



Frederick County Board of Health

March 3, 2022

I. Call to Order – Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County

II. COVID-19 Situation Update – Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County

III. Old Business

- Approval of Minutes from: 2/3/2022
- Policies and Procedures - update

VI. Upcoming Meetings

- To be determined

VII. Adjourn



CDC – New COVID-19 Community Levels

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

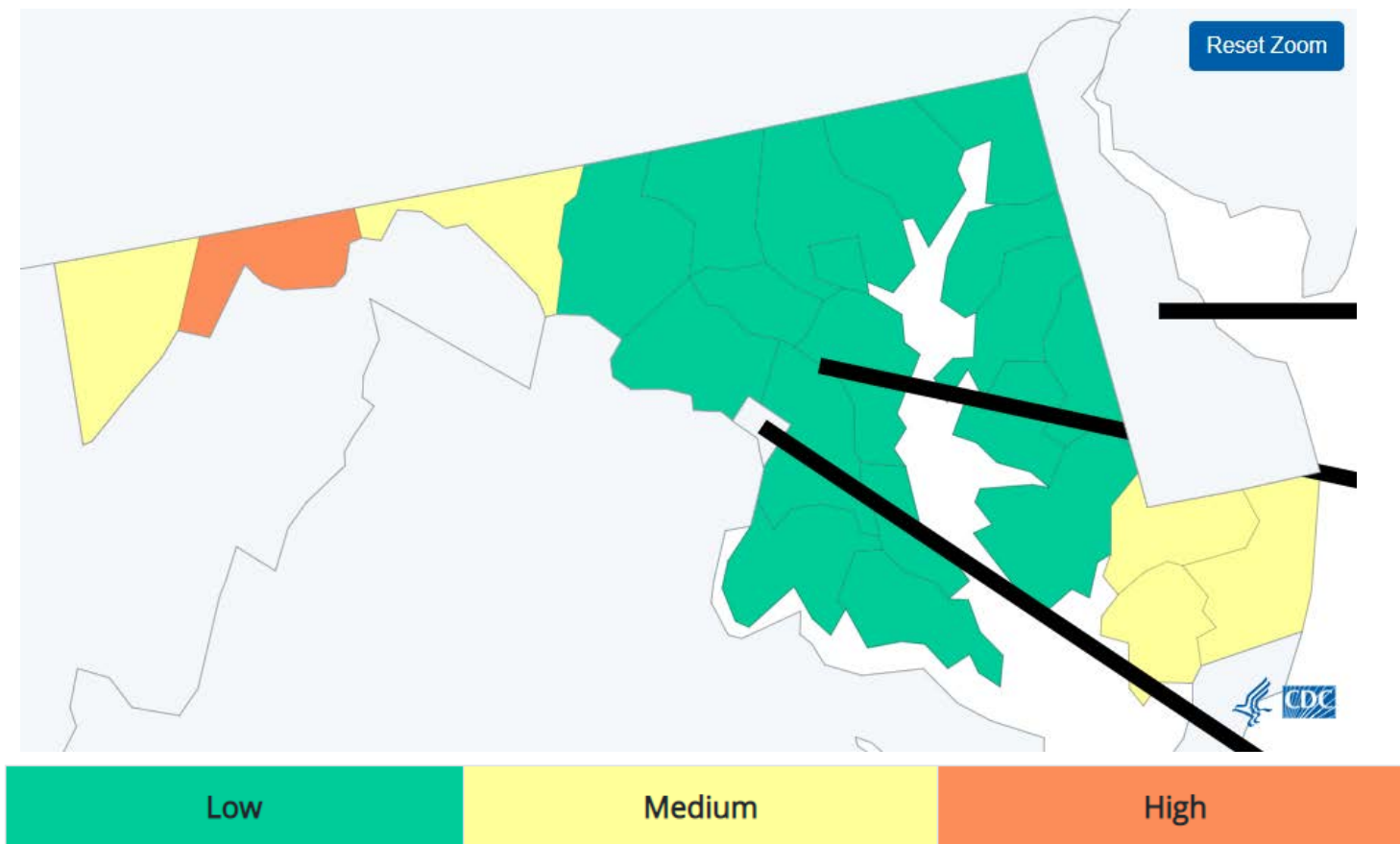
Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautionsStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear a mask indoors in publicStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptomsAdditional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness
People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.		

- For the whole community
- Focuses on community's healthcare capacity
- Individuals with specific risk factors may want to be more cautious. Always good to discuss with healthcare provider



Frederick County, Maryland

Frederick County is in Low COVID-19 Community Level



- Recommendation for our community:
 - Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
 - Get tested if you have symptoms



Masks should still be worn by...

- People with symptoms of COVID-19
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 (in isolation)
- People recently exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Additionally, people may still choose to wear a mask at any time based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk.
- Businesses can set their own policies.



What changed?

NEW Community Level Is...

- Based on case rate and hospital statistics (incorporates old metrics and adds more)
- Gives overall recommendation for whole community
- This is what our dashboard now reports
- Frederick County is **LOW**

OLD Community Transmission Level Is...

- Based on just case rate and positivity rate
- Incorporated into the new model
- Still used by healthcare settings for mask guidelines
- Frederick County is **SUBSTANTIAL**

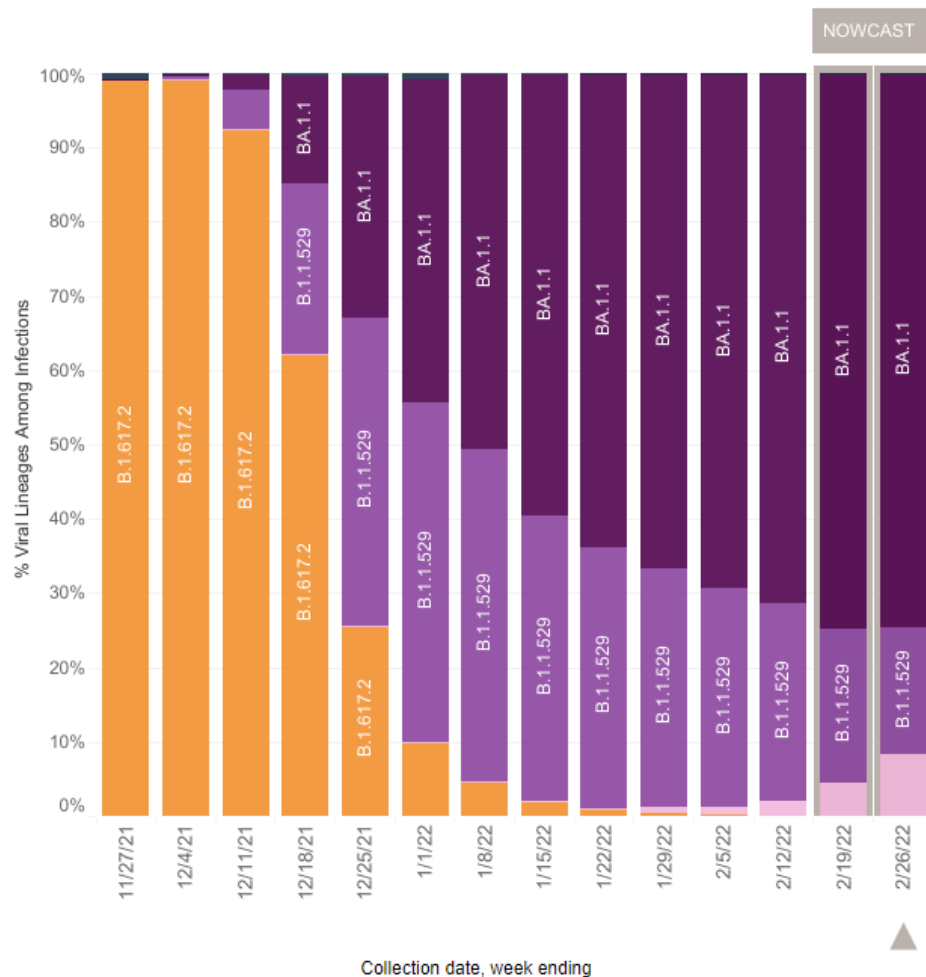


CDC Nowcast Model Estimates Proportion Circulating Variants

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>

United States: 11/21/2021 – 2/26/2022

United States: 2/20/2022 – 2/26/2022 NOWCAST



USA				
WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	BA.1.1	VOC	74.6%	70.3-78.4%
	B.1.1.529	VOC	17.2%	14.1-20.8%
	BA.2	VOC	8.3%	6.3-10.7%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.0%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.

** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates

AY.1-AY.133 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2. BA.1 and BA.3 are aggregated with B.1.1.529. For regional data, BA.1.1 is also aggregated with B.1.1.529, as it currently cannot be reliably called in each region.

Omicron is still overwhelmingly the dominant variant circulating.



Frederick County COVID-19 Update March 3, 2022

Community Level*

*New CDC tool for communities

LOW

Case Rate per 100,000

(7-Day Average)

10.57

Positivity Rate

(7-Day Average)

3.83%

Confirmed Cases

45,126

Change in last 24 Hours (+35)

Confirmed Deaths

495

Change in last 24 Hours (+1)

% of County Population

76.0%

Fully Vaccinated



FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats



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3/23/2020

3/2/2022

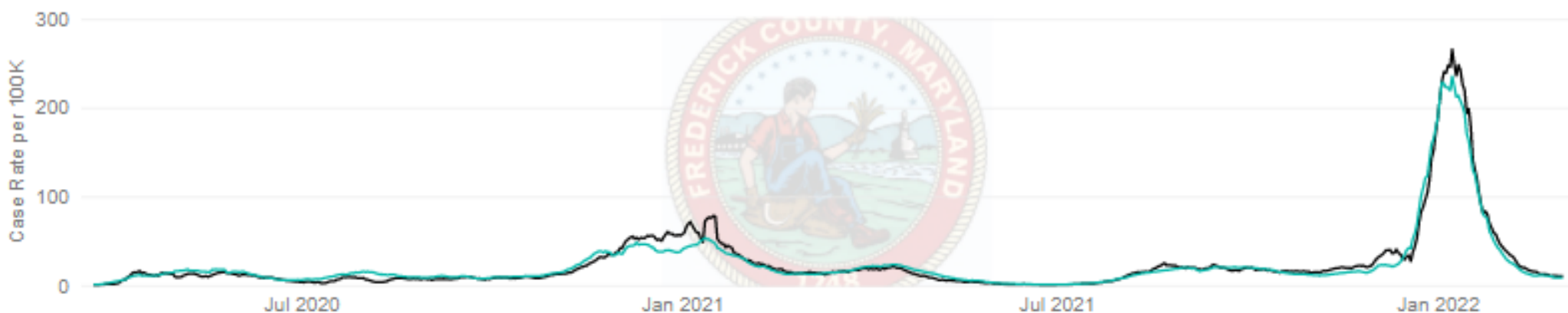
Frederick County Percent Positive Rate (7-Day Avg)

● Frederick ● State Wide



Frederick County Case Rate per 100K (7 Day Moving Average)

● Frederick ● State Wide

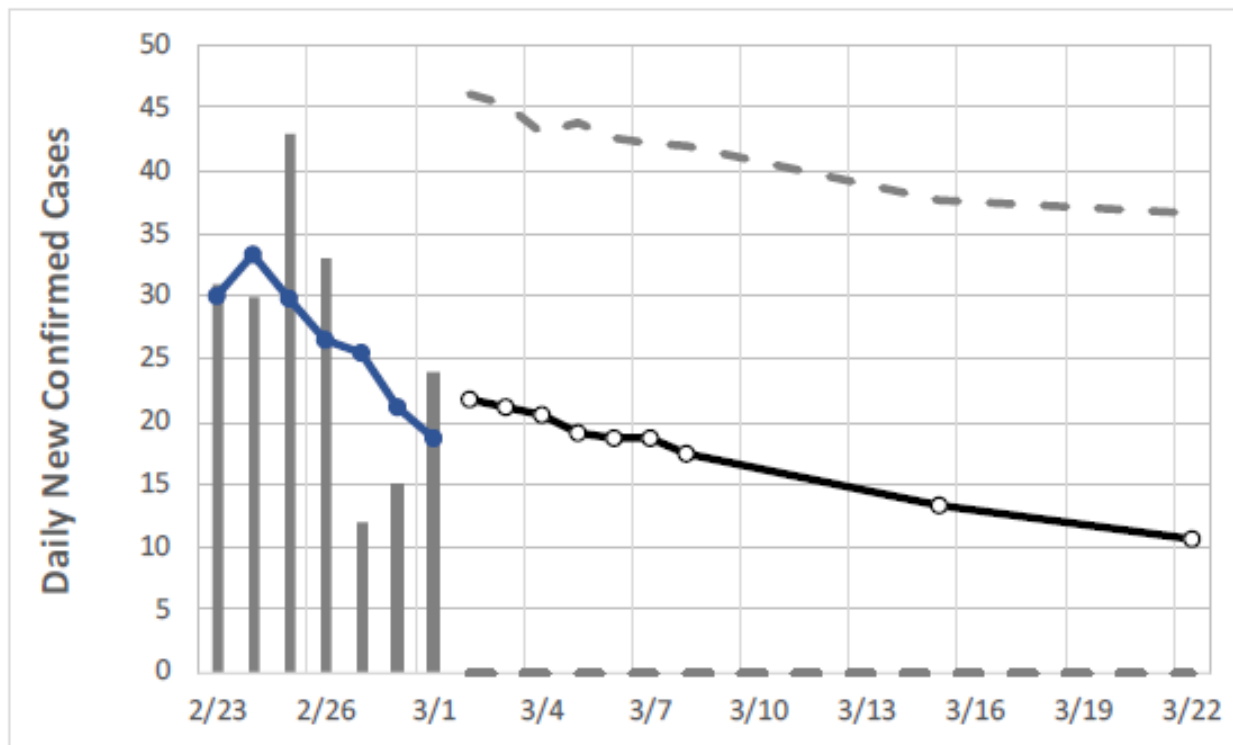




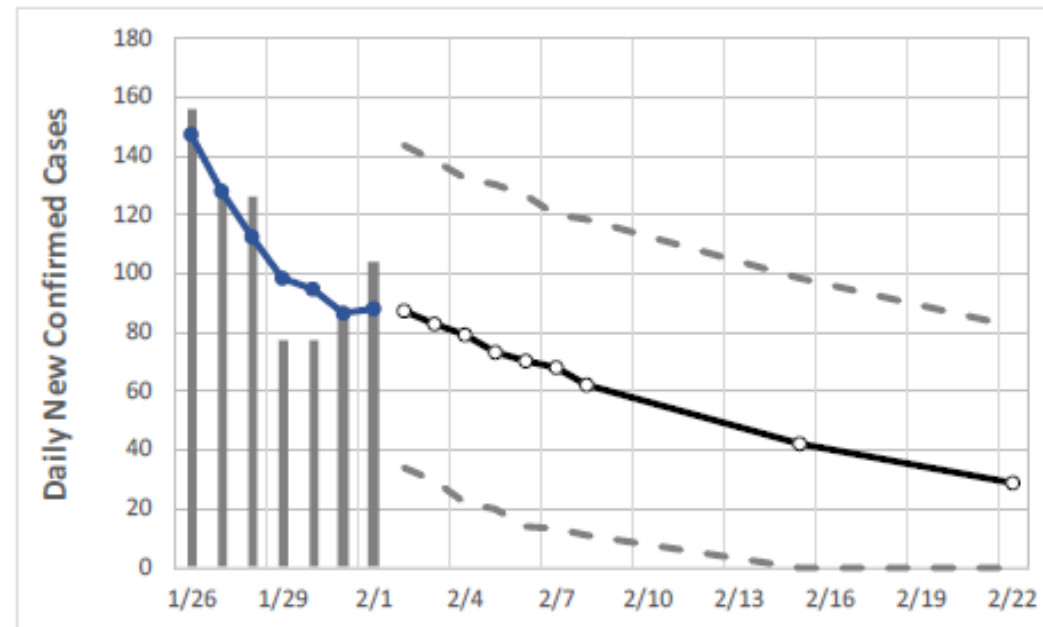
Projected Cases

One month ago (2/2/2022):

Data from 3/2/2022



Notice change in scale.

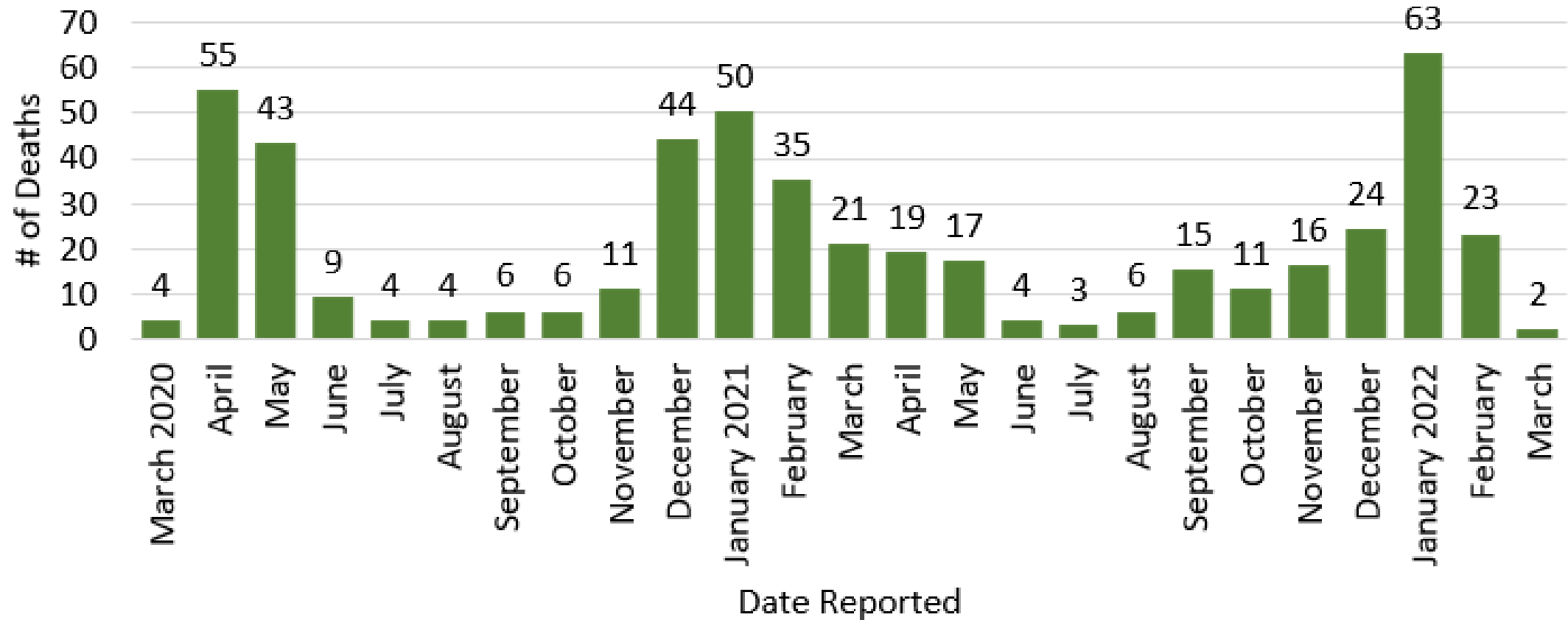


Projected totals in upcoming weeks:

3/15	3/22
45,334	45,415

COVID-19 Deaths by Month

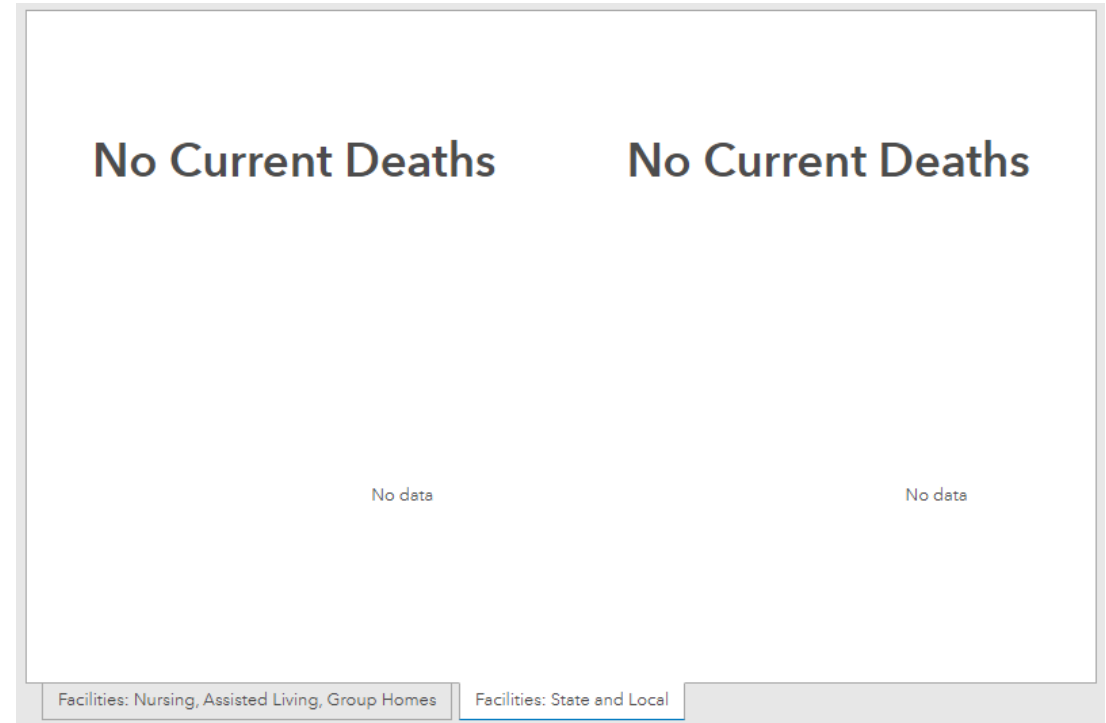
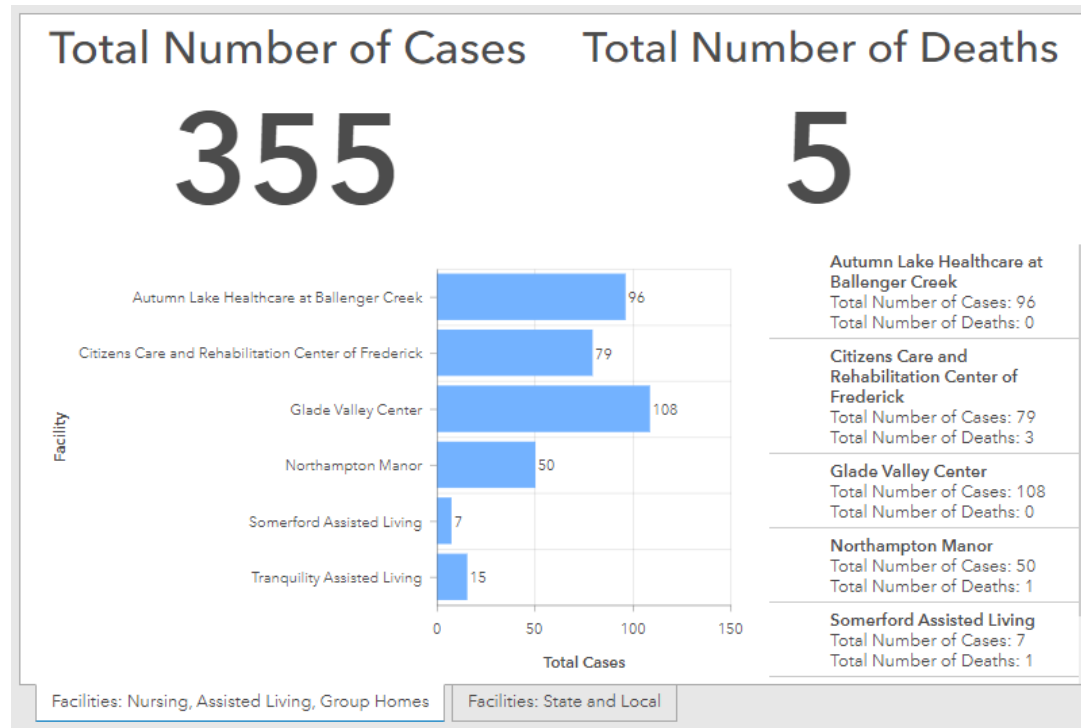
Frederick County COVID-19 Deaths by Month



Frederick County Congregate Facility Outbreaks

One month ago: 493 cases, 4 deaths

One month ago: 123 cases, 0 deaths





Outbreak-Associated Cases in Schools (as of 3/2)

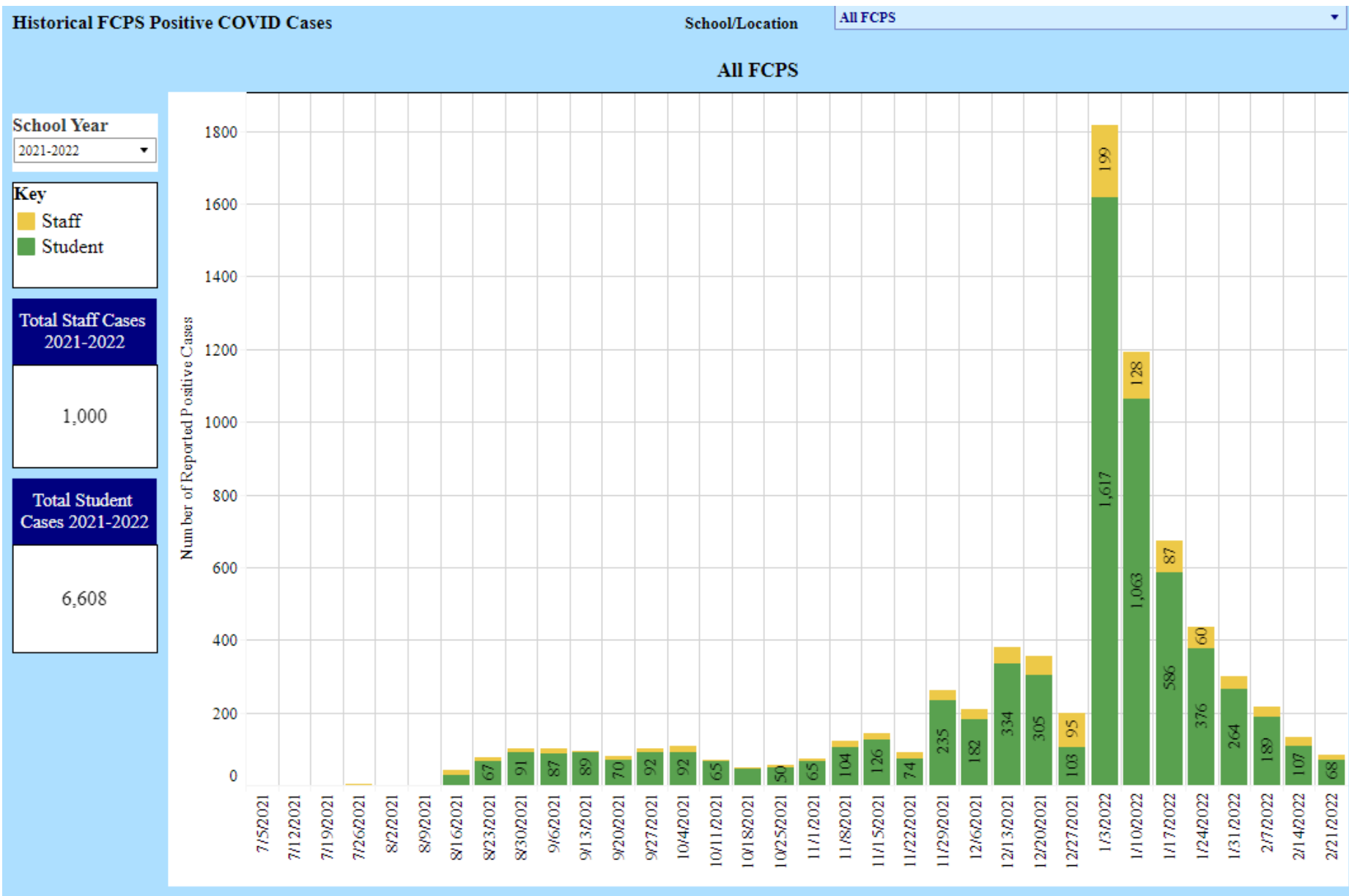
Outbreak-Associated Cases in Schools

School	County	Positive Cases	Last Update
Lucy School	Frederick	3	3/2/2022
Total		3	

For more school data, go to <https://www.fcps.org/dashboard>.



FCPS Dashboard





Frederick County Vaccinations

Fully Vaccinated

197,244

At Least One Dose Given

220,220

% of Population Vaccinated

76%

Fully Vaccinated

% of Population Vaccinated

84.8%

At Least One Dose Given

COVID-19 Vaccinations Frederick County

Age Range	At least One Dose	At least One Dose %	Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated %
Age 5+	220,191	90.2%	197,239	80.8%
Age 12+	208,461	94.5%	186,886	84.7%
Age 18+	190,610	95.0%	170,641	85.5%
Age 65+	40,051	95.0%	36,812	95.0%
All Ages	220,220	84.8%	197,244	76.0%



Boosters

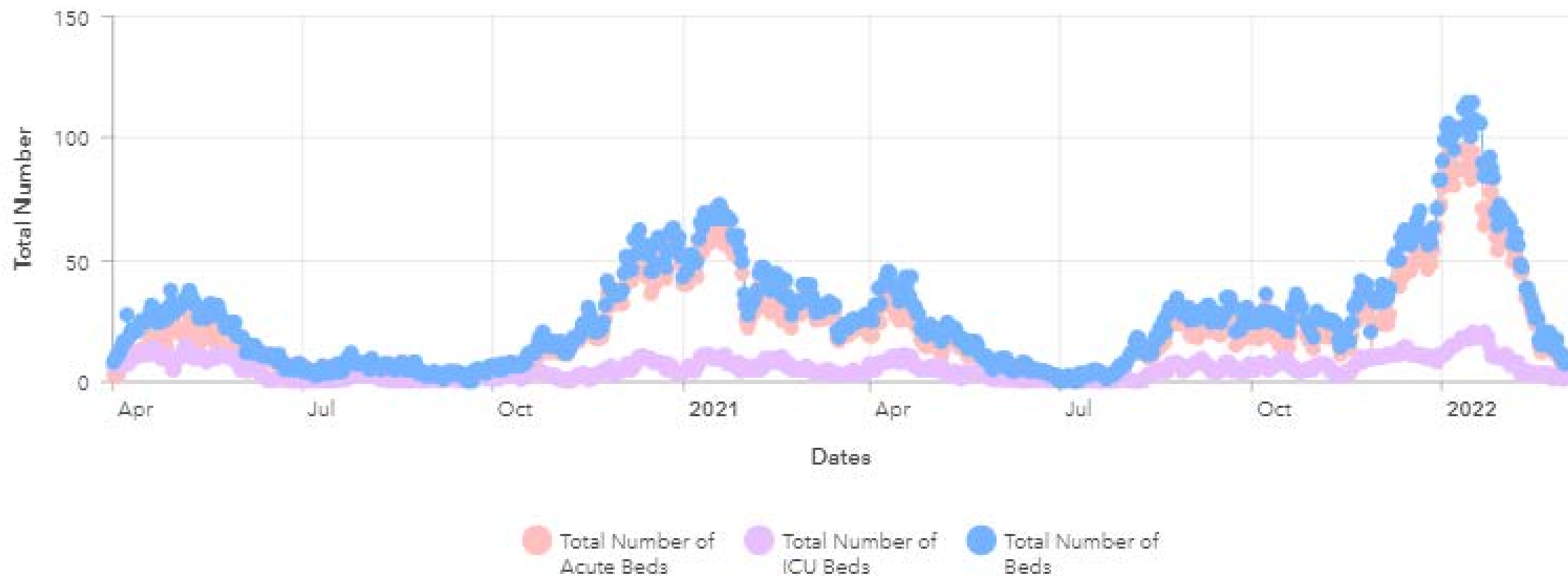
- 60% of the Frederick County 18+ population has received their booster
- 75% of the 65+ population boosted



Boosters available at all vaccination clinics!



Frederick County Covid-19 Hospitalizations



Hospitalizations

Confirmed Cases Over Time

Total Cases Over Time

Confirmed Deaths Over Time



Frederick Health Daily COVID-19 Update

3/3/2022 10:10:38 AM

Currently
Hospitalized

242

COVID-19
Inpatients

14

COVID-19
ICU Patients

4

Weekly COVID-19 Hospitalizations



Vaccinated
Inpatients

7

Unvaccinated
Inpatients

6

Drive Thru
Tests

6



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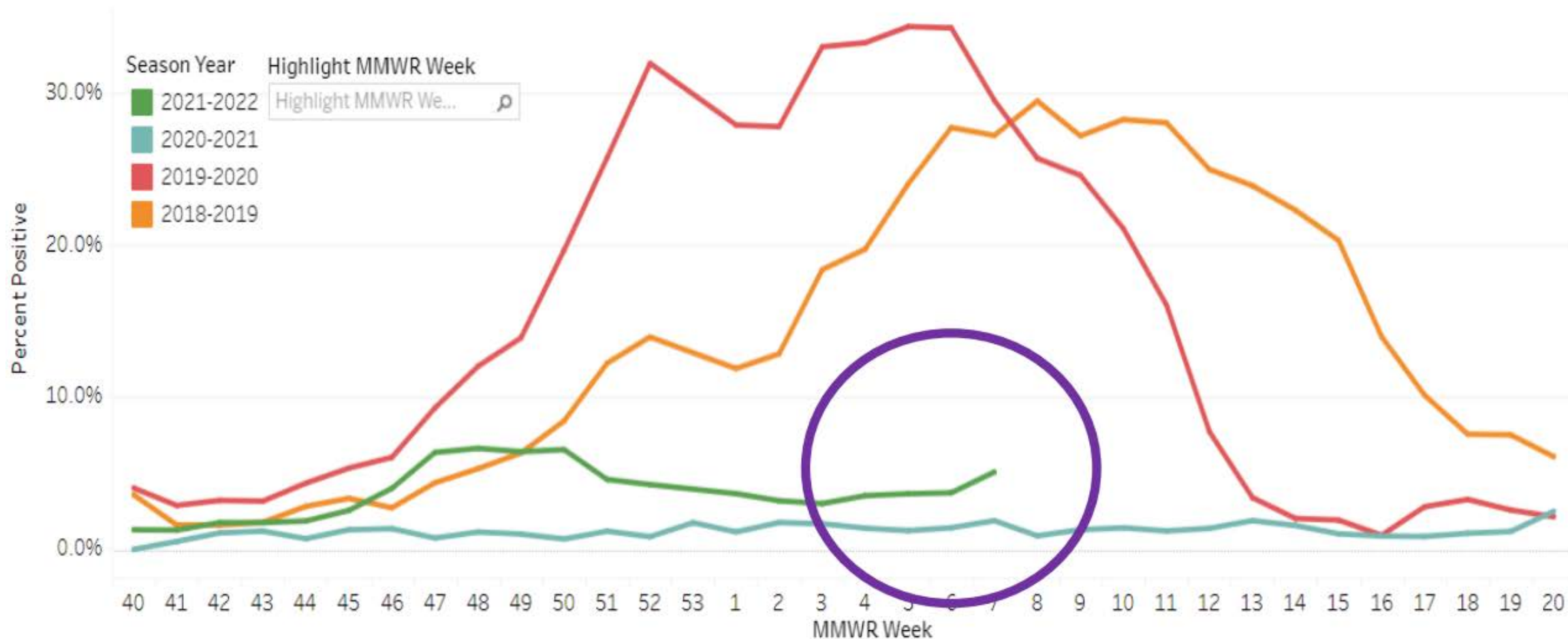
Frederick Health Hospital

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Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer



Maryland Influenza – Laboratories Test % Positive (week ending Feb 19, 2022)





FCHD COVID-19 Activities to Date

- 49,333 PCR tests at FCHD clinics
- 14,163 home test kits distributed (libraries, clinics, and community partners)
- 127,954 vaccinations administered (1st, 2nd, single, additional/booster doses)
- 16,109 contact tracing interviews completed by FCHD staff 12/14/2020-2/25/2022 (statewide contact tracing system started Dec. 2020)
- 10,439 inbound calls to FC COVID-19 call center July 2020-present
- 12,815 inbound calls to FCHD Provider Line July 2020-present



Covid Vaccinations: Adults

Q: Do you want to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it becomes available to you?

December 2020 Survey

- 57% Yes
- 23% Not Sure
- 20% No

Current Vaccinations as of 3/3/2022

- 95% of 18+ population had at least one dose
- 85.5% of 18+ are fully vaccinated



Covid Vaccinations: Children

Q: Do you want to get a COVID-19 vaccine for your child as soon as it becomes available?

December 2020 Survey

- 42% Yes
- 31% Not Sure
- 27% No

Current Vaccinations as of 3/2/2022

- Children 4 years old and younger are not yet eligible
- Children 5-9: 39.6% are fully vaccinated, 4.4% have just one dose
- Children 10-19: 62.8% are fully vaccinated, 5.1% have just one dose



Takeaway messages

- For adults: we have *far exceeded* the vaccinated rates indicated by the survey.
- For children: we have *likely reached* the people who indicated they would get their children vaccinated. Pediatricians were stated as the most trusted location to receive childhood vaccinations.

Overall, vaccination efforts have been **hugely successful**.

Covid vaccinations will continue to be available in Frederick County.



New Schedule Starting Sunday, March 6

Testing

- Hillcrest clinic hours will be:
 - M/W/F 2-6pm
 - T/R 10am-6pm
 - CLOSED Saturday & Sunday
- Community Clinics:
 - Tuesdays @ Emmitsburg
 - Thursdays @ Brunswick
 - Fridays @ Thurmont

Vaccination

- Himes Ave clinic hours will be:
 - Wednesdays 4-7pm
 - Saturdays 10am-1pm
- Community Clinics:
 - Mondays @ Thurmont
 - Tuesdays @ Emmitsburg
 - Wednesdays @ Walkersville
 - Thursdays @ Brunswick
 - Saturdays @ Myersville



COVID Testing/Vaccination Sites in Frederick County



COVID Vaccines

585 Himes Ave.
Wednesdays - 4-7pm
Saturdays - 10am-1pm

Thurmont Library
Mondays 5-7pm

Vigilant Hose Activities Bldg.
Tuesdays 4-6pm

Walkersville Library
Wednesdays 4-6pm

Brunswick Library
Thursdays 5-7pm

Myersville Library
Saturdays 10am-12pm



COVID Testing

Hillcrest Shopping Plaza
MWF 2pm-6pm
TR 10am-6pm

Emmitsburg Senior Center
Tuesdays 4-6pm

Brunswick Park Building
Thursdays 5-7pm

Thurmont Town Office
Fridays 5-7pm



Free Test Kits and Masks at Libraries



COVID-19 at home test kits and KN95 masks continue to be available for free at all Frederick County Public Library branch locations.



Wondering when to test?

- If you have symptoms, test right away.
- If you were a close contact of someone with COVID-19, wait at least 5 days to test.
- If you're testing before a gathering, test as close to the event as possible.



Report positive results to covidlink.maryland.gov/selfreport



PSA: FDA Recall of Some Test Kits

- FDA has issued a safety recall of certain COVID-19 at home test kits due to false test results.
- None of these kits have been distributed by us or Frederick County Public Libraries.

Not FDA Authorized



These ARE FDA Authorized

