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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

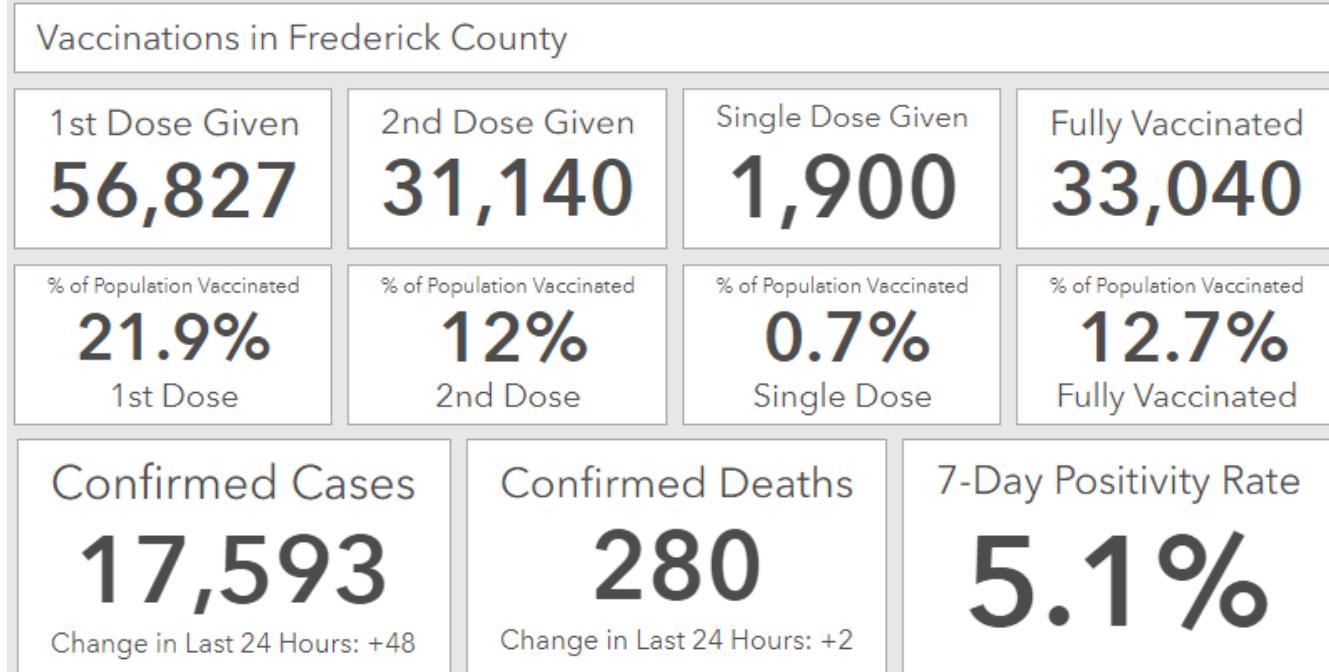
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for March 18, 2021

Frederick, MD – March 18, 2021

Frederick County Health Department:



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. County residents are being vaccinated by vaccinators across the state, which is why the number of people vaccinated exceeds the amount of vaccine the Frederick County Health Department has received.

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

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

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Frederick County Executive

As vaccine availability ramps up in the coming weeks, public health experts and community partners are working together to ensure hard-to-reach populations have access to vaccinations. Of particular concern are ethnic and racial groups who historically suffer poorer health outcomes, as well as people who live in rural areas. According to the most recent Frederick County Community Health Assessment, people of color experience higher rates of every health indicator, from cancer rates to infant mortality.

In Maryland, a disproportionate number of Black residents have died from COVID-19. In Frederick, Hispanics make up only 10.5% of the population but nearly 14% of all confirmed cases of the virus. To address the disparity, Frederick County has taken a number of steps to ensure everyone has access to the COVID-19 vaccination effort. Vital public health information is presented in multiple formats and languages. Outreach efforts include trusted community members. And community vaccination clinics are being scheduled by the Frederick County Health Department in collaboration with the faith community, as well as with cultural and ethnic organizations.

Because race and ethnicity have been tied directly to disparities in all health indicators for which sufficient data exists, Executive Gardner joined Public Health Officer Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, and County Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer in signing a joint declaration of racism as a public health crisis. Council Member Keegan-Ayer represents Council District 3, the most culturally and ethnically diverse district in Frederick County.

See the complete press release [here](#).

Maryland State Updates

Governor Hogan announced today that Maryland will move into the next phases of vaccination by specific dates:

Phase	Who	When
2A	All Marylanders age 60 and older.	March 23
2B	Marylanders age 16 and older with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 illness.	March 30
2C	All Marylanders age 55 and older, as well as essential workers in critical industries, including construction workers, food services, utilities, transportation, financial services, IT and other infrastructure.	April 13
3	General population, including healthy adults age 16 and older.	April 27

Adults 60 years and older can preregister for the state mass vaccination sites now! Go to covidvax.maryland.gov to preregister for those locations.

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Frederick County Health Department Is Currently Vaccinating

Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) is vaccinating people who live or work in Frederick County in groups: 1A, 1B and people in 1C **born in and before 1952**. Over a 500 educators have been vaccinated this week.

- Process for 65-74 Group: FCHD is currently working to vaccinate people born in or before 1952 who have pre-registered with us through our Vaccine Interest Form on our website. Then we will offer appointments to people born in 1952, and so on down to people 65 years old.
- Process for Educators Group: This week, FCHD held one clinic for educators randomly selected from our Vaccine Interest Form list.

If you were born in 1952 or before, 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 to find a provider near you by zip code.

Update on COVID-19 Vaccine

22,650 total 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department to date. **1,800** 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department this week.

Currently Eligible in Maryland

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.

Current Process for Frederick County Health Department

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.**
- If you have already scheduled or received your 1st dose of vaccine, please [click this link](#) to unsubscribe from the list.
- The Health Department is in communication with medical providers to refer homebound individuals.

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Other Frederick County Updates

Frederick County Board of Health: A Frederick County Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at 7pm.

The meeting will be broadcast live on FCG TV cable channels 19/1085, and webcast at FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV. The public may call 855-925-2801, and entering meeting code 8751 to listen.

Public comments will be accepted on the Board of Health's public portal at <https://FrederickCountyMD.gov/CouncilMeetings>, or by calling toll-free 855-925-2801, entering meeting code 8751, and entering into a queue for live public comment during the meeting.

Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Agenda and proposed regulation are posted here: <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/627/Board-of-Health>



United Way of Frederick County: How has COVID-19 affected you? United Ways across Maryland are conducting a survey to help better understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This information will help us identify trends and emerging local needs, and provide resources and support during this difficult time. This survey asks about you, your household, and what you are doing to get by.

This survey should take about 10 minutes. **Your responses are confidential**, meaning that no one will be able to associate your name with your response.

Please visit uwcm.org/COVIDsurvey to complete the survey before April 5.

If you have questions, please contact ALICESurvey@uwcm.org.



[Go to uwcm.org/COVIDsurvey](http://uwcm.org/COVIDsurvey)



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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Equality



In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.

Equity



In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.

Our Goal: Remove barriers



In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.