

# Frederick County Board of Health

## May 25, 2021

### AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** – Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County
- II. **Review of COVID-19 Response Operations** – Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County
- III. **Public Comments - Members of the public will be given three (3) minutes to provide comments**  
*Public comments will be accepted on a public portal at <https://www.publicinput.com/H2716>, or by calling toll-free 855- 925-2801, entering meeting code 8751 to enter into a queue for live public comment during the meeting. Written comments will be included in the Board of Health record and minutes. Please note that personnel matters are confidential and cannot be received through this kind of forum.*
- IV. **Upcoming Meetings**
  - October, 2021
- V. **Adjourn**

*The Board of Health's meeting will be broadcast live on FCG TV cable channels 19/1085, and webcast at [FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV](http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV).*

*The public may listen to the meeting by calling toll-free 855- 925-2801, and entering meeting code 8751.*

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Health Officer



**Public Health**  
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## Mission

The mission of the Frederick County Health Department is to improve the health and well-being of the residents of Frederick County through programs to prevent disease and illness, promote wellness and safety and protect public health.

## Vision

Frederick County leads as a community of health and wellness.



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# Our Values

**Excellence:** We strive to maintain the high quality of work as we continue to meet the standards by our accredited status.

**Integrity:** We maintain consistency in what we say and what we do. We uphold ethical standards and maintain accountability to each other and the communities we serve.

**Making a Difference:** We believe the department's actions should assist our communities in addressing underlying factors that affect good health.

**People:** We value our employees as professional colleagues. We treat our customers, clients, partners, and those we serve with respect by listening, understanding, and responding to needs.

**Quality:** We actively work to maintain and improve our culture of quality, seeking opportunities to improve our daily work and looking for creative solutions to the challenges that face us.



# COVID-19 Update

## Confirmed Cases

**19,732**

Change in Last 24 Hours: +12

## Confirmed Deaths

**316**

Change in Last 24 Hours: +0

## 7-Day Positivity Rate

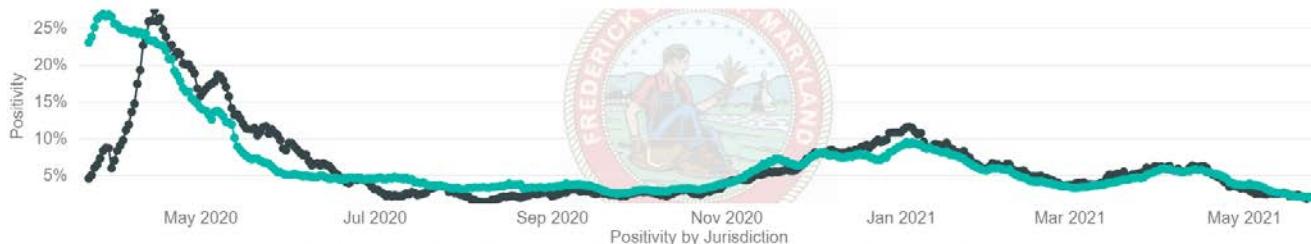
**2%**

3/23/2020 5/24/2021

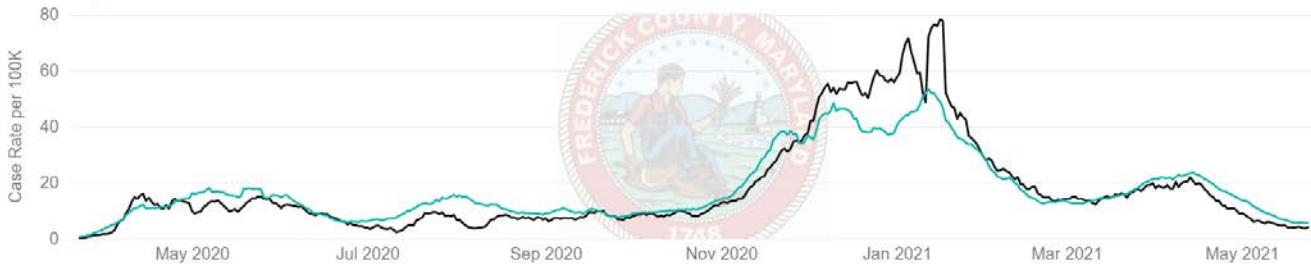


**Frederick County Percent Positive Rate (7-Day Avg)**

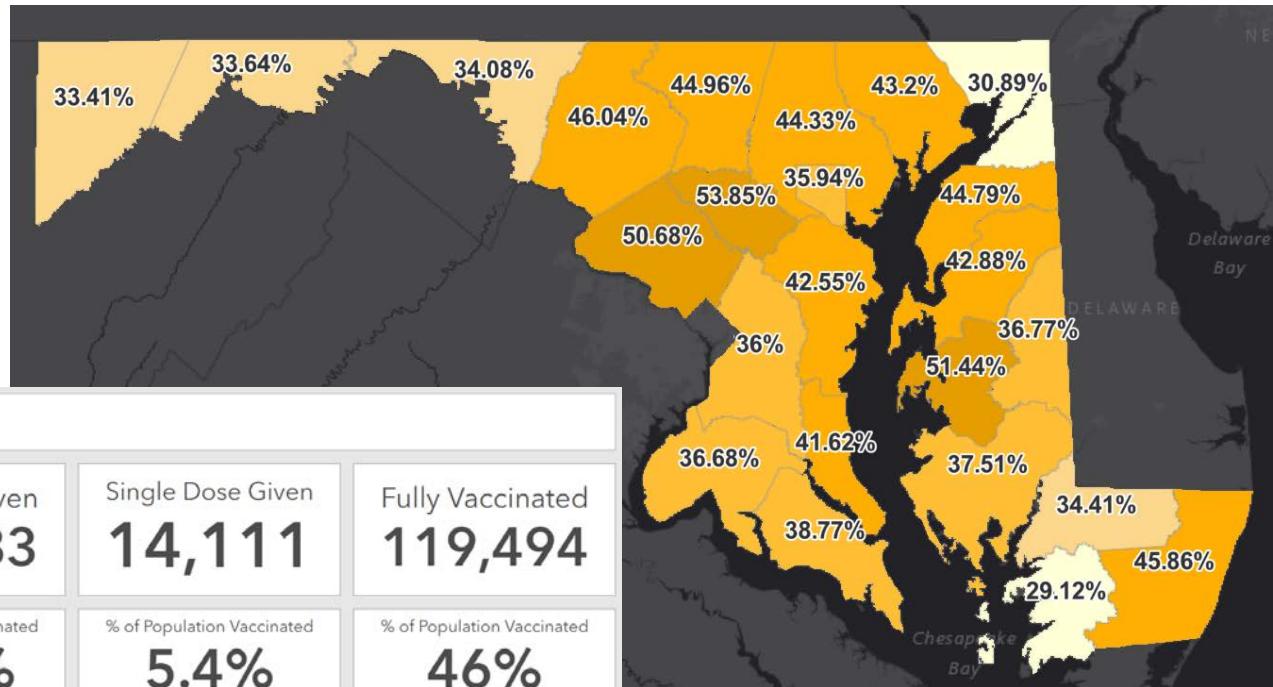
● Frederick ● State Wide



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# COVID-19 Update



Frederick County is 4<sup>th</sup> in state for residents being fully vaccinated.



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# Local health departments impact our lives every day



# Health Department Divisions

- 1. Administration
- 2. Behavioral Health
- 3. Community Health
- 4. Developmental Center
- 5. Environmental Health
- 6. Health Care Connection & Preparedness
- 7. Mental Health
- 8. Office of Planning, Assessment & Communication
- 9. School Health
- 10. COVID *new!*

State divisions in black

County divisions in blue

# Administration

- Vital Records
  - Birth and death certificates
- Accounting - Manages 70-80 budgets annually
- Procurement/purchasing
- Human Resources for state divisions
- Payroll for state divisions
- IIT staff assigned to health department



# Administration during COVID

- Vital Records paused when in-person services stopped, online option available through state.
  - FY20 – \$91,240 loss of revenue
  - FY21 – \$266,960 loss of revenue
- HR/New Hires (not including temp agency staffing)
  - State staff – 53 COVID hires
  - County staff – 140 COVID hires

# Administration during COVID

COVID Funding Stream	Funding Purpose	Award Amount	Expenditures	Encumbered	Remaining
FCG - Coronavirus Relief Fund (FCHD Reimbursement Submissions)	All COVID Efforts	\$2,160,957	\$2,160,957	\$ -	\$ -
MDH - Public Health Crisis Response	COVID Staff Overtime/PPE	\$36,009	\$36,009	\$ -	\$ -
MDH - Enhancing Detection	Testing/CI/CT	\$932,430	\$500,604	\$1,401	\$430,425
MDH - COVID Immunization Cares 1	Vaccine Efforts	\$148,741	\$138,377	\$10,364	\$ -
MDH - COVID Mass Vaccination CARES	Vaccine Efforts	\$520,676	\$ -	\$207,583	\$313,093
MDH - FEMA Emergency Protective Measures	Vaccine Efforts	\$1,930,500	\$ -	\$1,046,372	\$884,128
<b>Total 3.1.2020 - 5.20.21</b>		<b>\$5,729,313</b>	<b>\$2,835,947</b>	<b>\$1,265,720</b>	<b>\$1,627,646</b>

# Behavioral Health

- Local Behavioral Health Authority
- Adult Evaluation & Review Services (AERS)
- Adult Recovery Services:
  - CORE
  - Recovery Coach Academy
- Harm Reduction Services:
  - Overdose Response Training/Naloxone Distribution
  - Rapid HIV & Hep C testing
  - Sexual Health in Recovery
  - Street Safe Program
- Prevention Programs:
  - Alcohol and Opioid Misuse Programs
  - Merchant Sales Compliance
  - Tobacco Prevention & Cessation
- Youth Support Services:
  - Kids Like Us
  - On the Mark/Adolescent Clubhouse

# Behavioral Health during COVID

- **Created a Behavioral Health Incident Command System**
  - Facility Outbreak Prevention and Management
  - Provided Technical Assistance to 32 Treatment, Housing and Support Providers
  - Distributed PPE to Behavioral Health Service Providers
- Grant initiatives to aid Behavioral Health Service Providers in converting their services to virtual platforms
- Created a new position to advance Suicide Prevention efforts



# Behavioral Health during COVID

- **Converted services to virtual platform**
  - Kids Like Us
  - On The Mark
  - CORE Recovery Center
  - Overdose Response Training
  - Peer Recovery Specialists working 1:1
- **Outreach**
  - Narcan Delivery
  - Syringe Services Delivery
  - Peer Recovery Specialists (Substance Use and MH)
  - On The Mark
  - Kids Like Us
  - COAST (Community Outreach and Support Team)
- **Community Advances**
  - Expansion of Mobile Crisis (24/7)
  - MHA Walk-In Crisis Center Expansion
  - 211
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# Behavioral Health during COVID

- **A Way Forward Together Campaign**



A Way Forward Together-  
Depression

A Way Forward Together-  
Alcohol and Drugs

A Way Forward Together-  
Trauma

A Way Forward Together-  
Suicidal Thoughts



A Way Forward Together-  
Teens (30 Seconds)

A Way Forward Together-  
Teens (60 Seconds)



# Community Health

- Communicable Disease
  - Outbreak Management
  - Human Rabies Exposure
  - Tuberculosis
- HIV/AIDS Services
- Immunization Clinic
- Chronic Disease Prevention
  - Breast cancer screening
  - Cervical cancer screening
  - Colorectal cancer screening
  - Diabetes prevention
- Maternal Child Health
  - Lead & Asthma Home Visiting Program
  - Safe Kids Frederick County
  - Special Delivery Nursing & Home Visiting Program
- WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program



# Community Health during COVID

- ~1000 after hour calls were received and triaged from the Emergency Communications Center and FHH infectious Disease Coordinator from January 2020 to the present.
- Provided follow-up on every positive COVID case in the county as well as other reportable infectious disease cases that totaled 1810 in FY 20 (999 in FY 19) prior to new COVID unit.
- From January 2021 to March 2021, staff contributed over 5,000 hours of service to the COVID-19 vaccine clinic operations or other elements of the response while maintaining their regular duties such as rabies case triage, cancer prevention services and child fatality review cases. = ~10 staff FT.
- Collaborated with Frostburg University and Towson University to host senior student interns, reducing a backlog of 6,000 COVID-19 case reports.



# Developmental Center

- **Dental Clinic**
- **Audiology**
- **Infants & Toddlers Program**
- **Respite Care**
- **School Based Services**
  - Occupational and Physical Therapy



# Developmental Center during COVID

- Dental Clinic:
  - Open since June 2020 with reduced visits to accommodate the recommended time interval between patients in the dental operatory chair.



# Environmental Health

- **Food Control:** Plan review and Licensing of Food Service Facilities, Inspection of Licensed Food Service Facilities, Foodborne Outbreak Investigations, Mobile Units, Temporary Events, Sanitary Surveys, Response to Public Sewer Overflows, Complaint Investigations.
- **Well and Septic:** Site evaluations for Onsite Sewage Disposal, Well Permitting and Inspection, Septic System Design Review and Inspection, Building Permit Review, Septic System Repairs, Licensing of Liquid Waste Haulers, Commercial Site Plan Review, Septic and Well Information Requests for Real Estate Transfers, Complaint Investigations.
- **Community Services and Development Review:** Subdivision Plat Review, Rabies Investigations, Certificate of Potability for Water Systems, Burning Permits, Swimming Pool Licensing and Inspection, Nuisance and Burning Complaints.<sup>21</sup>



# Environmental Health during COVID

- Adapted permitting processes to accommodate customers without building entry.
- Put in place engineering controls to accomplish in-person field work safely.
- Continued providing all services normally provided by the EHS Division.
- Provided staffing for vaccination clinics and COVID Orders' Enforcement.
- Managed county contractor staff to conduct over 3,500 COVID related inspections and complaint investigations since December 2020.



# Health Care Connection & Preparedness

- Maryland Children's Health (Insurance) Program (MCHP)
- Medical Assistance Transportation
- Administrative Care Coordination/Ombudsman Program
- Public Health Preparedness

# Health Care Connection & Preparedness during COVID

- Maryland Children's Health (Insurance) Program maintained staff on site throughout the pandemic. Overall, our Medicaid enrollments decreased 22% for FY21 because of COVID-19.
- Our Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program staff also remained on site throughout the pandemic and have facilitated over 10,000 medical trips for our beneficiaries since July 2020.



# Health Care Connection & Preparedness during COVID

- Public Health Preparedness staff have been critical in providing primary support to our COVID 19 County response having worked 790 hours overtime just this fiscal year with the bulk of that overtime committed to organizing and running our multiple COVID vaccine clinics.



# Mental Health Services

- Adult mental health treatment
  - Diagnostic Evaluations
  - Family, Individual, and Group Therapy
  - Psychiatric Evaluations
  - Medication Management



# Mental Health Services during COVID

- March 16, 2020 - MHS face to face services were discontinued
- March 17, 2020 – MHS clinicians began providing treatment services to scheduled clients via telephone before telephone services were officially approved for reimbursement.
- March 18, 2020 – MHS clinicians began teleworking from their homes using their personal computers and phones until the technology plan was developed and equipment was purchased.
- MHS staff worked together with County IIT to develop a technology plan for continued telework and telehealth.
- Telehealth flexibilities have allowed clients access to mental health services via voice only or video while they are in a location of their choice which is convenient and safe for them.
- The reminder calls and the telehealth flexibilities have allowed MHS clinicians to meet their clients' increased mental health needs more consistently, during the COVID emergency.
- The COVID emergency has prompted problem-solving and innovation of the MHS mental health services delivery system to better serve mental health clients who are often faced with significant access challenges.



# Office of Planning, Assessment & Communication

- Community Health Assessments
- Strategic Planning
- Performance Management
- Public Health Accreditation
- Internal Policies
- Media interaction
- Website and social media

# Office of Planning, Assessment & Communication during COVID

- Created a Joint Information Center in March 2020 with 20+ county agencies to coordinate communication efforts, still ongoing!
- Staff reassigned in March 2020 to manage Contact Tracing Unit
- Offered community an opt-in option for text/email updates on COVID (25,000+ people)
- 170+ press releases sent
- Actively engage with public through website, social media, and reporter coverage
- Ongoing outreach and coordination with dozens of community partners, businesses, advocates, etc.



# COVID Division

- Contact Tracing
  - Started March 2020, multiple systems created in-house
  - 100+ FCHD employees from 8/9 divisions
  - 16 staff hired
  - Began using State covidLINK system in June 2020
  - Since June 2020, completed:
    - 50,000+ outbound calls to cases and contacts
    - 7,500+ initial interviews with cases
    - 7,000+ initial interviews with contacts of cases
  - Health Care Provider Call Line: March 2020 to present - 1,031 calls



# COVID Division

- Congregate Facility Liaisons
  - 25 staff
  - Assigned to long term care facilities, congregate living, childcare, schools (FCPS, higher education, non-public schools)
  - Resource Center for Schools: 9 staff, 1 bilingual
    - 900+ calls (inbound and outbound) from 5/1/21 to present
- Warehouse facilities for PPE: 1 FCHD employee supported by 3 FCG SH employees & FCG DEM
- Testing: started June 2020
  - 16 staff, several bilingual
  - Standing location and multiple recurring and pop-ups
  - >25,000 tested



# COVID Division

- Vaccine: 1<sup>st</sup> dose Dec. 23, 2020
  - 263 clinics (Scott Key Center, Butterfly Ridge Elementary School, Drive-Thru, Frederick Community College, Oak Street, community pop-ups)
  - 76,505 vaccinations (and counting!)
  - Staffing from FCHD, FCG, 180+ hires
- Appointment Call Center:
  - 21 staff, SKC employees, FCG, 4 bilingual hires.
  - Started Jan. 19, 2021
  - 14,204 calls received





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