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FORENSIC SCIENCES DIVISION COVID-19 RESPONSE

Pursuant to Governor Lawrence Hogan's declaration of a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and his order elevating the Pandemic Flu and Other Infectious Diseases threat to Level II, the Maryland Department of State Police – Forensic Sciences Division has had to make some staffing reductions. However, the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) remains open and continues to serve the citizens of Maryland and provide forensic services to our customers.

All FSD services are still available. Crime Scene Technicians are responding to crime scenes and Forensic Scientists are analyzing cases. Casework is still being accepted and released by appointment at each of our three laboratories located in Pikesville, Berlin, and Hagerstown.

Please be aware that the availability of appointments for the submission and retrieval of evidence is currently limited due to our reduced staffing. We appreciate your flexibility in scheduling appointments. The Central Receiving Unit in Pikesville can be reached at mcp.cru@maryland.gov or cindy.hoffmann@maryland.gov. Hagerstown appointments can be made by contacting naomi.mcauley@maryland.gov. Berlin appointments can be made by contacting shelly.adams@maryland.gov.

If our operations must change in the future due to escalating COVID-19 concerns, a message will be distributed to all of our customers advising them of the changes. If you have a specific question about submissions or casework, please reach out via email to the appropriate unit as you normally would.

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