

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-121-2020

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 11/10/2020

**Action:** FAV(A)

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### REPORT:

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

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on November 10, 2020 to discuss CR-121-2020 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on October 13, 2020, CR-101-2020 and continued by the County Executive as set forth in Executive Order 20-2020 dated September 3, 2020.

Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. She stated that the declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through January 27, 2021 from its effective date of November 12, 2020 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body. Also, she noted specific changes in Attachment A adding a general requirements section for businesses, requiring face coverings indoors and outdoors for individuals over 5 years of age, and reducing large gatherings from a maximum of 50 to 25 individuals.

Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, Dr. George Askew, Deputy CAO, Health, Human Services and Education, 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 outreach at food distribution sites, emergency alerts, closure orders, and requesting updates on the Ambassador program. An amendment was offered to allow the resolution to stay in effect through November 18, 2020 at 5 p.m. in order to consider information from Governor Hogan's press conference on efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable as amended on CR-121-2020, 11-0.