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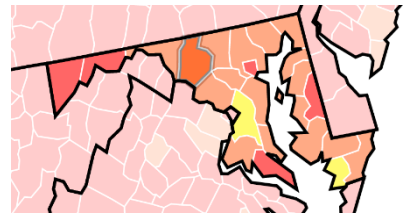
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## COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

Level of Community Transmission in Frederick County, MD: SUBSTANTIAL

● High ● **Substantial** ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data



According to CDC, masks are recommended for everyone ([including fully vaccinated people](#)) in areas of substantial or high community transmission.

### Frederick County - All Ages\*

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
<b>Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>196,457</b>	<b>75.7%</b>
<b>At least one dose</b>	<b>219,497</b>	<b>84.6%</b>

\*This week, Maryland Department of Health added in vaccinations from federal entities including the Bureau of Prisons, Department Of Defense, Indian Health Services and Veterans Affairs.

**Confirmed Cases:**  
**44,934 (+31 in last 24 hrs)**

**Confirmed Deaths:**  
**492 (+1 in last 24 hrs)**

**Positivity Rate: 4.84%**

**Case Rate: 12.27/100,000**

### Frederick County residents fully vaccinated by age group:

% of Population 5-11 Years	% of Population 12-17 Years	% of Population 5+ Years	% of Population 18+ Years	% of Population 65+ Years
43.1%	76.3%	80.5%	85.3%	95.0%

Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:	# ICU	# Acute Care
<b>Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>

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

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### Update from Frederick County Public Schools

In their Wednesday (March 23) meeting, the Board of Education of Frederick County voted to encourage face coverings but no longer require them inside all school buildings effective Friday, Feb. 25. Face coverings remain mandatory on school buses due to a federal mandate. [FCPS Message](#).

Health experts encourage face coverings as a mitigation strategy against COVID-19. FCPS is still welcoming mask use to minimize COVID-19 spread throughout the community. But this will be an individual family decision, with a few exceptions:

- Due to a federal mandate, face coverings will still be required on school buses for all drivers and riders.
- Individuals returning from isolation will also be required to wear face coverings from the sixth through the 10th day after their symptoms first appeared. Mask requirements when returning from isolation will be posted on FCPS.org later this week.
- In school health rooms or any clinical health setting where the CDC and other health guidance require all individuals to be masked.

Mitigation measures still in place include:

- Weekly COVID-19 screening messages will continued to be shared weekly via One Call Now and Schoology.
- Isolation and exclusion of individuals with primary COVID-19 symptoms and those who test positive for COVID-19.
- Implementation of applicable ASHRAE ventilation recommendations.
- Use of air purifiers in all classrooms and school health rooms.
- Continued emphasis on hand washing and sanitizing.
- Continued use of cleaning products and protocols that are best practice for reducing transmission of communicable diseases including COVID-19.

Case investigation and contact tracing will no longer be feasible by school staff following the lifting of the mask mandate. Even so, contact tracing outside of schools will continue to be conducted by public health entities. Individuals will still be expected to follow CDC guidance for quarantine if they have a known exposure to an individual infected with COVID-19.

FCPS will [continue to update our Health Metrics Dashboard](#) on a daily basis with updates on COVID-19 cases in each school community, schoolwide attendance rates and more. They will also regularly share updates to our [FCPS COVID-19 Health Response](#).

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### Test Kits & Masks at Libraries

#### Update on Free Masks and Test Kits:

All Frederick County Public Library branches have KN95 masks and test kits available inside the libraries during regular business hours. Supplies will be renewed when they run low.

Visit [fcpl.org](https://fcpl.org) for library branch hours and locations.

#### When To Test

Wondering when to use a COVID19 self-test?

<https://bit.ly/2XuuySb>

- If you have symptoms, test right away.
- If you were a close contact of someone with COVID-19, wait at least 5 days to test.
- If you're testing before a gathering, test as close to the event as possible.



#### Reporting Positive Results

You can report positive test results either through the mobile app associated with your at-home test or through the Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal. Reporting positive results here will initiate the contact tracing process, which may be required to receive work or school excuse and release letters, which will help to keep others safe. Log in on the portal's home page to submit a report: <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/selfreport>. If you do not have login information, you may register to create an account.

### Change to Maryland Department of Health Data

#### Why did vaccination data change this week?

Maryland Department of Health has made a change to their vaccination data this week. Doses administered now incorporate vaccines administered by federal entities including the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Defense, Indian Health Services and Veterans Affairs. These federal entities each receive their own allocation directly from the federal government. Since the federal entities report their administrations directly into the federal system (Tiberius) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports these doses as being administered by Maryland, the state is now incorporating these administrations in the dashboard to be consistent with CDC reporting methodology.

Due to this change, Frederick County vaccination totals have increase ~5%. Our data dashboard has been updated to reflect the new dataset, along with a note with the information given above explaining the increase.

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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](http://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, Feb. 24	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrange St. Frederick, MD 21701
Thursday, Feb. 24	4-7pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).
Thursday, Feb. 24	5-7pm	Brunswick Branch Library 915 North Maple Ave, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Feb. 25	10am-1pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).
Saturday, Feb. 26	10am-12pm	Myersville Community Library 8 Harp Place, Myersville, MD 21773
Saturday, Feb. 26	10am-1pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).
Monday, Feb. 28	5-7pm	Thurmont Regional Library 76 East Moser Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788
Tuesday, Mar. 1	4-6pm	Vigilant Hose Company Activities Building 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Wednesday, Mar. 2	4-6pm	Walkersville Library 2 South Glade Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793
Wednesday, Mar. 2	4-7pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).

## 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](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus)
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): [coronavirus.maryland.gov](http://coronavirus.maryland.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): [coronavirus.gov](http://coronavirus.gov)

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