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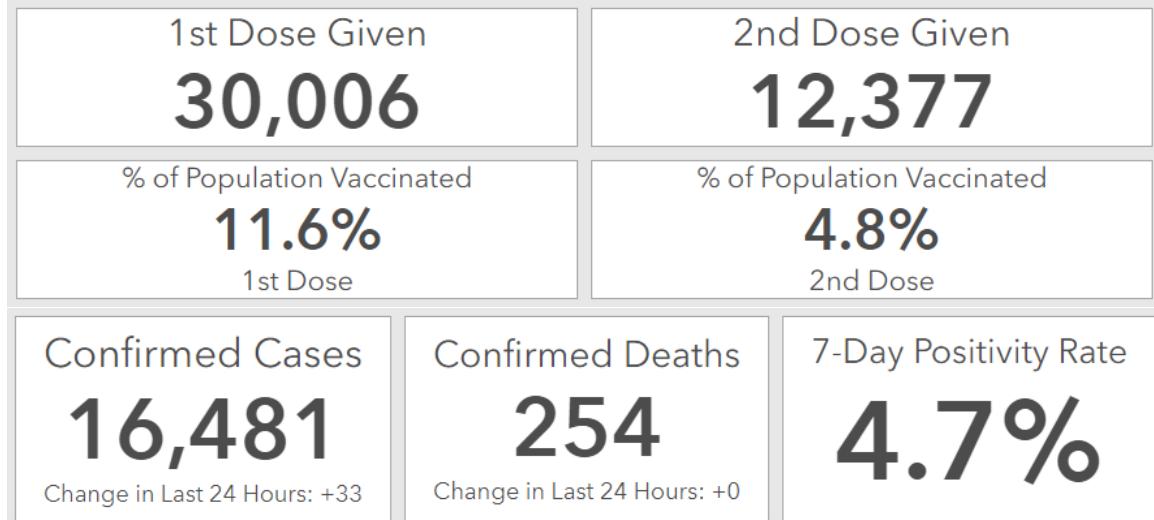
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for February 16, 2021

Frederick, MD – February 16, 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.

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

Update on COVID-19 Vaccine:

13,650 total 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department to date
0 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department yet this week. Federal officials have warned the states that the ongoing series of winter storms may cause delays in shipments to vaccine providers this week.

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Currently Eligible

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.

Currently Vaccinating

Frederick County Health Department is currently vaccinating people who live or work in Frederick County in groups: **1A, 1B and has newly begun to vaccinate people in 1C in the 65-74* age group, starting with those born in and before 1947.**

Our instructions from the state are to prioritize Marylanders who are 75 and older in Phase 1B, Marylanders who are 65 and older in Phase 1C, and a *minimum* of 100 educators** each week. Failure to do so may result in reallocation to other providers within the same jurisdiction.

- Process for 65-74 Group*: FCHD will start by offering appointments to people born in 1947 or earlier who have pre-registered with us through our Vaccine Interest Form on our website. People will be contacted in alphabetical order by first name. Then we will offer appointments to people born in 1948, and so on down to people 65 years old.
- Process for Educators Group**: This week, FCHD will work directly with education employers to determine the order in which educators will be offered vaccine to make future vaccinations more equitable.

If you have pre-registered with us, we will contact you when we can offer an appointment. It may be several weeks or longer until you are contacted since it depends on vaccine availability.

If you were born in 1947 or before and do not have access to the internet, 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.

Current Process

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.**
- We will contact people who have registered on this form by priority group as we receive more vaccine.
- If you have already scheduled or received your 1st dose of vaccine, please click this link to unsubscribe from the list.

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TransIT:

Please continue to wear masks while onboard TransIT buses. Federal law requires wearing a mask while on board a transit vehicle. Refusing to wear a mask is a violation of Federal law, and will result in denial of service, removal from the vehicle, and subject to penalties under Federal law. Thank you for riding TransIT.

Updates from Maryland:

Resource for Frontline Workers and First Responders:

Operation Courage is here to help essential workers find positive ways to cope with worry, fear, or sadness. Get started with a quick, free self care assessment. You'll get your results right away and can choose to either keep the results to yourself or submit them for help with a wellness plan designed for you.

Take the assessment at: <https://www.theoperationcourage.com/assessment-form>



IMPORTANT UPDATES

Maryland Vaccination Sites:

The state's next mass vaccination site will open at M&T Bank Stadium on Thursday, February 25. To receive updates on appointments for mass vaccination sites, text 'MdReady' to 898-211.

More than 200 providers are now listed on covidvax.maryland.gov, where you can search to find a vaccination clinic near you, or call 211 for assistance. Vaccinations are by appointment only, and some providers may allow you to pre-register.

GET INVOLVED

In addition to taking the vaccine when it becomes available to you, there are a few ways you can help:

Volunteer at a clinic. Join the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps to support vaccination clinics across the state. [Sign up to volunteer at a vaccination clinic](#).

Join our campaign. The State of Maryland has launched a grassroots public outreach and equity campaign to promote vaccine confidence. These vaccines are safe, effective, and authorized for use by our country's leading medical experts. [Join the GoVAX campaign](#).

Stay informed. Marylanders are also encouraged to visit covidlink.maryland.gov to review vaccine safety and efficacy information.

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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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