FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19

News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for December 22, 2020

Frederick, MD – December 22, 2020

Change in Frequency of Updates:
Update will not be posted on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Statistics will continue to be updated daily at **http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats**

Frederick County Health Department:

Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	7-Day Positivity Rate
9,876	163	8.7%
Change in Last 24 Hours: +113	Change in Last 24 Hours: +1	

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

County Executive's Office:

People in need of food can locate nearby distribution sites on a new online mapping application, Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner announced today. Developed in partnership with numerous community organizations, the mobile-friendly tool allows users to find food distribution sites all across Frederick County. It provides detailed information about more than 80 locations, including hours of operation, directions, and more. The map can be found at FrederickCountyMD.gov/FoodResourceMap.
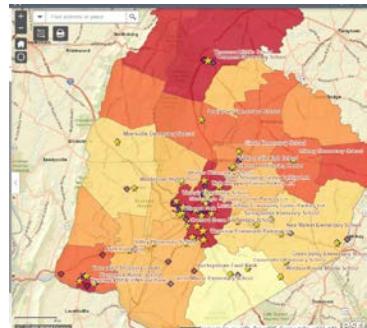
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COVID-19 Testing Updates – Holiday Schedule:

COVID-19 testing locations closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day:
- Frederick Health Hospital testing location off Monocacy Blvd
- Frederick County Health Department testing locations (no testing at Hillcrest or community pop-ups)

The Hillcrest COVID-19 testing site will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve.

Vaccine Interest Survey Results:

Thank you for your participation in our survey on vaccine interest! Our English survey received 20,580 results and our Spanish survey received 269. Over 50% of people who responded said that they were planning on getting the vaccine as soon as it became available to them. Of those respondents who said they weren't sure or were not planning on getting the vaccine immediate, the most common concerns were about safety and side effects. There were thousands of comments written in, and we will use the information from the survey to help develop our messaging to make sure we're answering the questions that you have asked.

More information about the survey results can be found here:
- English survey results
- Spanish survey results

Update on COVID-19 Vaccine:

Frederick County Health Department will receive an initial 100 dose shipment of the Moderna vaccine from Maryland Department of Health this week. This first small dose is to confirm that the state logistics chain is functioning before additional vaccine is shipped. This batch of vaccine will be used to vaccinate the vaccination teams.

Healthcare providers in Frederick County should continue to participate in the provider calls hosted by the Frederick County Health Department to receive updates. If a healthcare provider is not getting the updates about the provider calls, please email rwatkins@Frederickcountymd.gov with your specialty, practice name, and contact information to be added to our distribution list.

Members of the public will be given instructions in coming weeks about how to sign up for the vaccine through these updates.

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COVID-19 Survivor Story:

Elizabeth Bauer shares her experience as a "long hauler", someone who has had recurring issues since being diagnosed with COVID-19. Watch her video here.
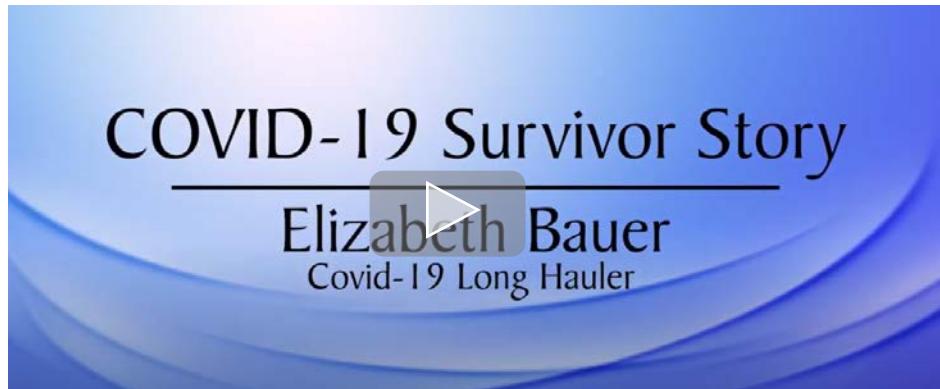
For more information:

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
- 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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