

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-002-2021

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 1/12/2021

**Action:** FAV(A)

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### REPORT:

**Committee Vote:** Favorable as amended 8-0. (In Favor: Council Members Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner) (Absent: Council Members Hawkins, Franklin and Glaros)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on January 12, 2021 to discuss CR-2-2021 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on November 17, 2020, CR-125-2020 and continued by the County Executive as set forth in Executive Order 27-2020 dated December 15, 2020.

Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. She stated that the declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through February 18, 2021 from its effective date of January 16, 2021 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, and Ronald Gill, Jr., Director of Emergency Management, also briefed the Committee on the status of COVID-19 efforts in the County and the need to continue the emergency declaration. The Committee discussed issues involving vaccinations including distribution, phases, locations and the percentage of health care workers being vaccinated; concern surrounding fitness centers and face covering compliance; and dine in transmission risks. An amendment was offered to revise the resolution to include up-to-date health data. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable as amended on CR-2-2021, 8-0.