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**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO REMAIN IN PHASE 2 REOPENING**

*Animal Services Facility and Adoption Center to Reopen by Appointment Only for  
Pet Adoptions and Other Services on Monday, September 28*

**LARGO, MD** – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the County will remain in Phase 2 reopening due to a slight spike in cases in the County after the Labor Day holiday weekend. This decision was made under the advice of County health officials after analyzing COVID-19 data and trends over the past two weeks.

"I want to commend Prince Georgians for continuing to do a beautiful job of keeping each other safe," said Alsobrooks. "The increase that we saw from the recent Labor Day holiday weekend was not as bad as the one we saw following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, so if our numbers continue to trend downward, we may be able to move into our next phase of recovery in the near future."

After the Labor Day weekend, the County saw a brief spike in its positivity rate, which went up to 5.4%. Last week, the positivity rate dropped down to 4.1%, which is still defined as "medium-risk" by health officials. In addition, the County's infection rate last week was 1.05, higher than the State average of 0.99. This is also in the medium-risk category for the spread of infection.

Finally, the County's average daily case rate per 100,000 residents is 11.7, which is just over the threshold for the high-risk category. A low-risk of infection would be an average daily case rate of under 5 per 100,000 residents. However, the data for the week of September 13 is trending downward compared to the spike that was seen the week of September 6. If these numbers continue to trend downward, the County may be able to enter a modified Phase 3 in the near future.

In addition, the County Executive announced that the Prince George's County Animal Services Facility and Adoption Center (ASFAC) in Upper Marlboro will reopen *by appointment only* on Monday, September 28, for pet adoptions, pet redemptions, and animal intake. Before entering

the building, all visitors must wear a face mask and receive a temperature check, among other COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Starting September 28, ASFAC will open with regular operating hours Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Facility is closed on Thursday and Sunday. ASFAC will remain closed to the general public except by appointment.

To begin the adoption process, visitors must call 301-780-7201 to schedule a 30-minute appointment on a first-come, first-served basis. All adopters must [download](#) and complete an [adoption application](#) and include the animal ID number of up to two pets maximum. The application can be brought to the ASFAC at the scheduled time of appointment. Failure to complete these items may result in the desired animal being adopted out to another family. If you cannot download or print these items, it will be done for you at your appointment. Adoptable pets can be viewed at [www.princegeorgespets4us.com](http://www.princegeorgespets4us.com).

Although ASFAC has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, essential animal services have continued through partnerships with rescue organizations and foster families.

“I express my gratitude to our adopters, staff, rescue partners, and foster families who have worked tirelessly with us during this pandemic,” said Prince George’s County Animal Services Division Associate Director Rodney Taylor. “Our live release rate during this challenging time was 76% thanks to their efforts. With their assistance, we continued to place animals into loving, forever homes.”

ASFAC will follow current County COVID-19 guidance and limit the number of people allowed in the public access sections to maintain social distancing guidelines. All appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and protocols, including building cleaning, physical barriers, directional signage, hand washing areas, and hand sanitizer stations, will be available in public areas. Staff and volunteers who enter the ASFAC will be required to have up-to-date negative COVID-19 testing.

Additionally, Animal Control Officers continue to respond to calls 24/7 and conduct investigations of animal abuse and neglect, taking animals in and overseeing welfare checks. Other essential services offered by AFSAC include reclaiming a lost pet and owner surrenders (emergency only). [Click here](#) for a list of ASFAC reopening frequently asked questions. For more information on pet adoptions or other animal services, visit [www.princegeorgespets4us.com](http://www.princegeorgespets4us.com).

Finally, the County Executive announced that the County will have 42 ballot drop boxes for the 2020 general election. Voters can use these secure drop boxes to return their mail-in ballots if they do not wish to return them via mail. 22 will be available by the end of next week, and the other 20 will be available between October 15-17. For a full list of drop box locations and when they will be available, visit the [County Board of Elections’ website](#).

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