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## **COUNTY, CITY & FORT DETRICK TO FORM CONTAINMENT LABORATORY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**FREDERICK, MD** – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners, The City of Frederick and Fort Detrick today announced the formation of a Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to expand communications between the public, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases and containment laboratories at Fort Detrick and in Frederick County.

The committee will seek information and share a mutual understanding on issues of public concern; provide an ongoing forum for public input and a sustained information exchange; identify issues of concern to the community and present accurate information in order to foster a greater understanding of laboratory missions and research, and encourage discussions of laboratory safety for Fort Detrick and the community.

Membership on the committee will include one representative each from the county, city, private-sector health field, private-sector life sciences industry and five at-large local citizens. There will also be a Fort Detrick liaison assigned to the committee who is not a member of the committee. Members will elect a chair to run the meetings.

The County Commissioners and the City Mayor and Board of Aldermen will approve members of the committee at their October 14 meeting and set the final objectives and guidelines for the group.

Meetings will be held quarterly in the third floor meeting room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. The sessions will be broadcast live on FCG TV, cable channel 19, City cable channel 99, and on webcasting at [www.FrederickCountyMd.gov/video](http://www.FrederickCountyMd.gov/video) and [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com).

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Formation of the committee is based on similar functioning committees at other laboratories with Biosafety Level 4 facilities including the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Rocky Mountain Laboratories, the Galveston National Laboratory and the Canadian Science Center in Winnipeg.

The committee will have no direct control over laboratory operations or programs, but will act as an information conduit between laboratories and the community. In addition, the committee will remain independent of all Frederick County containment laboratories.

Agendas will be developed by committee members. The Fort Detrick liaison will provide input and coordinate participation by Fort Detrick personnel.

Persons who wish to serve on the community advisory committee must be residents of Frederick County and registered voters.

Individuals interested in applying are to submit an application form and a resume by regular mail to Frederick County Administrative Officer Joyce Grossnickle, Office of the County Manager, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701 or via e-mail to [fcbboards@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:fcbboards@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

Applications must include current contact information: home, work and cell telephone numbers, home mailing address and an e-mail address. For further information about the application process, contact Mrs. Grossnickle at 301-600-1102.

Applications and resumes must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2010. The county does not accept facsimiles of letters of interest and resumes.

For a copy of the application and details related to the committee, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/labcac](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/labcac).

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