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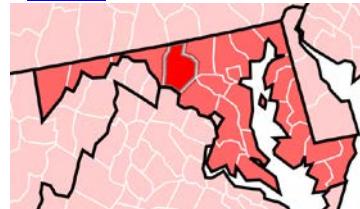
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COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

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	179,548	69.2%
1st Doses Given	178,680	68.8%
2nd Doses Given	161,709	62.3%
Single Doses Given	17,839	6.9%

Confirmed Cases:
41,095 (+335 in last 24 hrs)

Confirmed Deaths:
447 (+5 in last 24 hrs)

Positivity Rate: 24.67%

Case Rate: 123.5/100,000

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
31.9%	72.6%	83.1%	84.1%	95.0%

Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:

# ICU	# Acute Care
18	88

Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19

Additional statistics on Frederick County dashboard: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats> and Frederick Health dashboard: <http://frederickhealth.org/COVID19>.

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Order Your Test Kits

Every home in the U.S. can now order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests through the website <http://covidtests.gov/>. The tests are free, including no shipping costs, and you do not need to enter a credit card number.

Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Read more [frequently asked questions](#).

NOTE: test kits are not available at the health department.



CDC Update about Masks

Wearing a mask that fits well, is most protective, and that you will wear consistently is a critical public health tool for preventing spread of COVID-19.

Some masks and respirators offer higher levels of protection than others, and some may be harder to tolerate or wear consistently than others. It is most important to [wear a well-fitting mask](#) or respirator correctly that is comfortable for you and that provides good protection.

Properly fitted respirators provide the highest level of protection and may be most important for certain higher risk situations, or by some people at [increased risk for severe disease](#).

CDC's [mask recommendations](#) provide information that people can use to improve how well their masks protect them.

DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask

NOTE: KN95 or N95 masks are not available at the health department. We will provide an update when we have details.

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Frequently Asked Questions from Maryland Department of Health

What COVID-19 treatment options are available?

There are now two types of treatments available to treat COVID-19: monoclonal antibodies and oral antiviral pills. Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins to fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Although these treatments are not a cure, they may lessen the severity of symptoms and help keep high-risk patients out of the hospital.

How can I get treatment for COVID-19?

Talk to your health care provider as soon as you test positive for COVID-19 or are aware that you have been exposed to COVID-19 so they can determine if COVID-19 treatments are the right treatment for you. Due to fluctuations in supply, health care providers statewide are now prioritizing patients most at risk for serious illness from COVID-19 for treatment.

There is also a newly approved monoclonal antibody (Evusheld) which is preventive, for eligible patients who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and who have NOT been exposed or tested positive for COVID-19.

For more information about COVID-19 Treatments options, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/therapeutic-options.html>

Board of Health Update

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6pm. 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.



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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. Boosters are available at all clinics.

- 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:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Jan. 20	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrange St. Frederick, MD 21701
Thursday, Jan. 20	5-7pm	Brunswick Branch Library 915 North Maple Ave, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Jan. 21	10am-2pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Saturday, Jan. 22	10am-1pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Saturday, Jan. 22	10am-2pm	Discovery Community Room 8740 Stauffer Road, Walkersville, MD 21793
Monday, Jan. 24	5-7pm	Thurmont Regional Library 76 East Moser Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788
Tuesday, Jan. 25	4-6pm	Vigilant Hose Company Activities Building 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Wednesday, Jan. 26	3-7pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Wednesday, Jan. 26	4-6pm	Carver Apartments 207 Lee Alley Frederick, MD 21701

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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