



Frederick County, Maryland

# 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?

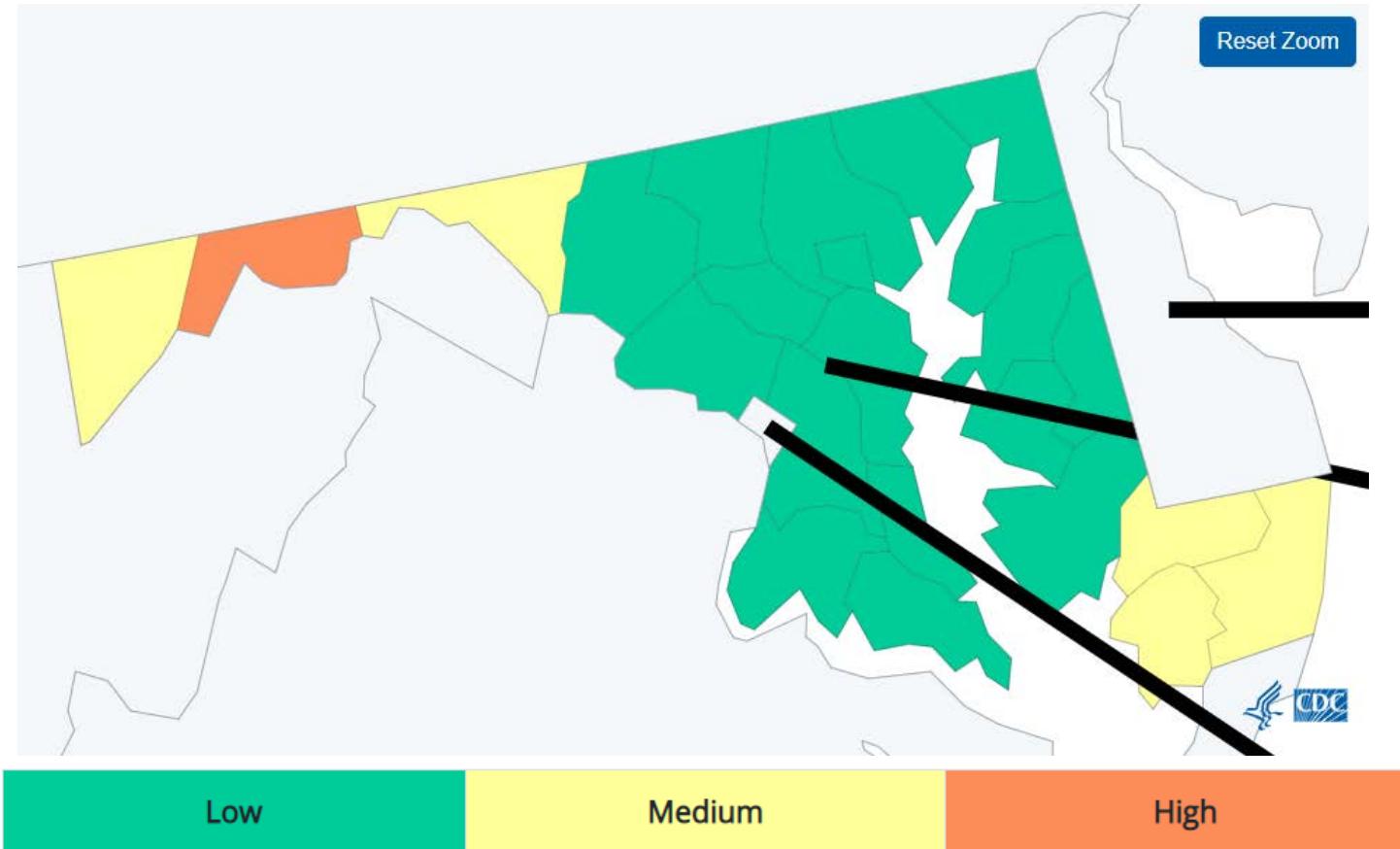
Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If you are <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li><li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wear a <a href="#">mask</a> indoors in public</li><li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li><li>Additional precautions may be needed for people <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a></li></ul>

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 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**

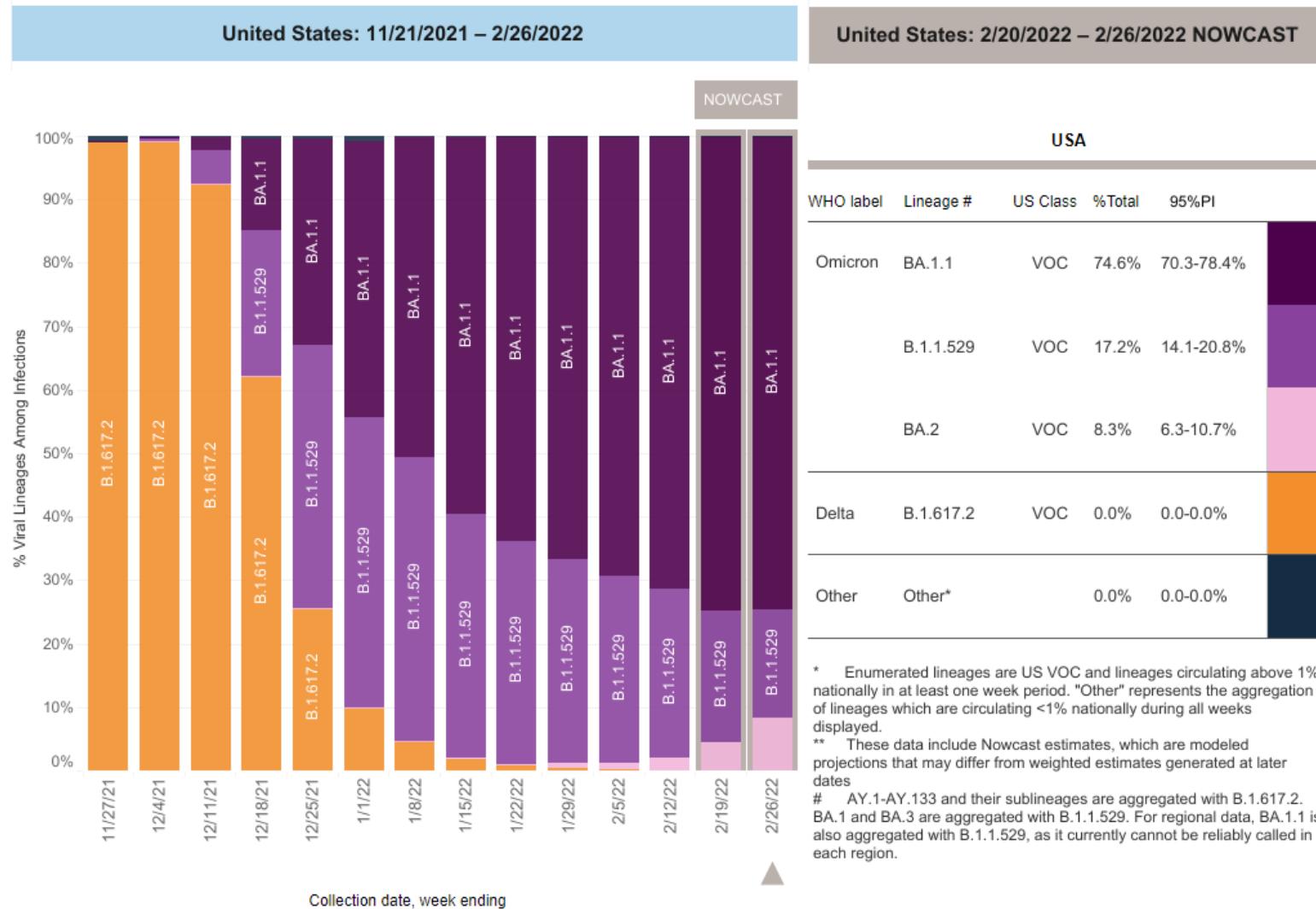
## OLD Community Transmission Level Is...

- 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>



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](https://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats)



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3/23/2020 3/2/2022



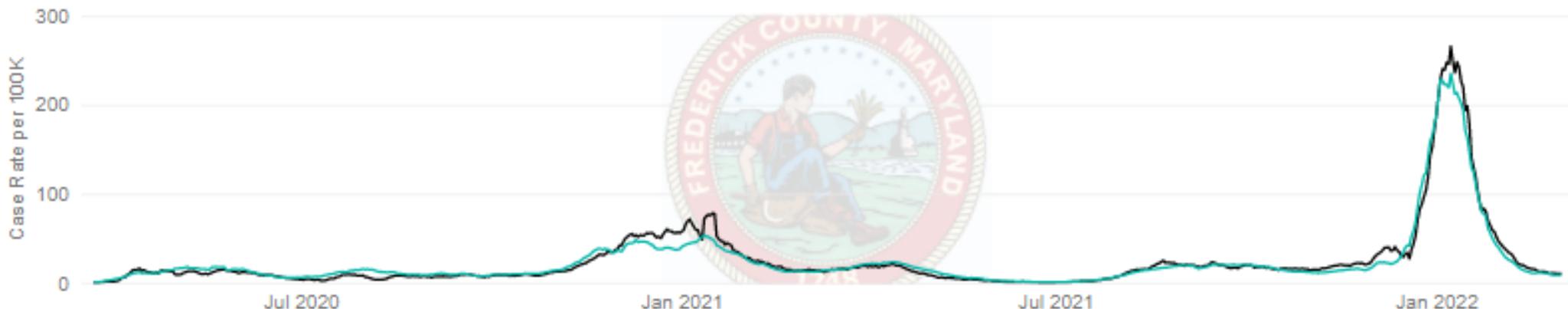
### Frederick County Percent Positive Rate (7-Day Avg)

● Frederick ● State Wide



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

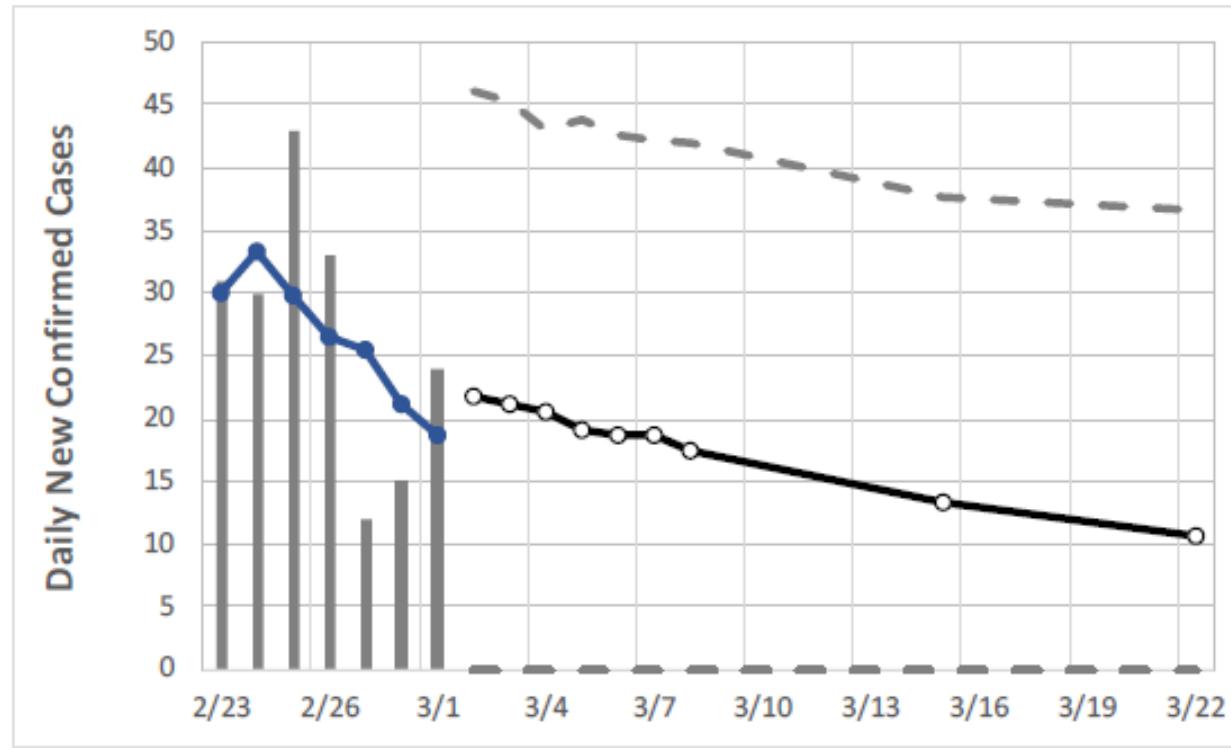
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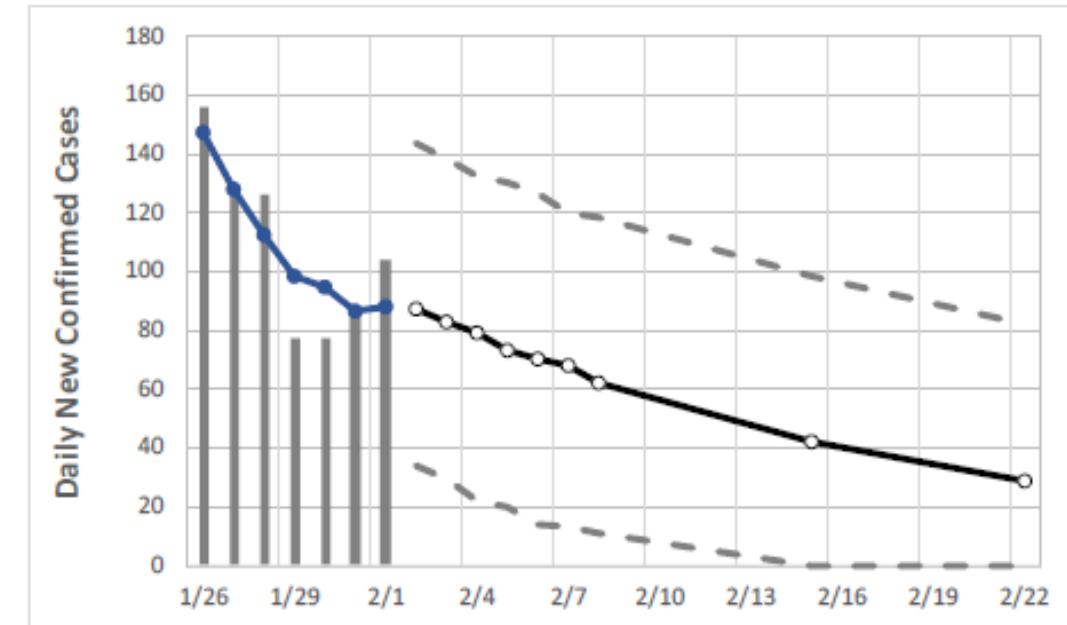
# Projected Cases

Data from 3/2/2022



*Notice change in scale.*

One month ago (2/2/2022):



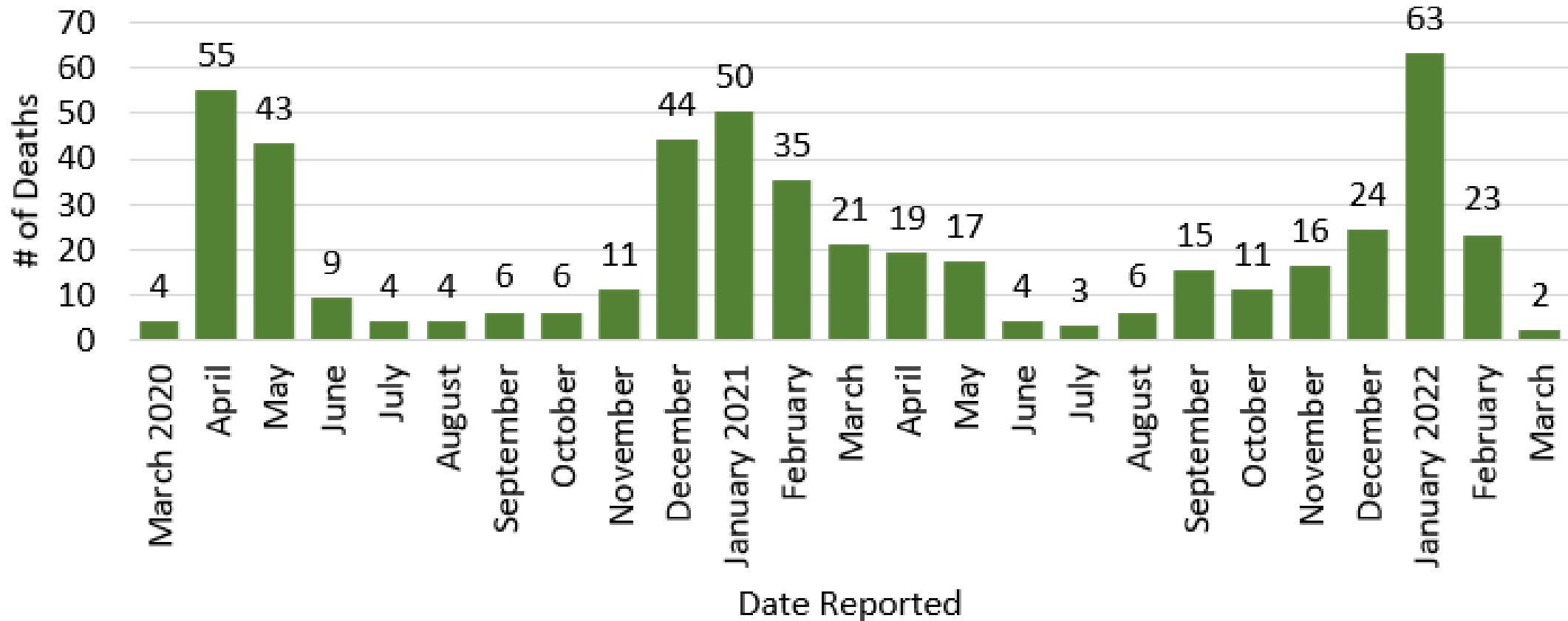
Projected totals in upcoming weeks:

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



# COVID-19 Deaths by Month

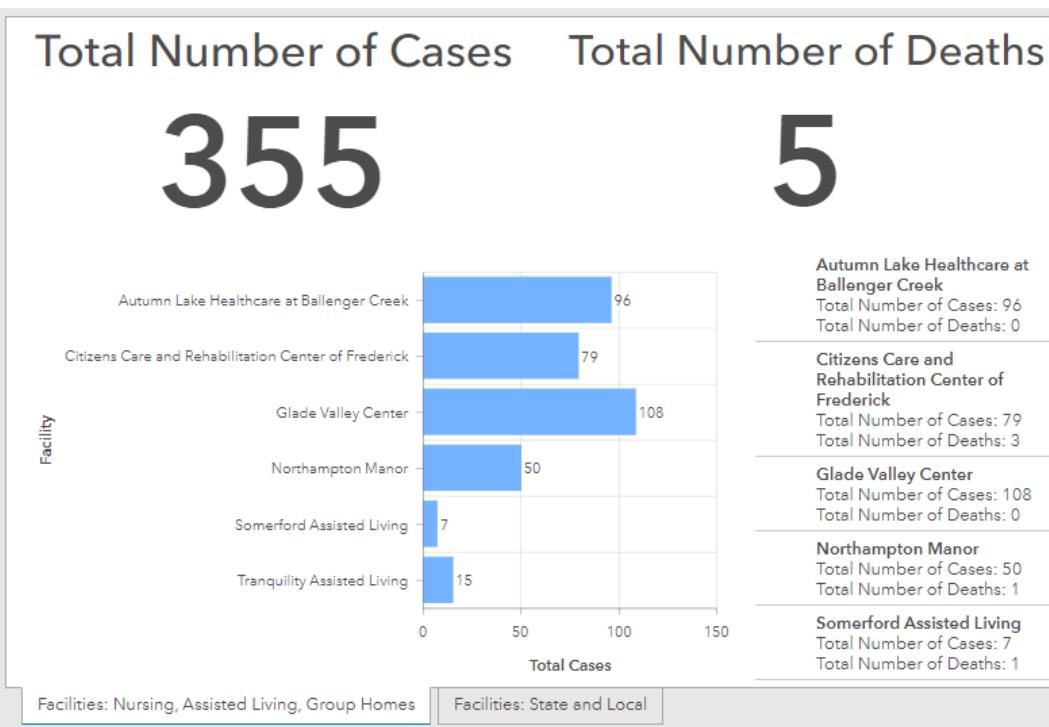
Frederick County COVID-19 Deaths by Month



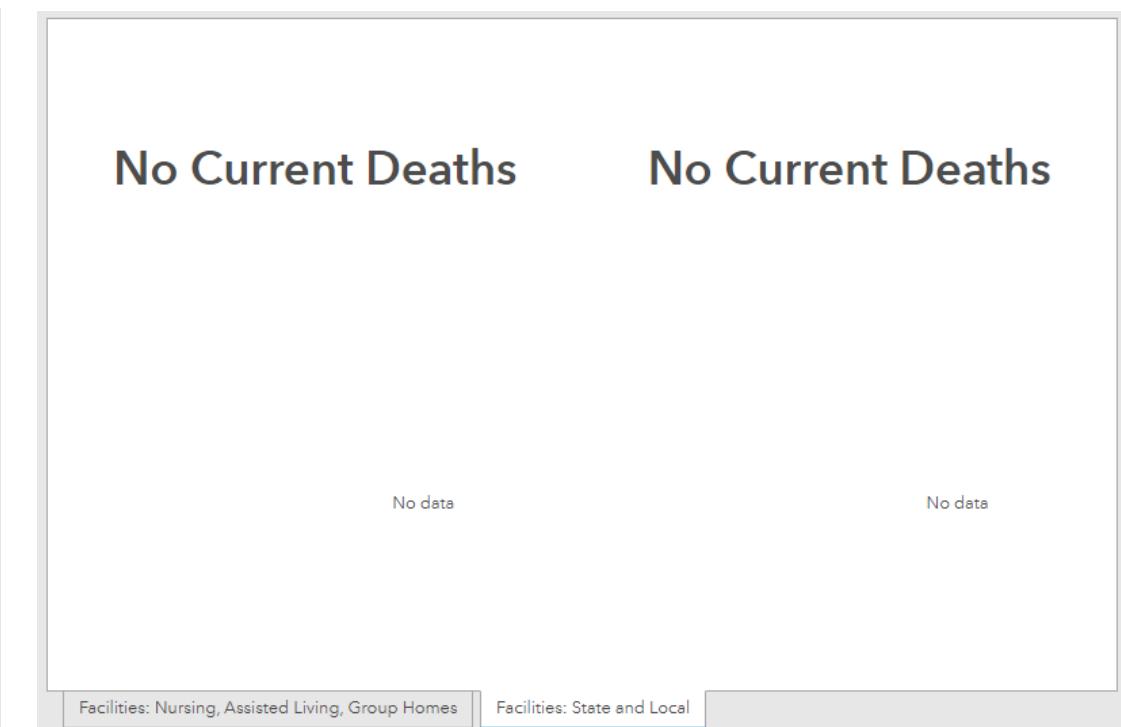


# Frederick County Congregate Facility Outbreaks

**One month ago: 493 cases, 4 deaths**



**One month ago: 123 cases, 0 deaths**





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

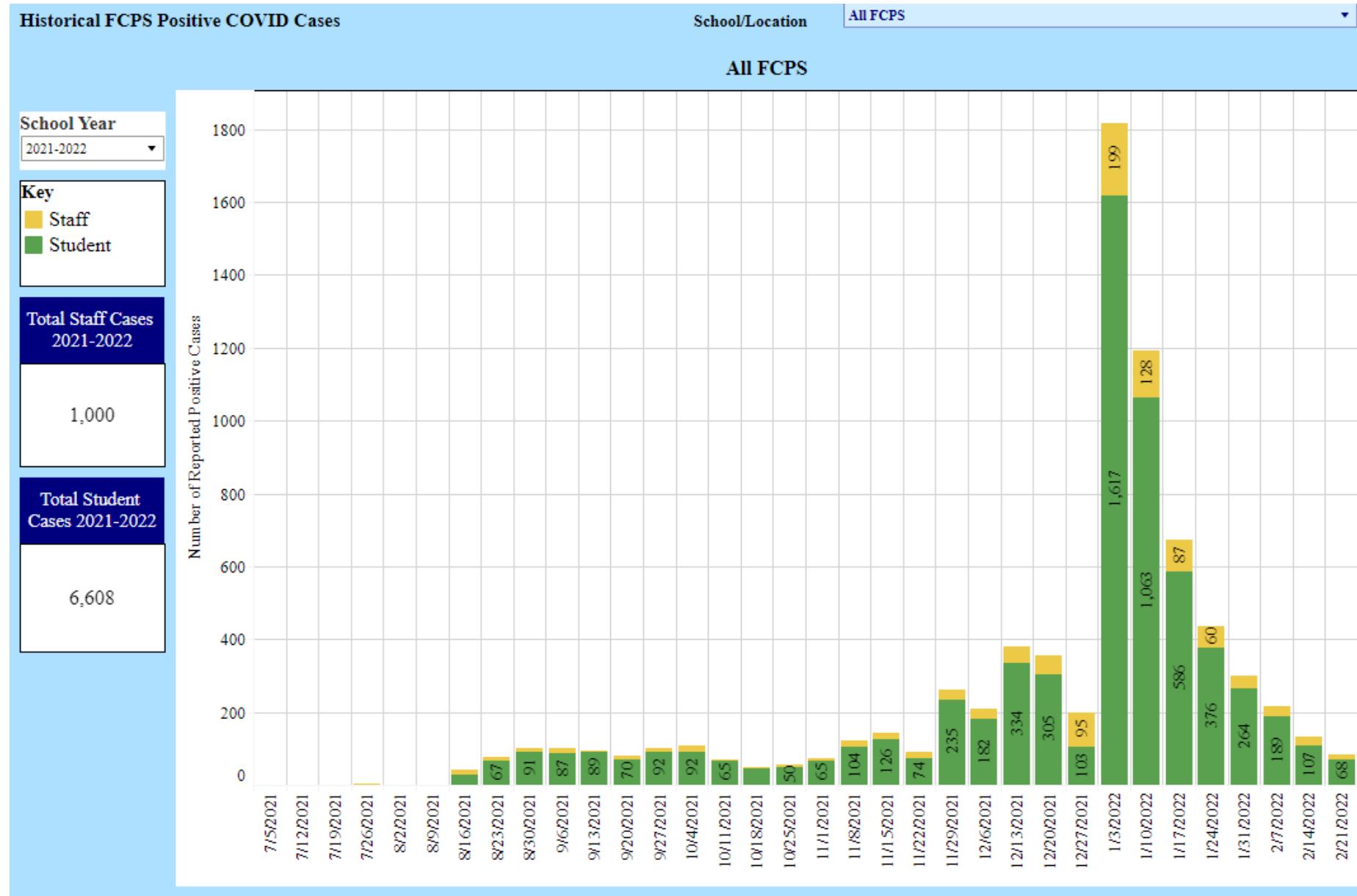
## Outbreak-Associated Cases in Schools

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

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



# FCPS Dashboard



<https://www.fcps.org/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

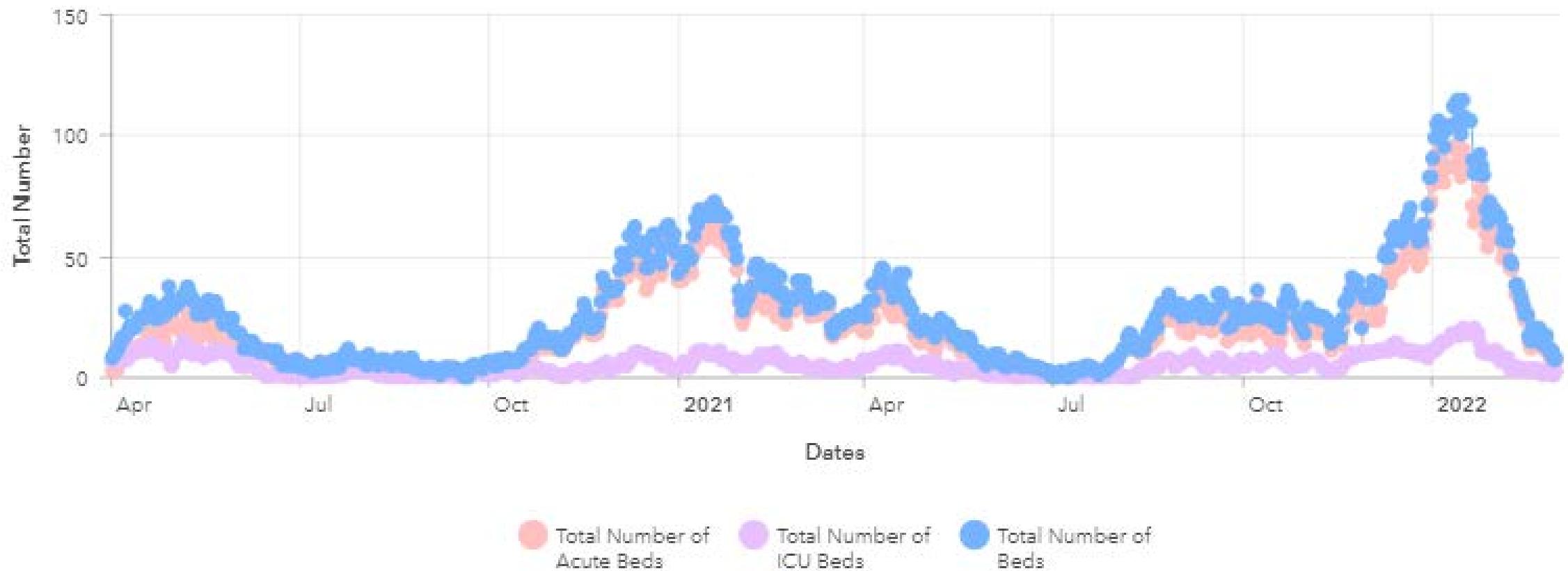
- 60% of the Frederick County 18+ population has received their booster
- 75% of the 65+ population boosted



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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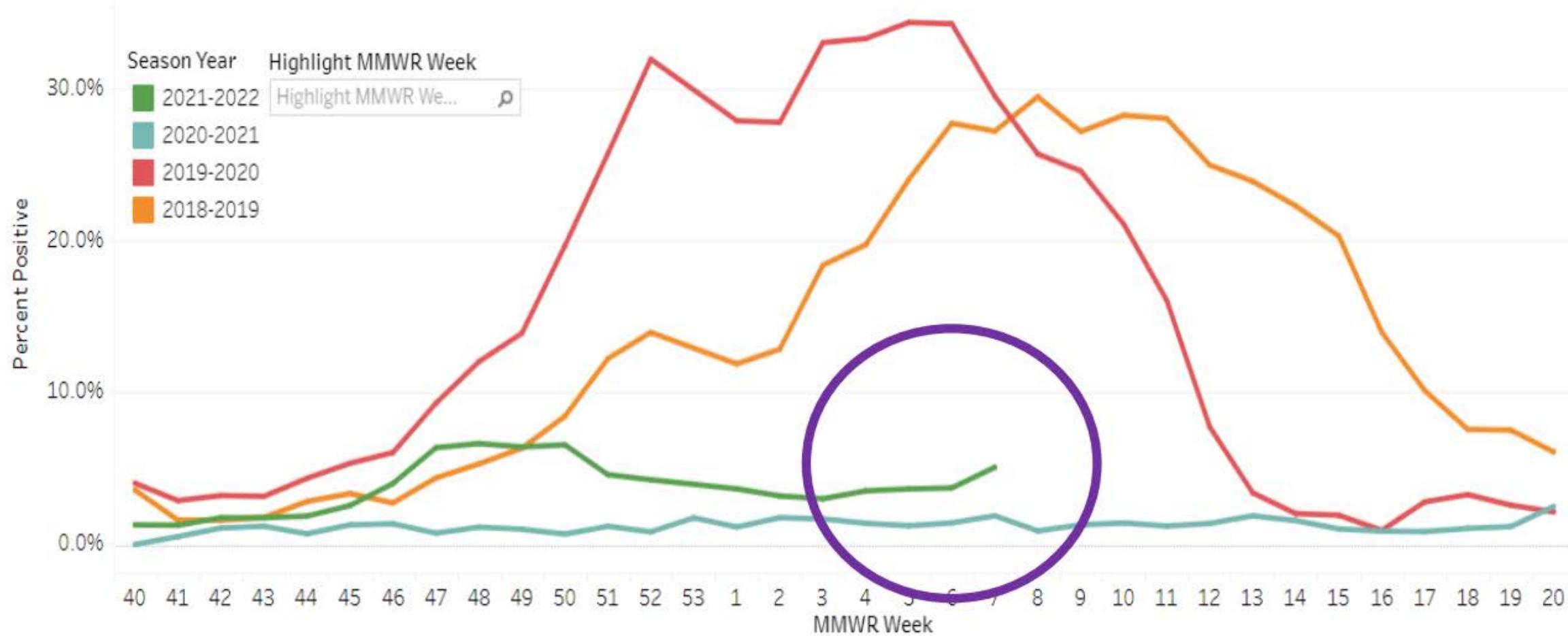
# Frederick Health Hospital

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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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](https://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**

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## These ARE FDA Authorized

