



# Frederick County Board of Health

## February 3, 2022

**I. Call to Order** – Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County

**II. COVID-19 Situation Update** – Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer for Frederick County

**III. Old Business**

- Approval of Minutes from: 1/20/2022
- Policies and Procedures - update

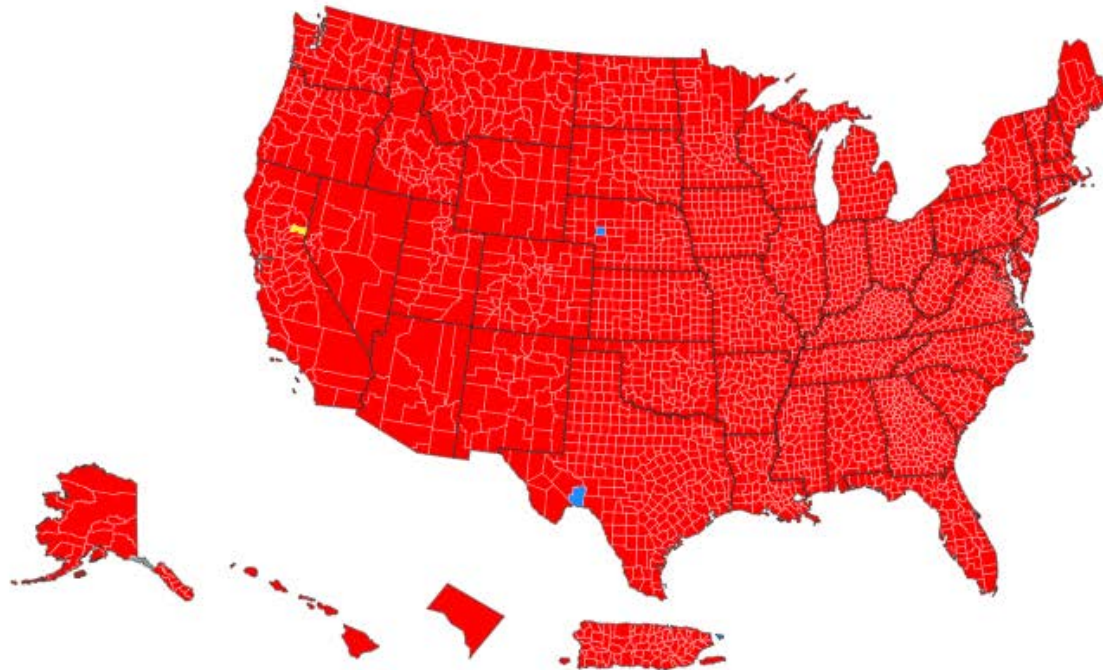
**VI. Upcoming Meetings**

- To be determined

**VII. Adjourn**



# CDC – Community Transmission Level



Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	3215	99.78%	-0.03%
Substantial	0	0%	0%
Moderate	1	0.03%	0%
Low	4	0.12%	0%

[How is community transmission calculated?](#)

● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data

Current 7-days is Wed Jan 26 2022 - Tue Feb 01 2022 for case rate and Mon Jan 24 2022 - Sun Jan 30 2022 for percent positivity. The percent change in counties at each level of transmission is the absolute change compared to the previous 7-day period.



# CDC Nowcast Model Estimates Proportion Circulating Variants

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>



Omicron is still overwhelmingly the dominant variant circulating.



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## Frederick County COVID-19 Update February 3, 2022

**Community  
Transmission**  
**HIGH**

Case Rate per 100,000  
(7-Day Average)

**38.97**

Positivity Rate  
(7-Day Average)

**13.68%**

Confirmed Cases

**43,008**

Change in last 24 Hours (+113)

Confirmed Deaths

**476**

Change in last 24 Hours (+1)

% of County Population

**69.9%**

Fully Vaccinated



[FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats](https://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats)



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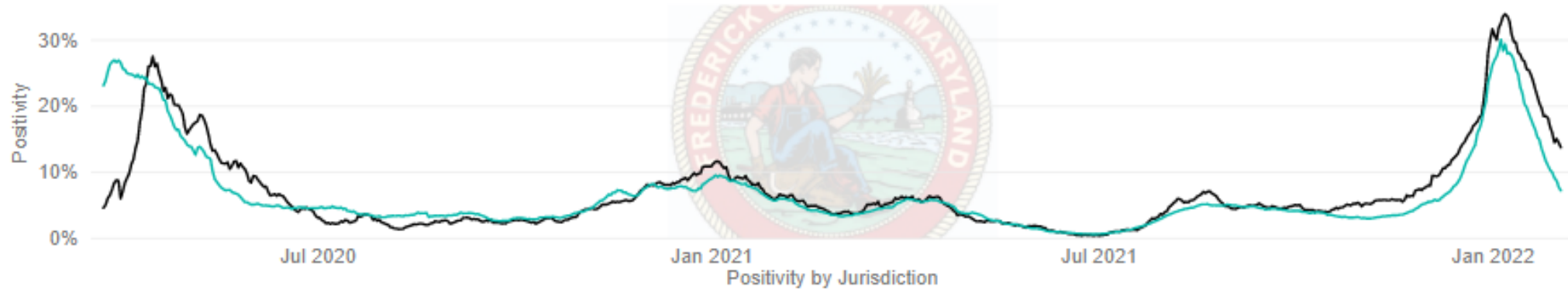


3/23/2020

2/2/2022

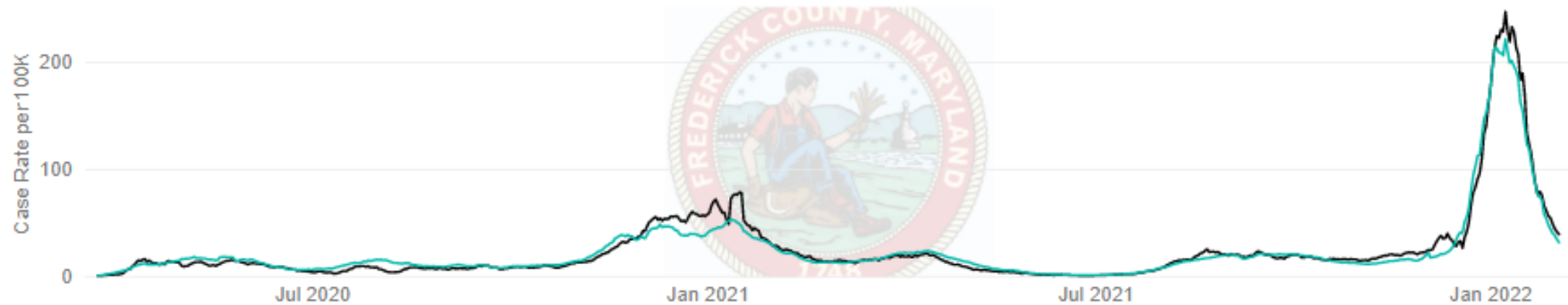
### Frederick County Percent Positive Rate (7-Day Avg)

● Frederick ● State Wide



### Frederick County Case Rate per 100K (7 Day Moving Average)

● Frederick ● State Wide





# Maryland Daily COVID-19 Report

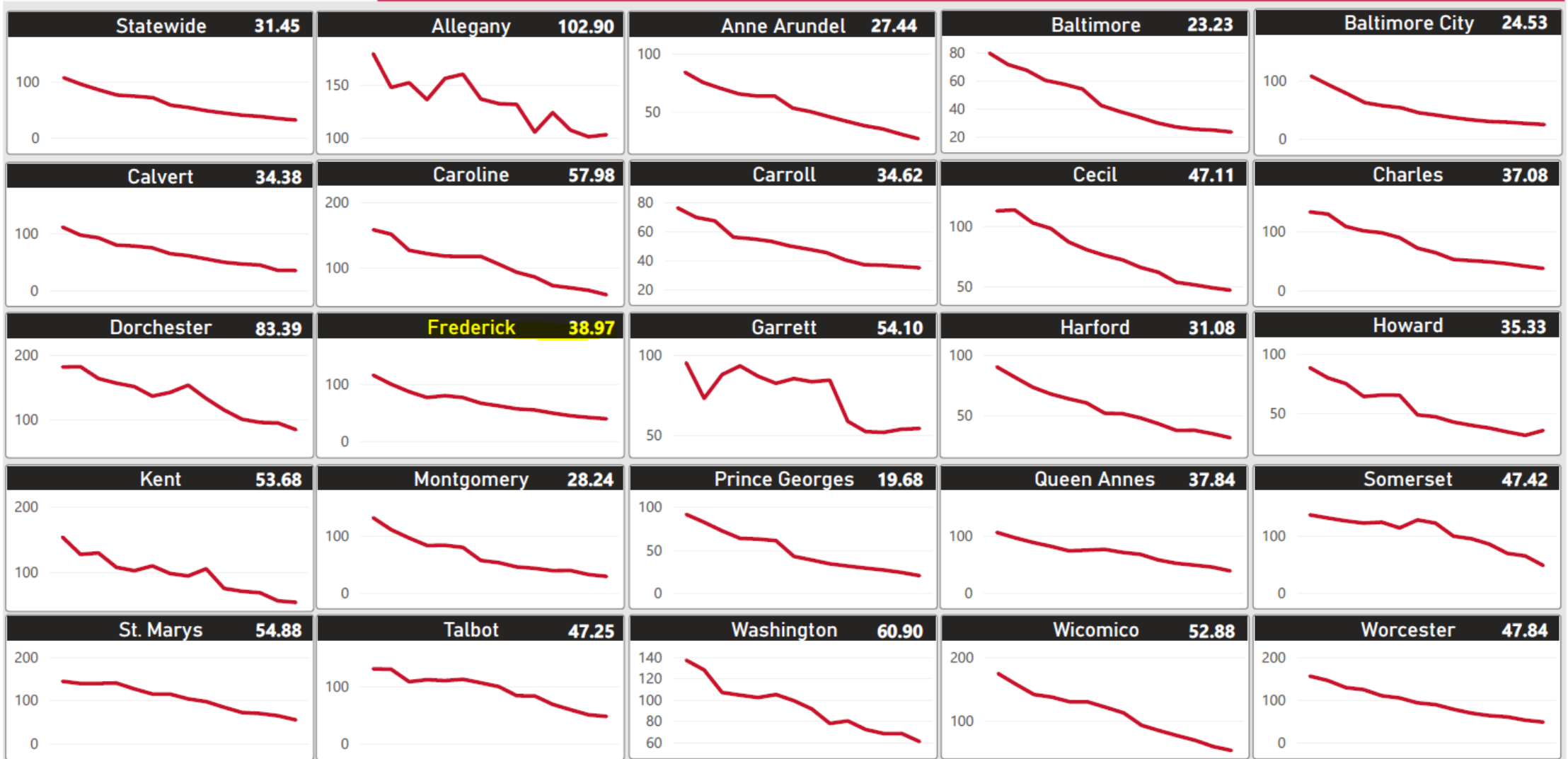
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New Case Rates by Jurisdiction – Last Two Weeks

NUMBERS ARE PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Data as of: 2/3/2022

Data Through: 2/2/2022

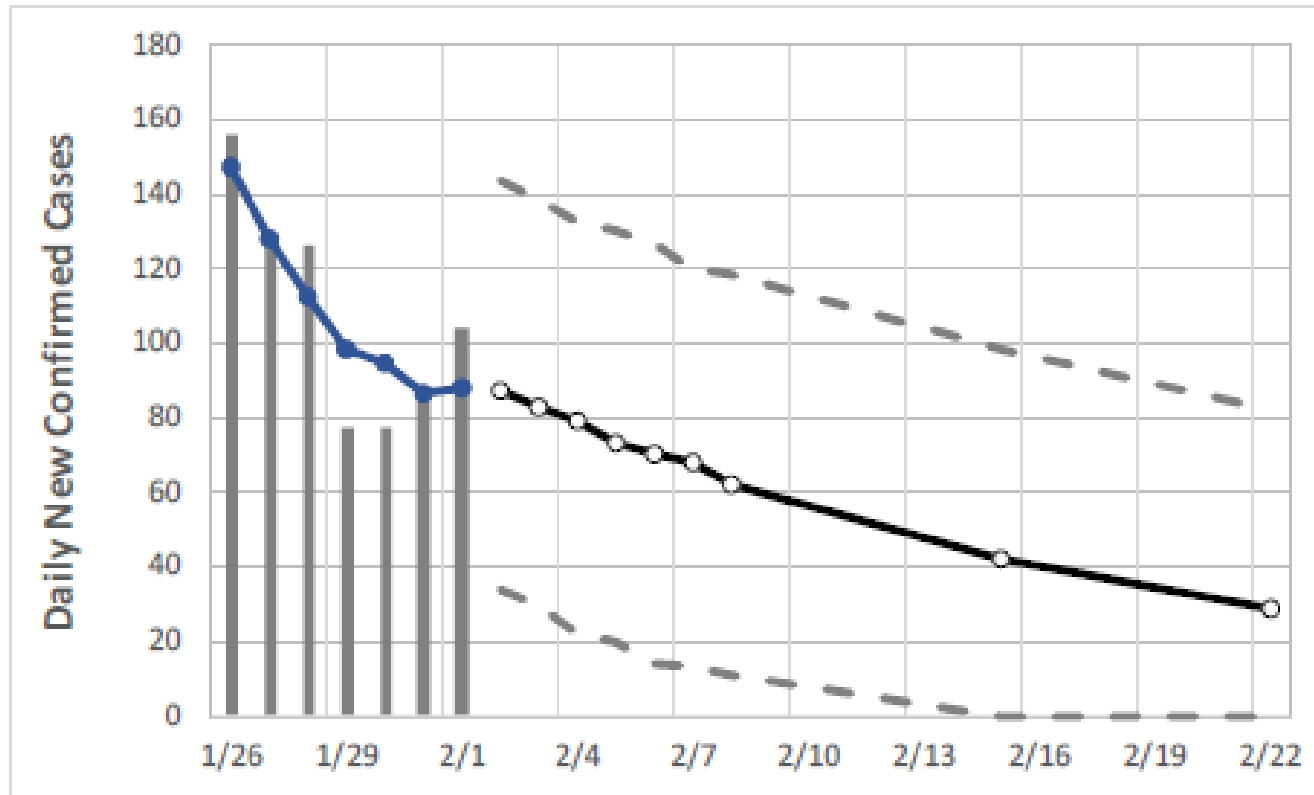




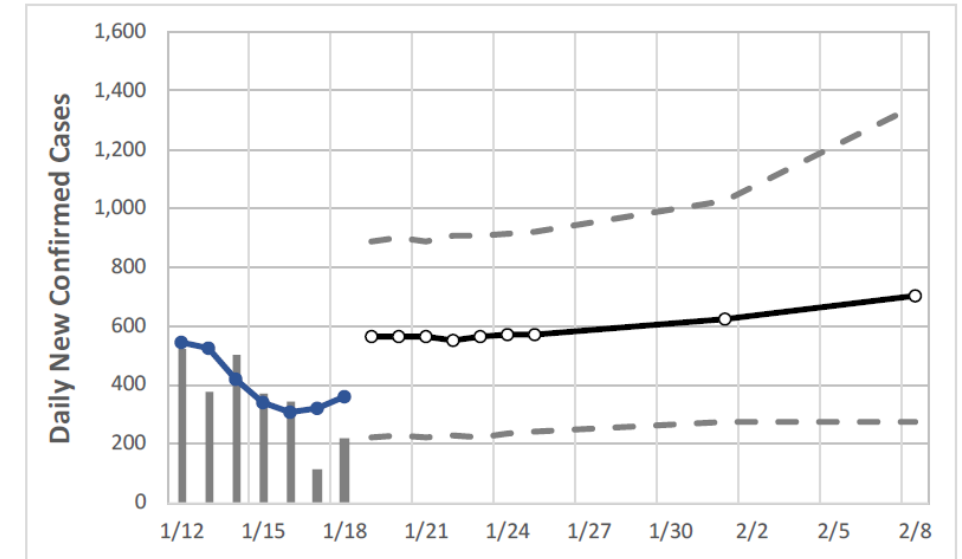


# Projected Cases

Data from 2/2/2022



Two weeks ago (1/19/2022):

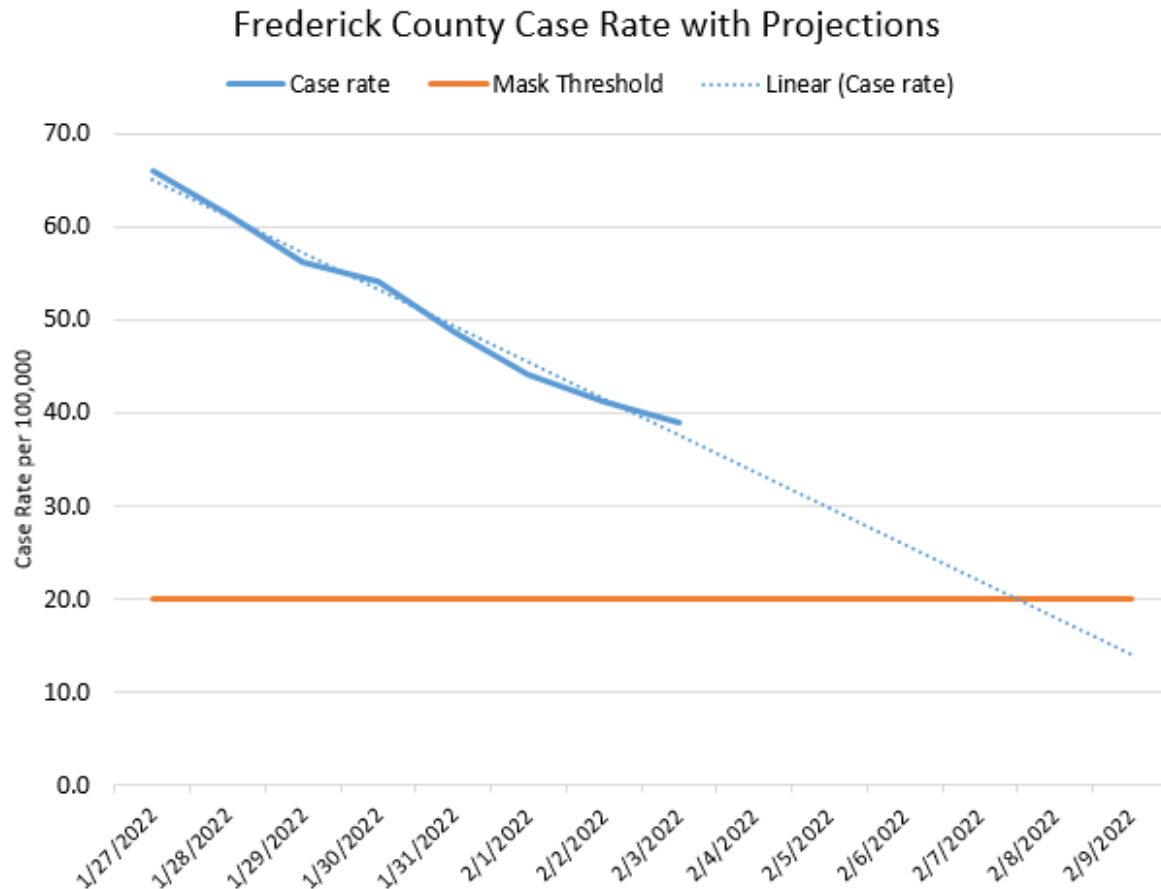


Projected totals in upcoming weeks:

2/15	2/22
43,775	44,012



# Projected Case Rate

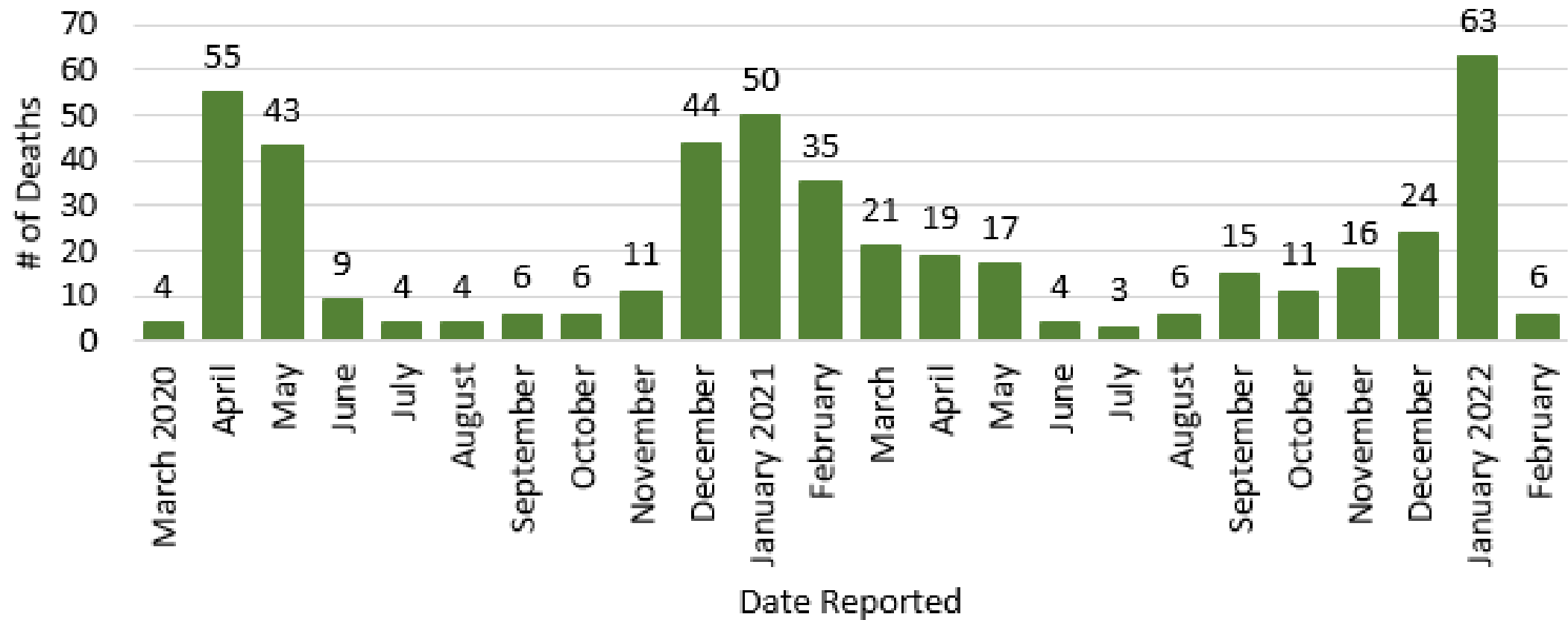


- Case rate peak on 1/9 at 246.7 per 100,000.
- Frederick County has had a 83% decrease in our case rate since Jan. 9.
- Projections show that we will likely reach a case rate of 20 per 100,000 within the next week.



# COVID-19 Deaths by Month

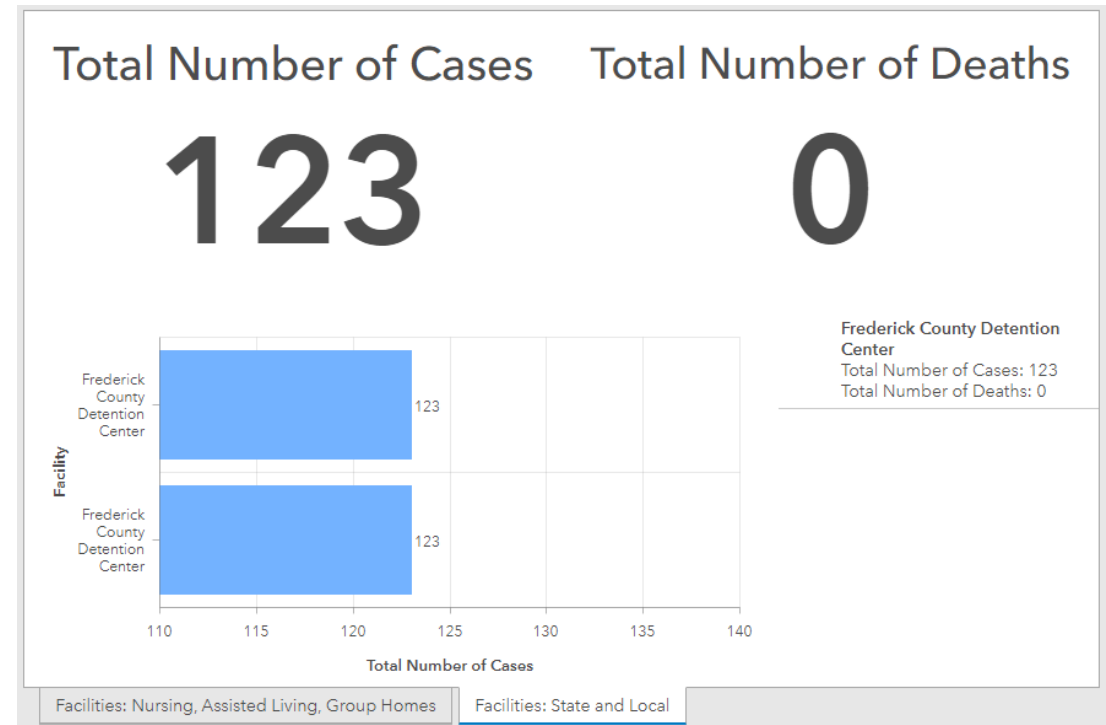
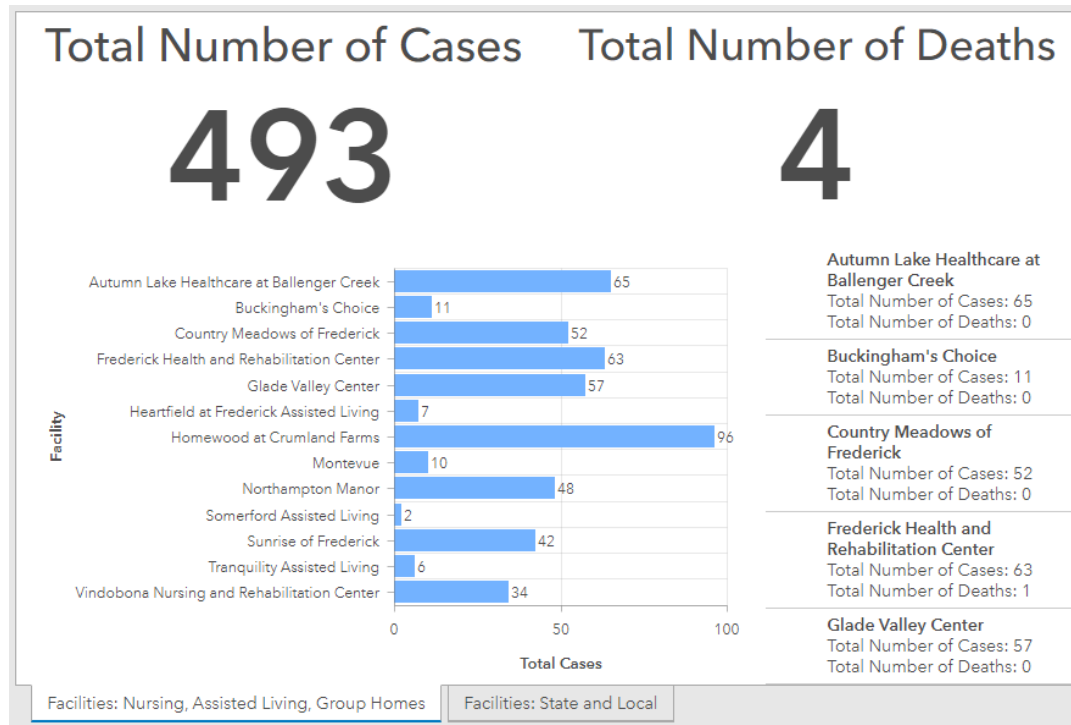
Frederick County COVID-19 Deaths by Month



# Frederick County Congregate Facility Outbreaks

**Two weeks ago: 349 cases, 5 deaths**

**Two weeks ago: 36 cases, 0 deaths**





# Outbreak-Associated Cases in Schools (as of 2/2)

## Outbreak-Associated Cases in Schools

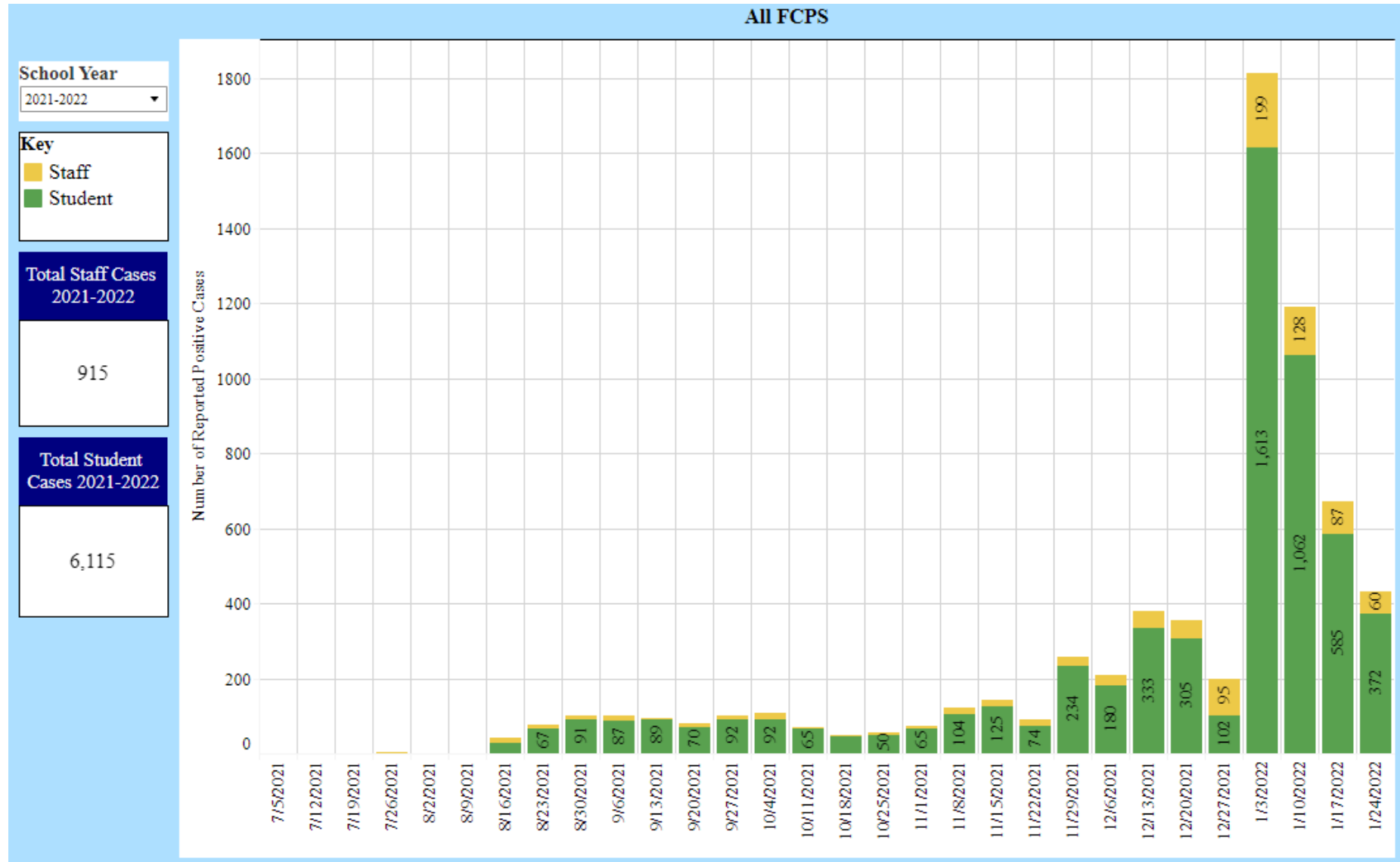


School	County	Positive Cases	Last Update
Ballenger Creek Middle School	Frederick	51	2/2/2022
Carroll Manor Elementary School	Frederick	3	2/2/2022
Centerville Elementary School	Frederick	13	2/2/2022
Frederick Classical Charter School	Frederick	9	2/2/2022
Frederick Classical Christian	Frederick	4	2/2/2022
Glade Elementary School	Frederick	10	2/2/2022
Lewistown Elementary School	Frederick	5	2/2/2022
Monocacy Elementary School	Frederick	3	2/2/2022
Monocacy Valley Montessori School	Frederick	3	2/2/2022
Sugarloaf Elementary School	Frederick	3	2/2/2022
Thomas Johnson High School	Frederick	3	2/2/2022
Walkersville High School	Frederick	34	2/2/2022
Waverly Elementary	Frederick	8	2/2/2022
<b>Total</b>		<b>149</b>	

For more school data, go to <https://www.fcps.org/dashboard>.

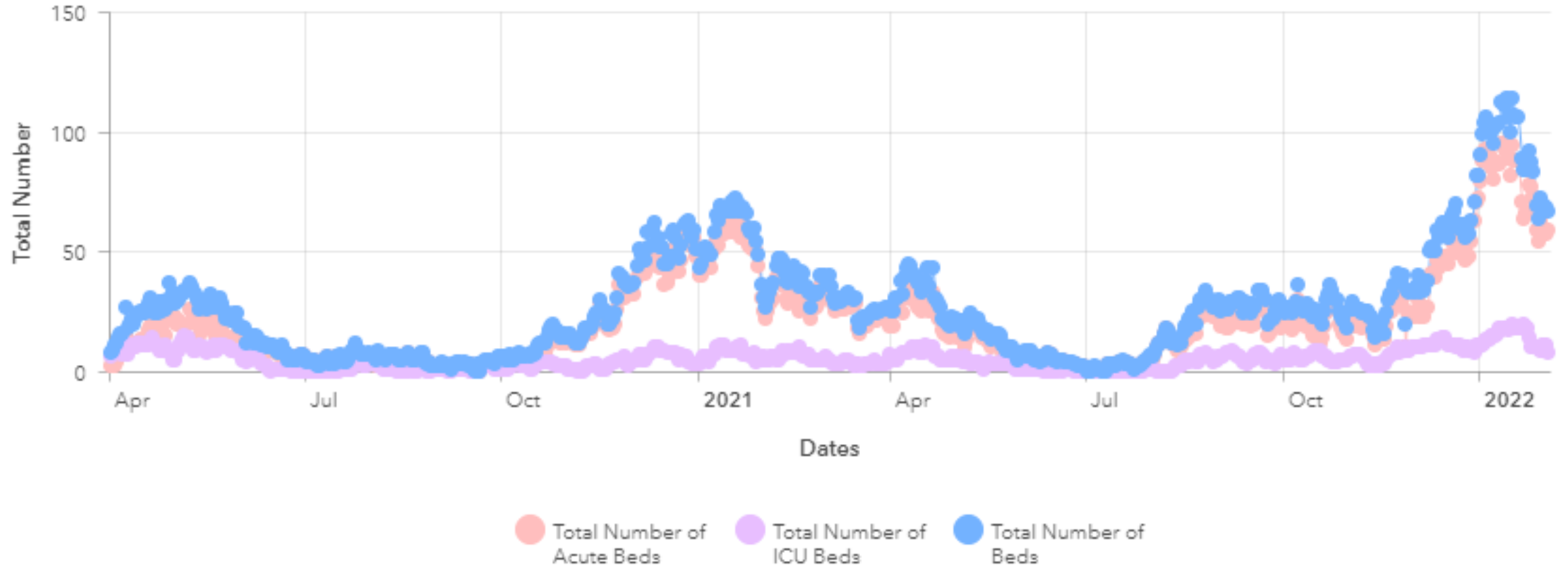


# FCPS Dashboard





## Frederick County Covid-19 Hospitalizations



Hospitalizations

Confirmed Cases Over Time

Total Cases Over Time

Confirmed Deaths Over Time



# Frederick Health Daily COVID-19 Update

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Currently  
Hospitalized

290

COVID-19  
Inpatients

71

COVID-19  
ICU Patients

6

## Weekly COVID-19 Hospitalizations



Vaccinated  
Inpatients

34

Unvaccinated  
Inpatients

35

Drive Thru  
Tests

107



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# Frederick Health Hospital

Kathy J. Weishaar MD MMM FHM

*Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer*





# Impact of COVID-19 on County Services

Update from County Executive Jan Gardner



# Treatments

## Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

With data showing that bamlanivimab and etesevimab (administered together) and REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab) are highly unlikely to be active against the Omicron variant, which is circulating at a very high frequency throughout the U.S., these treatments are no longer authorized for use in any U.S. states, territories, and jurisdictions at this time. [FDA](#) (Interim Update Published 01/25)



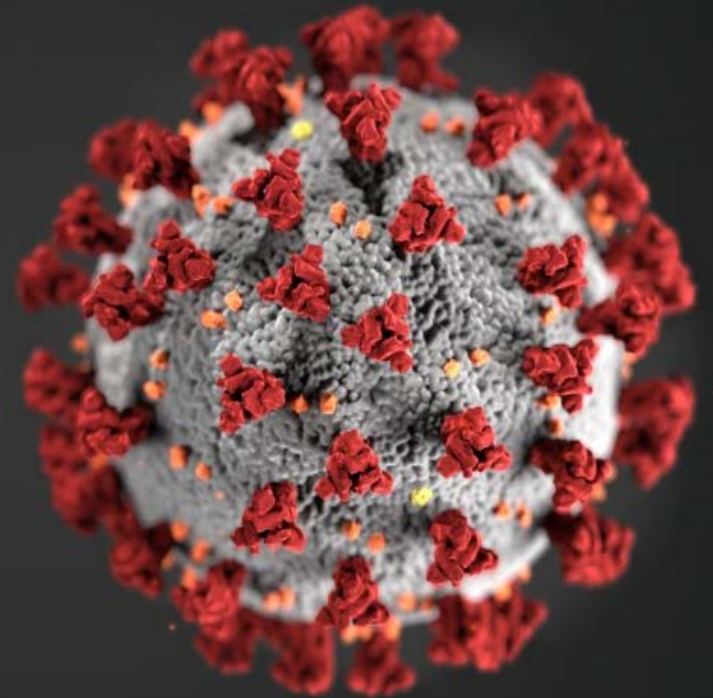
# FDA Approval of Moderna Vaccine

On January 31, the FDA gave full approval for Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 18 years of age and older.

## Coronavirus Update:

FDA approves second COVID-19 vaccine

FDA







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# COVID Testing/Vaccination Sites in Frederick County



## COVID Vaccines

585 Himes Ave.  
W/Th - 4-7pm  
Fr/Sa - 10am-1pm

Thurmont Library  
Mondays 5-7pm

Vigilant Hose Activities Bldg.  
Tuesdays 4-6pm

Walkersville Library  
Wednesdays 4-6pm

Brunswick Library  
Thursdays 5-7pm

Myersville Library  
Saturdays 10am-12pm



## COVID Testing

Hillcrest Shopping Plaza  
7 days/week 10am-6pm

Emmitsburg Senior Center  
Tuesdays 4-6pm

Religious Coalition  
Thursdays 1:30-2:30pm

Brunswick Park Building  
Thursdays 5-7pm

Thurmont Town Office  
Fridays 5-7pm





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# FREE COVID-19 Testing

Update January 31, 2022

Frederick Health Village:

1 Frederick Health Way,  
Frederick, MD 21701

Daily

7am - 3pm

\*Order required\*

Run by Frederick Health Hospital

Hillcrest/Golden Mile:

1100 W. Patrick Street, Unit H,  
Frederick, MD 21703

Daily

10am - 6pm

Run by Frederick County Health Department



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# Two types of viral tests:

A viral test tells you if you are infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, using samples that come from your nose or mouth.



## Laboratory tests

- A laboratory test, such as a PCR test, usually provides results in 1-3 days.
- Results are reliable for people with and without symptoms.

## Rapid tests

- A rapid test, such as an Antigen test, usually provides results in 15-30 minutes.
- Results may be less reliable for people without symptoms and follow-up test may be required.



# Reimbursement for Home Test Kits

- Most people with health insurance can be reimbursed for COVID-19 at home test kits purchased on or after January 15, 2022.

How many and how much?

- Up to \$12 per individual test
- Up to 8 tests per month for each person on the plan

Check with your insurance company for details.





# Free Test Kits from Federal Gov't

- Every home in the U.S. can now order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests will be free, no shipping costs and you don't need to enter a credit card number. Go to <http://covidtests.gov/>.

## Free at-home COVID-19 tests

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Every home in the U.S. can soon order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests will be completely free—there are no shipping costs and you don't need to enter a credit card number.



# Free Test Kits from Frederick County

## Free COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits for Frederick County Residents

COVID-19 at home test kits will be available at Frederick County Public Library Branches on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 9am. Supplies are limited. Tests will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

- Limit one kit per person
- Go to the curbside area for pick up\*
- Visit [fcpl.org](https://fcpl.org) for library branch hours and locations

\*Note: Visitors to the downtown C. Burr Artz Public Library should park their vehicles and queue along the building.



- 4600 test kits distributed to residents through libraries
- More coming as shipments are received



# Mask Distribution

## Free KN95 Masks for Frederick County Residents

KN95 masks will be available at Frederick County Public Library Branches\* starting Friday, Jan. 28.

- Masks are free!
- Limit one pack (5 masks) per household.
- Visit [fcpl.org](https://fcpl.org) for library branch hours and locations.

\*Note: Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks, Emmitsburg Branch Library, and Myersville Community Library are NOT open on Fridays, but will begin their mask distribution on Saturday.



- 100,000 KN95 masks distributed to residents through libraries
- More coming as shipments are received





# Federal Mask Distribution

The U.S. government will begin distribution of 400 million free N95 masks to pharmacies and community health centers.

- Albertsons Companies, Inc.
- Costco Wholesale Corp.
- CPESN USA, LLC
- CVS Pharmacy, Inc.
- Good Neighbor Pharmacy and AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation's pharmacy services administrative organization (PSAO), Elevate Provider Network
- Health Mart Pharmacies
- LeaderNET and The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, Cardinal Health's PSAOs
- Managed Health Care Associates Retail Business Services, LLC (including Food Lion, Giant Food, The Giant Company)
- Rite Aid Corp.
- The Kroger Co.
- Topco Associates, LLC (including Giant Eagle, Wegmans, Weis Markets, Inc.)
- Walgreens (including Duane Reade)
- Walmart, Inc. (including Sam's Club)



# Masks in Schools

- Masks in schools set at state level
- State proposed regulation extends face coverings in schools beyond 2/25/2022 and sets guidelines.



**Mohammed Choudhury**  
State Superintendent of Schools

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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Mohammed Choudhury

**DATE:** December 7, 2021

**SUBJECT:** COMAR 13A.01.07, *Face Coverings in School Facilities*  
**PERMISSION TO PUBLISH – EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED ACTIONS**

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**PURPOSE:**

Request permission to publish emergency and proposed actions to repeal and replace immediately COMAR 13A.01.07 which expires February 25, 2022.

This proposed regulation extends the protection needed against COVID-19 and its variants by extending the face coverings in schools beyond the February 25, 2022, deadline, as needed. This proposed regulation also implements procedures to end face coverings in schools based upon vaccination status within the school facility or county or county transmission rates.



# KN95 Mask Reuse Do & Don't



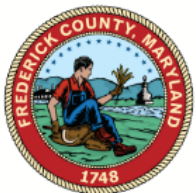
KN95 masks are disposable, but can be safely reused. Here are some tips:

## DO: store it safely.

- ✓ Store in a **brown paper bag** between use.
- ✓ If possible, rotate masks to allow them to sit in the bag for a few days.

## DO: throw away if...

- ✓ your mask becomes **wet** (more than just breath condensation)
- ✓ you've been in a place where **high virus exposure** is expected (like being around someone with COVID-19)
- ✓ your mask is **dirty, damaged, difficult to breathe in**, or no longer provides a secure fit



**DON'T: wash or disinfect your disposable mask!**



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## Incidence and hospitalization rates among unvaccinated persons (November 7, 2021–January 8, 2022)

### Last weeks of Delta predominance

- Compared to fully vaccinated w/o booster
  - **Incidence** = **3.8** times higher
  - **Hospitalization rates** = **12.9** times higher
- Compared to fully vaccinated with booster
  - **Incidence** = **12.3** times higher
  - **Hospitalization rate** = **83.0** times higher

### First weeks of Omicron predominance

- Compared to fully vaccinated w/o booster
  - **Incidence** = **2.0** times higher
  - **Hospitalization rate** = **5.3** times higher
- Compared to fully vaccinated with booster
  - **Incidence** = **3.6** times higher
  - **Hospitalization rate** = **23.0** times higher





# Have you gotten your COVID-19 booster? Make sure you're up to date!

Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.

*Booster doses are available  
at ALL our clinics for people  
12 years and older!  
No appointment needed!*



For times and locations, go to:  
**[FrederickCountyMD.Gov/CovidVaccine](https://FrederickCountyMD.Gov/CovidVaccine)**



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