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SUBJECT: County Reopening Guidance

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This communication was sent via global email to Howard County employees on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 9:55 a.m.

Dear Colleagues:

On Monday August 2, 2021, our buildings will fully reopen to the general public. While we have made great strides in combating COVID-19, we must still be vigilant and take all necessary precautions.

The Bureau of Facilities is working to update much of our COVID signage to reflect our safety guidelines. Face coverings should be worn by anyone who is not vaccinated, and six-foot physical distancing is still encouraged. All employees and visitors should feel comfortable wearing a mask regardless of their vaccination status. We will continue to keep our hand sanitizing stations throughout our buildings and employees should follow CDC guidance on sanitizing and regular hand washing. Some of our buildings and facilities may have stronger requirements for employees and visitors based on their specific population or usage.

Many of our buildings have new visitor management system and building controls in place. As an example, employees will need to have their County badges visible in order to access County Buildings. Many buildings that don't have regular public access have badge access only for employees who work in that department or facility. The non-public areas of the George Howard Building will require employees to use their badges to access the stairwell doors and elevators. Visitors will be required to sign in, obtain a badge and if visiting a non-public area have an escort to their meeting.

Our safety guidelines are subject to change as we learn more about the virus and the variants. We will continue to monitor our local and Statewide metrics, follow the Center for Disease Control guidance and work with our health department on all state and local mandates.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to get vaccinated, to remain vigilant and to follow all safety protocols and guidance.

Thank you to the Bureau of Facilities and all of the employees who have helped prepare our buildings to be ready to open to the public.

Sincerely,

Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

