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All Out-of-State Visitors to Garrett County Must Self-Quarantine

April 8, 2020, Oakland, MD – The Garrett County Commissioners would like to remind anyone traveling to the County, despite Governor Hogan’s Stay at Home directive, must self-quarantine for 14 days.

Over the past month, all of the local emergency service organizations have been working to collaborate and organize COVID-19 response efforts Garrett County. The goal is to lessen the potential impact on the local rural healthcare infrastructure.

The interpretation and guidance for these response organizations, from the Governor’s office, is as follows:

Commuters To/From Adjacent States, and Persons Transiting Maryland. In connection with the announcement of the Order, Governor Hogan stated that persons traveling into Maryland from anywhere outside Maryland are required to self-quarantine for 14 days. This is not expected of:

persons who regularly commute into Maryland from an adjacent state or the District of Columbia, or vice-versa, unless such persons should otherwise self-quarantine under applicable CDC or MDH guidance (for example, because of recent travel to the New York/Tri-State area);

It is not deemed essential travel to come to Garrett County for the weekend. Visitors should not come here unless they self-quarantine for 14 days.

“We are asking for understanding and cooperation from all of our citizens and visitors. It is imperative that we all try to lessen the potential for our hospitals to be overwhelmed,” said Paul Edwards, Chair of the Board of Garrett County Commissioners.

For community members with medical questions regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), please utilize the Garrett County Health Department website <https://garretthealth.org/coronavirus> or telephone hotline at 301-334-7698.

For emergencies please dial 911.

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