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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Frederick County Agency Updates for February 18, 2021

Frederick, MD – February 18, 2021

#### Frederick County Health Department:

1st Dose Given <b>30,829</b>	2nd Dose Given <b>13,268</b>	
% of Population Vaccinated <b>11.9%</b> 1st Dose	% of Population Vaccinated <b>5.1%</b> 2nd Dose	
Confirmed Cases <b>16,582</b> Change in Last 24 Hours: +71	Confirmed Deaths <b>256</b> Change in Last 24 Hours: +1	7-Day Positivity Rate <b>4.8%</b>

Note: The number of doses of vaccine given includes all vaccinators in the county except for CVS/Walgreens vaccinations at nursing home and assisted living facilities.

Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

### Update on COVID-19 Vaccine

**13,650** total 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department to date  
**0** 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department yet this week.  
Federal officials have warned the states that the ongoing series of winter storms may cause delays in shipments to vaccine providers this week.

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Frederick County Joint Information Center COVID-19  
[www.frederickcountymd.gov/JIC](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/JIC)



## Currently Eligible

People in groups 1A, 1B, and 1C are currently eligible in Maryland, but there is not enough vaccine for everyone who is eligible. Once your group is eligible, it continues to stay eligible.

## Currently Vaccinating

Frederick County Health Department is currently vaccinating people who live or work in Frederick County in groups: **1A, 1B and has newly begun to vaccinate people in 1C in the 65-74\* age group, starting with those born in and before 1947.**

Our instructions from the state are to prioritize Marylanders who are 75 and older in Phase 1B, Marylanders who are 65 and older in Phase 1C, and a *minimum* of 100 educators\*\* each week. Failure to do so may result in reallocation to other providers within the same jurisdiction.

- Process for 65-74 Group\*: FCHD will start by offering appointments to people born in 1947 or earlier who have pre-registered with us through our Vaccine Interest Form on our [website](#). People will be contacted in alphabetical order by first name. Then we will offer appointments to people born in 1948, and so on down to people 65 years old.
- Process for Educators Group\*\*: Approximately 300 educators were vaccinated this week. Next week, educators who have pre-registered by completing our Vaccine Interest Form will be randomly selected and offered appointments.

**If you have pre-registered with us, we will contact you when we can offer an appointment.** It may be several weeks or longer until you are contacted since it depends on vaccine availability.

If you were born in 1947 or before and do not have access to the internet, please call 301-600-7900 (English) or 301-600-7905 (Spanish) so that our Vaccination Appointment Line can help you schedule an appointment. It is open Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm.

Other vaccinators in the county may be vaccinating all eligible groups in 1A, 1B, and 1C. Please check [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) to find a provider near you by zip code.

## Current Process

Anyone who lives or works in Frederick County who is interested in getting COVID-19 vaccine should complete the Vaccine Interest Form in the blue box on our [Vaccine webpage](#).

- **It may be several days, weeks, or longer until you are contacted since it depends on vaccine availability. You only need to complete the form once.**
- We will contact people who have registered on this form by priority group as we receive more vaccine.
- If you have already scheduled or received your 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccine, please [click this link](#) to unsubscribe from the list.

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## Additional Health Department Updates

*Additional Planning in Progress:* we are currently working on additional ways to provide COVID-19 vaccine to other parts of our community. This planning includes:

- Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services holding mobile vaccination clinics to:
  - Independent living communities
  - Behavioral health congregate living facilities
  - Working on other locations around the county – coming soon!
- Senior Services is working on outreach to homebound individuals receiving in-home services.
- Health Department is working with advocates to hold an accessible clinic for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Drive-thru option coming soon!

*Update on Virus Variants:* Viruses constantly change, or mutate, and new variants of viruses are expected to occur over time. Here is a summary of the variants currently being circulating:

- Brazil Variant (P.1) – This variant was reported to be in Maryland yesterday, Feb. 17. The person with this variant was an older adult from National Capital Region with history of international travel.
- UK Variant (P.1.1.7) – reported to be in Maryland on Jan. 12
- South Africa Variant (B.1.351) – reported in Maryland late January

The Maryland Department of Health continues to monitor for variants and strongly encourages Marylanders to continue taking precautions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe, including mask wearing, regular hand washing, and physical distancing. For more information about variants and how many cases are reported in each state, check out CDC's [website](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions

- What are the common reactions to the vaccine?
  - After receiving the first dose of Pfizer or Moderna, the most common reaction that people report is a sore arm from the injection. This is more common in younger people than older individuals. For the second dose, the most common reactions are fever, fatigue, headache and muscle aches within one to two days after being vaccinated. These symptoms usually last two days and are also more common in younger individuals than older. For more details, check out these CDC website for [Moderna](#) and [Pfizer](#).
- How to I report a reaction to the vaccine?
  - If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please seek immediate assistance from a healthcare provider or call 911. You can report your reactions to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/>. You can also use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the vaccine by using their V-Safe system. Sign up at <https://vsafe.cdc.gov/> to get daily check-ins.

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- What happens if my second dose is delayed?
  - It is most important that the second dose not be administered *earlier* than recommended. For Pfizer that is 21 days and for Moderna that is 28 days. The second dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible. Second doses are still effective up to six weeks after the recommended interval.
- Are second dose shipments being delayed like first dose shipments?
  - At this time, second doses have continued to ship to Maryland vaccine providers and has not a problem like in other states.
- I got my COVID-19 vaccination! Do I have to keep wearing a mask?
  - Yes! At this time, please continue to wear your face covering, stay physically distanced, and wash your hands frequently. Vaccination reduces the risk of you having severe illness, but you can still spread the virus.

### For More Information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19. Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: <https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19>
- Frederick County Government: [www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus)
- Frederick County Health Department: [health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus)
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): [coronavirus.maryland.gov](http://coronavirus.maryland.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): [coronavirus.gov](http://coronavirus.gov)

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