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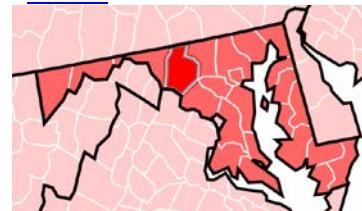
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COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

Level of Community Transmission in Frederick County, MD: **HIGH**



According to [Board of Health Regulation 02-2021](#), masks are required for everyone age 5 years and older in all indoor public places in Frederick County.



Frederick County Fully Vaccinated

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
Fully Vaccinated	176,706	68.1%
1st Doses Given	175,463	67.6%
2nd Doses Given	158,971	61.2%
Single Doses Given	17,735	6.8%

Confirmed Cases:
[34,689 \(+612 in last 24 hrs\)](#)

Confirmed Deaths:
[413 \(+0 in last 24 hrs\)](#)

Positivity Rate: **32.48%**

Case Rate: **222.17/100,000**

Frederick County residents fully vaccinated by age group:

% of Population 5-11 Years	% of Population 12-17 Years	% of Population 12+ Years	% of Population 18+ Years	% of Population 65+ Years
26.9%	71.4%	82.2%	83.4%	94.4%

Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:

# ICU	# Acute Care
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Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19	13	90
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Additional statistics on Frederick County dashboard: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats> and Frederick Health dashboard: <http://frederickhealth.org/COVID19>.

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Update from CDC

Timing for Pfizer Boosters Now 5 Months:

This week, the CDC updated its recommendation for when many people can receive a booster shot, shortening the interval from 6 months to 5 months for people who received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. The booster interval recommendation for people who received the J&J vaccine (2 months) or the Moderna vaccine (6 months), has not changed.

Individuals 18 years and older who received two doses of Moderna vaccine are still eligible for a booster 6 months after their second vaccination. Individuals 18 years and older who received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are still eligible for a booster dose 2 months after their single dose.

! NEW BOOSTER UPDATE AGES 16+



CDC now recommends that anyone who is eligible for a booster and initially received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine receive an mRNA booster shot at least 5 months after completing their primary series.

If you initially received the Moderna vaccine, get your booster shot at least 6 months after completing your primary series.

Boosters for 12-15 Year Olds:

Following the latest action from the FDA, the State of Maryland is now able to provide COVID-19 booster shots for children between the ages of 12 and 15.

Frederick County Health Department vaccination clinics began offering Pfizer boosters to children 12-15 years old on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Upcoming clinics are posted on our website (<http://frederickcountymd.gov/CovidVaccine>) for upcoming health department vaccination clinics. Boosters are available at all vaccination clinics. Scheduling an appointment is the best way to guarantee a vaccination, but some walk-ins will be taken as supply allows.

! NEW VACCINE UPDATE



Adolescents & teens ages 12 to 18 years old who received a COVID-19 vaccine should get a booster.

They can get their booster at least 5 months after completing their primary Pfizer-BioNTech series.

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Board of Health Update

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7pm. The agenda is available at <https://frederickcountymd.gov/BoardofHealth>.

The meeting will be broadcast live on FCG TV, cable channels 19 and 1085, online at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV, or by calling 855-925-2801, and provide the meeting code 8751.



Update about Mask Regulation:

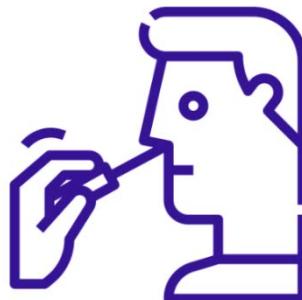
[Board of Health Regulation 02-2021](#) which was passed at the last meeting on Dec. 31 does not have an enforcement component. Individuals who are concerned about a business not enforcing the mask regulation should contact the business owner/management to make sure they are aware that their customers are concerned about masks and would like the business to comply. Customers have the right to choose which businesses they patronize.

Update on COVID-19 Testing

Wait times at testing clinics are long because demand is high. We are working to expand our testing options. Check covidtest.maryland.gov for availability near you.

Get tested if you have [symptoms](#), or have been exposed and it has been 5 days from your exposure.

Employers, please do not require a negative test for someone who has had covid to return to work. Some can continue to test positive for weeks. People can be cleared to return to work when they have completed their isolation.



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Community Partner Updates

City of Frederick: the City of Frederick is taking the following steps effective Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 through Friday Jan. 14, 2022, at which point the City will re-evaluate its operations.

- All public meetings will transition from in-person to virtual. Those that were operating virtually will continue to do so.
- City offices will be closed to the public.
- The Weinberg Center will be closed to the public and all shows will either be canceled or postponed to a later date.
- With modified operations and safety measures in place, Parks and Recreation facilities, including Talley Rec Center, will remain open to the public.
- Parks will remain open for use. Users are encouraged to practice physical distancing, wear a mask when unable to socially distance, and practice proper hand hygiene.

See details in their statement: <https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/civicalerts.aspx?AID=6911>

Fort Detrick: As Maryland continues to combat COVID-19, several services at Fort Detrick and Forest Glen Annex are affected and will temporarily close. These closures are necessary to ensure the health and well-being of the workforce and our families. At Fort Detrick, beginning Wed. December 29, 2021 Veterans Gate will close until further notice. Nallin Farm Gate and Old Farm gates will remain operational for entry and exit. Nallin Farm Gate is open 24/7 at Fort Detrick and any vetting operations at Fort Detrick occur at Nallin Farm Gate. Old Farm is open from 6 am through 6 pm.

Frederick Community College: Due to rising cases of COVID-19, FCC is operating remotely for the week of January 3 through January 9, 2022.

Frederick County Department of Social Services: Beginning Jan. 3, 2022, face coverings will be required for employees and visitors in all state buildings and leased space in all public or shared spaces. **This applies to all State Buildings.**

Frederick County Public Libraries will temporarily adjust their hours as of Monday, January 10, 2022, due to high positivity and community transmission levels of COVID-19. All services and branches remain available. [Updated branch hours can be viewed here.](#)

Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS): FCPS provided general information regarding the FCPS contingency plan during high COVID-19 transmission. More details regarding timelines and procedures will be forthcoming in the days ahead. See this Find Out First message [here](#) for details.

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Frederick County Division of Solid Waste & Recycling: Beginning Wednesday January 5th, until further notice, all transactions will be cash-less. Credit cards and checks will still be accepted for payment. Eliminating cash transactions allows the Division to make adjustments to its workforce in an effort to ensure the continuity of waste disposal services necessary to protect public health. No other adjustments are being made to waste or recycling operations at this time.

Maryland Courts: The courts are returning to [Phase III operations](#) effective December 29, 2021. This includes stopping jury trials, providing more flexible alternative work schedules, telework, stagger personnel, schedule appointments, and scheduling more remote proceedings.

Upcoming Information Forum

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Forum for Frederick County Families

Thursday, January 13 from 4-5PM

Registration is free but required: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0f-2pqjorHtajKiofqnJ0BNKBAq8ZbKKJ>

This forum is hosted by the Frederick County Health Care Coalition and made possible in partnership with Frederick Health, Frederick County Health Department, Frederick County Public Schools, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Asian American Center of Frederick County and United Way of Frederick County. The forum will take place on Zoom on January 13 from 4-5PM.

Forum Panelists:

- Shawn Dennison, Public Affairs Officer, Frederick County Health Department
- Jackie Douge, Pediatrician and Founder of What is Black (<https://www.whatisblack.co/aboutdrdouge>)
- Dan Lippy, Ed. D., Director, School Management & Charter Schools, Frederick County Public Schools
- Maria Herrera, Executive Director, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland
- Moderated by Malcolm Furgol, Executive Director of the Frederick County Health Care Coalition

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Frederick Vaccination Update

All Marylanders 5 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. **Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 5-17 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Frederick County Health Department has clinics in a variety of locations throughout the county. This list can be found at <http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine>. New links are added on Mondays.

- Call 855-634-6829 Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm to:
 - Schedule an appointment
 - Schedule an in-home vaccination
 - Arrange for a free Lyft ride to a vaccination clinic. Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited for more information. The first \$25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.
- For other dates/times, check out [Frederick Health Hospital](#) and other [locations](#).

Childcare option: [KinderCare](#), [Learning Care Group](#), and [YMCA](#) are all offering free child care to help parents and caregivers get vaccinated. For more information, visit the provider's website.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for People 12 years and older			
Date	Time	Location	Inside/Outdoor
Thursday, Jan. 6	3-7pm	800 Oak Street Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions)	Indoor
Thursday, Jan. 6	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrange St. Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Thursday, Jan. 6	5-7pm	Brunswick Park Building 655 E. Potomac St., Brunswick, MD 21716	Indoor
Friday, Jan. 7	10am-2pm	800 Oak Street Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions)	Indoor
Saturday, Jan. 8	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions)	Indoor
Monday, Jan. 10	5-7pm	Thurmont Regional Library 76 East Moser Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788	Indoor
Tuesday, Jan. 11	4-6pm	Vigilant Hose Company Activities Building 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727	Indoor
Wednesday, Jan. 12	3-7pm	800 Oak Street Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions)	Indoor
Wednesday, Jan. 12	4-6pm	Carver Apartments 207 Lee Alley, Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Thursday, Jan. 13	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrange St. Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor

For More Information:

For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- For testing: <https://covidtest.maryland.gov/>
- For vaccination: <https://www.vaccines.gov/> or <http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine>
- 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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