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**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO LIFT CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS ON
BUSINESSES DUE TO DECLINING CASE NUMBERS**

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the County will lift restrictions regarding maximum capacity levels for most business establishments and activities in the County. These new guidelines will go into effect Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5:01 p.m.

“Due to a continued decline in key COVID-19 metrics and increasing vaccination rates, we are now at a point where we can begin to safely to lift capacity restrictions for many of our businesses,” said Alsobrooks. “I want to thank our business community for continuing to take the necessary precautions to keep residents and employees safe over this past year. As we move to this next phase of reopening, I want to encourage everyone who has not been vaccinated yet to do so as soon as possible, so you can protect yourself and your loved ones.”

Most business establishments in the County will be able to operate at full capacity, with social distancing (maintaining six feet of distance between yourself and others, except members of the same household) and mask requirements still in place. These establishments include, but are not limited to:

- **Amusement parks**
- **Bingo halls**
- **Bowling alleys**
- **Casinos and gaming facilities**
- **Gyms, fitness centers and other indoor physical activities** – face coverings must still be worn when working out
- **Indoor and outdoor pools** – both public and private
- **Personal services (beauty salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, massage parlors, etc.)** – must still operate by appointment only
- **Places/Houses of worship**
- **Restaurants** – both indoor and outdoor dining
- **Retail**
- **Senior Centers** – allowed if fully vaccinated

Other business establishments and activities will be allowed with some capacity restrictions still in place (social distancing required), including:

- **Banquet halls, receptions and meeting rooms in hotels, conference centers and similar establishments** – maintaining 50% of maximum capacity

- **Day camps** – allowed in groups of no more than 25 participants indoors and 50 participants outdoors, with other safety requirements in place
- **Residential camps** – allowed in groups with a maximum of 25 adults and campers in each sleeping area, with other safety requirements in place
- **Concert venues** – maintaining 50% of maximum capacity
- **Outdoor recreational activities (campgrounds, shooting ranges, archery, etc.)** – may operate at 50% of maximum capacity
- **Professional and collegiate sporting events** – number of spectators limited to no more than 50% of capacity of the stadium. Tailgating is prohibited
- **Social and fraternal clubs** – conferences, banquets and meetings open to the public are limited to 50% of maximum capacity. For regular dining operations, these establishments may operate at full capacity, with social distancing, similar to restaurants
- **Youth and amateur sports** - Teams are limited to the players on the official rosters, coaches and up to 12 additional participants acting on an official game capacity. Number of persons present (apart from players, coaches, and others in official capacity) may not exceed 50 persons. Spectators may exceed 50 solely to accommodate the presence of two parents or guardians per youth participant

Unless specifically stated otherwise in the Council Resolution, **indoor gatherings** remain limited to 20 persons, for all locations and venues including private residences and other gatherings. **Outdoor gatherings** remain limited to 50 persons, for all locations and venues including private residences and other gatherings.

Consistent with CDC recommendations, residents of Prince George’s County who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no longer need to wear a mask outdoors while walking, running, hiking or biking alone, or when in small gatherings with members of their own households or other fully vaccinated individuals. Masks are still necessary and required in crowded outdoor venues like sports stadiums or outdoor concert venues, as well as in indoor venues and while on public transportation. Unvaccinated residents are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and continue wearing their masks outdoors until they are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 metrics continue to trend in a positive direction in Prince George’s County. The positivity rate is 3.1% as of May 11, the first time the County has fallen below 4% since mid-October 2020. The average daily case rate is 9.1 cases per 100,000 residents as of May 7, the first time the County has fallen below 10 since September 2020. Finally, the County’s infection rate is 0.82 as of May 3, which places the County in the “low risk” category.

A full list of updated guidelines, as well as a copy of the Council Resolution (CR-48-2021), will be made available at mypgc.us/reopen.

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