For Immediate Release

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Re: Washington County Health Department In-person Services Suspended Until Further Notice

In accordance with the Governor Hogan’s State of Emergency declaration, the Washington County Health Department has implemented a period of mandatory telework or administrative leave for all non-essential state employees. Essential or mission critical employees will continue to report in-person to the health department.

At this time the health department seeks to minimize the spread of COVID-19 by conducting as many operations as possible from remote worksites. Until further notice, the health department’s building will be closed to the public. All in-person services, such as clinic services and appointments have been suspended. All essential services and programs will continue to operate, however all contact with patients and program participants will be through telephone or video conferencing.

It is paramount for all of us to follow social distancing measures during this time and play a role in slowing down the spread of COVID-19. We urge the public to take these measures very seriously and help protect our community’s vulnerable population.

For questions concerning our programs and services, please call the health department’s primary number, 240-313-3200. For behavioral health services, please call 240-313-3310.

We will continue to inform the community as updates and new information is available. Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. Please refer to the following resources for valuable information.

Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

For general information or if you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms please call Meritus Medical Center at 301-790-9170 to be assessed by a nurse.

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