraid to take decisive action to protect the health and well-being of our residents, and at this point, the data tells us that this new restriction is unfortunately necessary," said Alsobrooks. "To prevent the further spread of this virus in our community, it is absolutely critical that everyone comply with State and local mandates by wearing face coverings, practicing physical distancing and limiting gatherings."

Under the County Executive's most recent Executive Order, extended through a Prince George's County Council resolution, all gatherings not specifically outlined in the Order were limited to a maximum of 100 people. All other capacity limits <u>outlined in the Order</u> remain in place at this time.

This new restriction will take effect Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. through a Health Officer Order issued by the County's Health Officer, Dr. Ernest Carter.

Alsobrooks is also reminding residents about the Governor's facial covering mandate that took effect today at 5:00 p.m., requiring that all Maryland residents and visitors must wear face coverings in the public spaces of all businesses, including gyms and fitness centers, on public transportation, and in outdoor public areas whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.