July 30, 2020

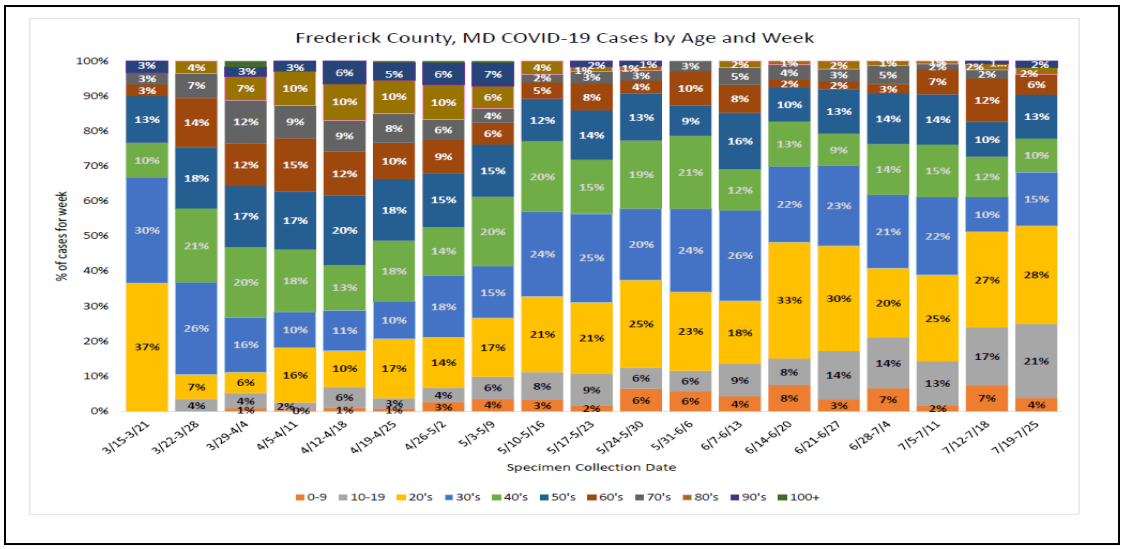
Dear Edenton Resident, Family Member and Staff Member;

This week brought new guidance and policy for Marylanders. The State of Maryland and Frederick County are implementing a stricter face mask requirement. The state also issued a travel advisory for states that are seeing surges in cases of the coronavirus. So how does this impact Edenton?

Edenton already has a universal masking policy and procedure that requires masks to be worn. The revised directions include that masks must be worn indoors a public location, outdoors and where you cannot maintain a six- foot distance from others … so pretty much all places. We have tried to make sure that Residents have and are wearing masks. Edenton has ordered and received cloth face coverings that should a Resident need one, we now have some extras. These are washable and reusable. Please let us know if you need one. (We are supplying AL Residents with masks for indoor use and for any medical appointments.)

Travel restrictions are the next area of concern. Virus cases are not only surging in some states, there are surges in certain counties or vacation destination areas. As of today, the states that have been placed on the MD travel advisory list are Florida, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama, South Carolina, Nebraska and Idaho. Edenton will continue to monitor the state list provided by the CDC to track positivity rates since this can change each day. Any state experiencing a positivity rate over 10% should be avoided and if one must travel to and from such a place, they should get tested and self-quarantine for 14 days upon returning to Maryland.

Edenton will be adding this information to our screening questions for family visitors requesting scheduled AL Resident visits. We have been and will continue to act with an abundance of caution when scheduling these Resident visits. We have been denying some visits based on the state, related travel to get to MD and means of travel.



I share with you the latest graph for how the virus is impacting Frederick Co. regarding thru age demographics. The numbers continue to show how younger adults remain the largest percentage being impacted with the virus and testing positive. Please talk with the young adults in your life and ask them to take the steps necessary to protect our community from this virus. Masking and physical distancing is important to reduce and eliminate this virus. (Source: https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/8094/COVID-19-in-Frederick-County#liveEditTab_widgets)

Finally, I want to thank the IL Residents for your patience this week as the work was occurring to replace the HVAC system in the dining room. The installation and operation of the system took some extra time in which the dining room was closed for two more days. No delivery fees will be charged during this time.

Be Well,

RaeAnn Butler