

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2020 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-125-2020  
Proposed by The Council Chair (by request – County Executive)  
Introduced by Council Members Turner, Davis, Streater, Hawkins, Glaros, Dernoga,  
Anderson-Walker, Harrison and Taveras  
Date of Introduction November 17, 2020

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's County, Maryland's Seventh Continued Declaration Of Emergency—  
3 Coronavirus ("Covid-19")

4 For the purpose of continuing the emergency declarations most recently adopted by the  
5 governing body on November 10, 2020, CR-121-2020, and as may be further amended.

6 WHEREAS, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of  
7 Maryland provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 6-134, et seq., of the Prince George's County Code provides for the  
9 declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, the President of the United States proclaimed that the COVID- 19 outbreak in  
11 the United States constituted a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland declared a state of  
13 emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State of Maryland to control and prevent  
14 the spread of COVID-19; and

15 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, on March 11, 2020, announced that the  
16 COVID-19 outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic; and

17 WHEREAS, the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland has issued  
18 several local declarations of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic: Executive Order  
19 Number 6-2020 on March 16, 2020; Executive Order Number 7-2020 on April 13, 2020;  
20 Executive Order Number 8-2020 on May 14, 2020; Executive Order Number 10-2020 on May  
21 28, 2020; Executive Order Number 13-2020 on June 12, 2020; Executive Order Number 15-  
22 2020 on June 25, 2020; and Executive Order Number 20-2020 on September 3, 2020; and

1 WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the County is over 35,430 positive  
2 cases, with approximately than 4174 hospitalizations and approximately 865 deaths; and

3 WHEREAS, based upon data analysis as of November 13, 2020, the County's infection rate  
4 is 1.17, its positivity rate is 7%, and, the average daily case rate is 20.6 per 100,000 residents;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the County's health care system continues to need resources to effectively  
7 combat this emergency; and

8 WHEREAS, as of September 2020, the County's unemployment rate was 9.1% (not  
9 seasonally adjusted) compared to the State's rate of 6.9%, resulting in the County having the  
10 second highest unemployment rate in the State and the most unemployed persons in the State  
11 with approximately 44,800 unemployed residents; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 14-111 (b) (1) of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of  
13 Maryland states that the consent of the governing body is needed if a local declaration is  
14 continued or renewed for more than 30 days; and

15 WHEREAS, the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland Number 20-11-10-01,  
16 issued November 10, 2020, specifically authorized political subdivisions to issue more restrictive  
17 orders than issued by the Governor including requiring any businesses, organizations,  
18 establishments, or facilities to close or modify their operations; and/or requiring individuals to  
19 remain indoors or to refrain from congregating; and

20 WHEREAS, CR-121-2020 remains in effect through November 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.,  
21 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive; and

22 WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to the health, safety and  
23 welfare of County residents; and

24 WHEREAS, because recent increases in relevant metrics show Prince George's County has  
25 moved into the high-risk category of disease transmission, health experts indicate that we are in a  
26 second wave of COVID-19 cases, upcoming winter months will lead to persons staying inside  
27 more, and the approaching influenza season, it is necessary that the County return to a hybrid  
28 Phase 1/Phase 2 (modified) stage of re-opening:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
30 County, Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland continue under a declaration of  
31 emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak;

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prince George's County Emergency Operations Plan  
2 remain in full force and effect until terminated by the County Executive; and

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Prince George's County, Maryland return to a hybrid of  
4 Phase 1/Phase 2 (modified) of its reopening; and

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that it is necessary and reasonable to save lives and to prevent  
6 the further spread of COVID- 19, the orders set forth in Attachment A of this Resolution are  
7 fully incorporated and adopted herein; and

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rules set forth in this Resolution and Attachment A  
9 will go into effect on November 18, 2020 at 5:01 p.m.; and

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the directives set forth herein will be enforced by the  
11 Prince George's County Health Department, with the assistance of Prince George's County law  
12 enforcement and other appropriate County employees as determined by the Chief Administrative  
13 Officer, as needed; and

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the County will continue to conduct scheduled and  
15 unscheduled inspections of retail, restaurant and business establishments to check for compliance  
16 with this Resolution. Non-compliance may subject the owner and/or operator to a fine not  
17 exceeding \$1,000 pursuant to the Prince George's County Code and/or the establishments to  
18 closure pursuant to the legal authority of the Health Officer and/or other legal authority; and

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a person who knowingly and willfully violates this  
20 Resolution is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not  
21 exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Branch continue to provide weekly  
23 updates to the Council Chair or Vice Chair; and

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this declaration supersedes any inconsistent provision of a  
25 prior Executive Order; and

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of the Resolution are severable such that if  
27 any provision of this Resolution or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held  
28 invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of this  
29 Resolution shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or  
30 application; and

31 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through

1 January 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or  
2 as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on the day it is  
4 adopted.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive