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Prince George's County Opens First Government Operated Screening Clinic In Response to COVID-19

Screening clinic has limited testing capability for those meeting stringent CDC guidelines

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LANDOVER, Md. (March 27, 2020)—Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the Prince George's County Health Department, in partnership with the Maryland National Guard, the Maryland Department of Health, and the University of Maryland Medical System, are opening a pilot COVID-19 assessment and screening location at FedExField in Landover, Maryland. The screening location will be open for limited hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting on Monday, March 30. This is step one of a

larger effort to establish screening clinics where onsite testing for specific groups will take place.

"This screening site will allow us to assist those in need during this critical time, including individuals who do not have access to healthcare," said Alsobrooks. "This is truly a collaborative effort between Prince George's, the State and private entities. During these very uncertain times, it will take a team effort to pull through this pandemic."

This screening site is designed to alleviate the pressure on primary care physicians, hospitals, and health care facilities that will likely increase in the coming weeks due to COVID-19. Those who normally go to hospitals or emergency rooms to receive primary health

care, are highly encouraged to seek a telehealth appointment through the Prince George's County Health Department if they believe they have been exposed and are exhibiting symptoms associated with this virus.

"The opening of this pilot screening site represents another important step in our state's effort to respond to COVID-19 with every tool in the arsenal of public health," said Fran Phillips, Maryland Department of Health Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services. "What Marylanders are seeing at FedExField is the result of thorough coordination across all levels of government and the health sector."

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More Student Meal Sites Open

Ten new elementary school sites are opening for breakfast, lunch and a snack starting Monday, March 30, bringing the total number of student meal sites to 43.

The new meal sites are Bradbury Heights, Brandywine, Carrollton, Glassmanor, Hollywood, James McHenry, Ridgecrest, Riverdale, Robert Frost and Woodridge. Three sites have been closed due to low participation: J. Frank Dent and Longfields elementary schools and Benjamin Stoddert Middle School.

Under relaxed federal guidelines, parents may now pick up the "grab and go" meals. Parents must bring a student ID or report card with them if the student is unable to come to the site.

Meals are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. School system staff will be on hand to distribute meals in the cafeteria or parking lot depending on the weather. Students may pick up the meals and snack in one visit. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students nor are students required to show ID. Visit <https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus>.

PG Co Firefighter and Detailer Offers DIY Automotive Tips to Help Protect Your Automotive Interiors Against the Spread of COVID-19

By KIMBERLY BALLARD
for Shine Right Detailing

HUNTINGTOWN, Md. (March 20, 2020)—Due to his expertise as both a career firefighter and as an IDA-certified owner and detailer for Shine Right Detailing, Josh Buckler is offering Do-it-Yourself tips for car and truck owners in the DMV area, to help them maintain a clean and sanitized environment inside their vehicle during this critical time. This is important because even though people in most states are encouraged to avoid public places as much as possible, there are going to be times when everyone needs to use their vehicle.

Medical professionals, first responders and law enforcement will need safe and healthy automotive environ-

ments; delivery services will have to deliver food and packages; and even citizens will need to go to the doctor, the grocery store and pharmacy.

"The first step to preventing the spread of dirt, germs, bacteria and allergens is through good personal hygiene, so use hand sanitizer before getting in your vehicle," said Buckler. "Seventy percent isopropyl alcohol is safe on the hard surfaces in your vehicle like plastic door panels, the console, dashboard and control buttons. You can use it on leather seats and accessories too but be sure to apply a leather conditioner to prevent damage in the future."

Bleach and peroxide, he said, will kill the virus, but they will damage car interiors,

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Lattes With Lambs Is Going Virtual This Year!



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The coronavirus pandemic has changed a lot of people's lives, but one thing that hasn't changed is the arrival of new life on the National Colonial Farm. Each April, the Accokeek Foundation welcomes and celebrates the arrival of the new barnyard babies with a festival—the adorably named Lattes with Lambs. This year, in the service of keeping those family and friends safe, Lattes with Lambs will be on the internet. What does this mean?

- Lamb cams: watch video from the barnyard of bottle feedings and meet the new lambs and calves
- At home DIY activities: follow along at home with some of your favorite Lattes with Lambs farm activities, like shaking your own butter and dyeing wool
- A video debate between the candidates for Mayor of the Barnyard,

Nigel the Hog Island sheep and Birdie the American Milking Devon cow

- Online voting to select the new Mayor of the Barnyard
- A live online coffee café on Saturday, April 4. Brew up a fresh cup of whatever it is you like to drink in the morning and join us at 10 a.m. for a live announcement of the new Mayor of the Barnyard.

It's easy to participate! Just follow us on social media this week. We'll post links to all of the virtual content on Facebook and Twitter. Plus, we'll release some of the videos as playlists on our YouTube channel, so subscribe to make sure you never miss an update.

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Maryland Chapter of International Sorority Receives Prestigious Community Service Awards

By RACINE TUCKER- HAMILTON
Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Md. (March 27, 2020)—Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Incorporated® receives recognition at the 89th North Atlantic Regional Conference (NARC) in Hartford, Conn. on March 7, 2020. The chapter won second place 'Chapter of the Year' for large chapters and the 'Pretty is as Pretty Does—A Reflection of Sisterhood' award.

"It was such an honor to win these two very competitive awards that highlight the chapter's community service in Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt," said Benita Swindell, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter President.

The 'Chapter of the Year' is a highly coveted award that recognizes chapters which have excelled in effective chapter operations, promoting sisterhood, implementation of international and local programs of service, visibility and recognition in the community and chapter growth.

"Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter exceeded this award criteria due to its strong and effective leadership and an unwavering commitment to serving the communities of Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt," added Swindell. "The 'Pretty is as Pretty Does—A Reflection of Sisterhood' award is so named because of the belief that what we do for others is what makes us beautiful."

Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter has won the 'Pretty is as Pretty Does—A Reflection of Sisterhood' award for two consecutive

years because of its consistency in providing impactful service to the community while also strengthening the sisterly bonds amongst its members.

The North Atlantic region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® includes nearly 80 graduate chapters from Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter was chartered in 2007. Since its founding, the chapter has been aggressively implementing its programs of service in the communities of Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt, Maryland.



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(From L to R): Nicola F. Kennedy, former president, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mary Bentley LaMar, North Atlantic Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and Benita Swindell, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. President.

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YMCA Launches Free Virtual Programs & Services For People Staying at Home

Virtual Y is a new online community designed to help adults, youth and seniors to stay connected and active, even when they can't visit the Y.

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Public officials everywhere should be holding these kinds of press conferences for children to give them the reassurance and sense of security they so desperately need in these frightening times.

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