

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-033-2021

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 3/30/2021

**Action:** FAV

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**REPORT:** Committee Vote: Favorable 11-0 (In Favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on March 30, 2021 to discuss CR-33-2021 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on February 16, 2021, CR-13-2021 and continued by the County Executive as set forth in Executive Order 8-2021 dated March 11, 2021.

Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. She stated that the declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through May 17, 2021 from its effective date of April 2, 2021 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

Dr. George Askew, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services and Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, 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, and locations; as well as loosing up restrictions too early; having infrastructure in place for vaccinations by April 19<sup>th</sup>; targeting entire households for vaccinations; homebound vaccinations and the 311 system; clarifying local government authority; and continuing to communicate social distancing and wearing face masks. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable on CR-33-2021, 11-0.