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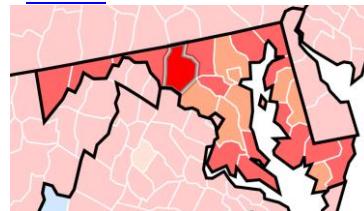
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COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

Level of Community Transmission in Frederick County, MD: [HIGH](#)



According to CDC, masks are recommended for everyone ([including fully vaccinated people](#)) in areas of substantial or high community transmission.



Frederick County Fully Vaccinated

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
Fully Vaccinated	183,176	70.6%
1st Doses Given	181,070	69.8%
2nd Doses Given	165,272	63.7%
Single Doses Given	17,904	6.9%

Confirmed Cases:

[44,711 \(+35 in last 24 hrs\)](#)

Confirmed Deaths:

[489 \(+0 in last 24 hrs\)](#)

Positivity Rate: 6.53%

Case Rate: 15.63/100,000

Frederick County residents fully vaccinated by age group:

% of Population 5-11 Years	% of Population 12-17 Years	% of Population 5+ Years	% of Population 18+ Years	% of Population 65+ Years
38.3%	76.0%	80.1%	85.0%	95.0%

Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:

# ICU	# Acute Care
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Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19 **3** **23**

Additional statistics on Frederick County dashboard: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>
and Frederick Health dashboard: <http://frederickhealth.org/COVID19>.

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Test Kits & Masks at Libraries

Update on Free Masks and Test Kits:

All Frederick County Public Library branches have KN95 masks and test kits available inside the libraries during regular business hours. Supplies will be renewed when they run low. Visit fcpl.org for library branch hours and locations.



Reporting Positive Results

You can report positive test results either through the mobile app associated with your at-home test or through the Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal. Reporting positive results here will initiate the contact tracing process, which may be required to receive work or school excuse and release letters, which will help to keep others safe. Log in on the portal's home page to submit a report:

<https://covidlink.maryland.gov/selfreport>. If you do not have login information, you may register to create an account.

CDC Updates

Don't Delay. Test Soon and Treat Early

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have [one or more health conditions](#) that increase your risk of becoming very sick, treatment may be available.

Contact a health professional right away after a positive test to determine if you may be eligible, even if your symptoms are mild right now. Don't delay: Treatment must be started within the first few days to be effective.

Treatments used for COVID-19 should be prescribed by your healthcare provider. People have been [seriously harmed and even died](#) after taking products not approved for use to treat or prevent COVID-19, even products approved or prescribed for other uses. Talk to your healthcare provider about what option may be best for you.

If you are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, and test positive, treatment may be available.



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Frequently Asked Questions from Maryland Department of Health

What is the \$2 Million VaxCash 2.0 Promotion and how do I qualify to win?

To encourage more Marylanders to get their COVID-19 booster shots, Gov. Larry Hogan launched the [\\$2 Million VaxCash 2.0 Promotion](#). A total of 12 Marylanders will win cash prizes in drawings to be held each Tuesday from Feb. 15 through May 3.

To be eligible, you must be a Maryland resident, at least 18 years old, and you must have received an initial dose and booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at non-Federal facilities in Maryland. Residents vaccinated at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs locations in Maryland are eligible for the promotion. Click [here](#) for complete contest rules.



ELIGIBILITY

- » Must be 18+
- » Must be a Maryland resident
- » Must have received all doses in Maryland

\$2 MILLION IN PRIZES

Week 1:	Weeks 2-11:	Week 12:
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$1 million

Learn more at bit.ly/vaxcash.

How well do the current COVID-19 booster shots work against the Omicron variant?

COVID-19 vaccines are still the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging. This includes primary series, booster shots and additional doses for those who need them. The current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to the Omicron variant. However, some infections in people who are vaccinated may still occur. People who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and get COVID-19, are less likely to develop serious illness than those who are unvaccinated.

Did you miss last week's questions?

You can find out the answer to other trending COVID-19 vaccination [questions at covidLink Trending Questions and Answers](#). Be sure to check out [covidLINK](#) for even more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and contact tracing.

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Frederick Vaccination Update

All Marylanders 5 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. **Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 5-17 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Frederick County Health Department has clinics in a variety of locations throughout the county. This list can be found at <http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine>. New links are added on Mondays. Boosters are available at all clinics.

- Call 855-634-6829 Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm to:
 - Schedule an appointment
 - Schedule an in-home vaccination
 - Arrange for a free Lyft ride to a vaccination clinic. Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited for more information. The first \$25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.
- For other dates/times, check out [Frederick Health Hospital](#) and other [locations](#).

Childcare option: [KinderCare](#), [Learning Care Group](#), and [YMCA](#) are all offering free child care to help parents and caregivers get vaccinated. For more information, visit the provider's website.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Feb. 17	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrane St. Frederick, MD 21701
Thursday, Feb. 17	4-7pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Thursday, Feb. 17	5-7pm	Brunswick Branch Library 915 North Maple Ave., Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Feb. 18	10am-1pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Saturday, Feb. 19	10am-12pm	Myersville Community Library 8 Harp Place, Myersville, MD 21773
Saturday, Feb. 19	10am-12pm	Discovery Community Center 8740 Stauffer Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793
Saturday, Feb. 19	10am-1pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Monday, Feb. 21	5-7pm	Thurmont Regional Library 76 East Moser Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788
Tuesday, Feb. 22	4-6pm	Vigilant Hose Company Activities Building 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Wednesday, Feb. 23	4-6pm	Walkersville Library 2 South Glade Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793
Wednesday, Feb. 23	4-6pm	Carver Apartments 207 Lee Alley Frederick, MD 21701

For More Information:

For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- For testing: <https://covidtest.maryland.gov/>
- For vaccination: <https://www.vaccines.gov/> or <http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine>
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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