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# News Release

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## COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

**Change in Frequency:** Updates will be provided every other week in March and then on an as needed basis. The [Data Dashboard](#) will continue to be updated on schedule.

**COVID-19 Community Level\* in Frederick County, MD: [LOW](#)**

\*Note: this is a new tool from CDC and is different from the previously reported [Community Transmission Level](#).

### Frederick County - All Ages\*

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
<b>Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>197,244</b>	<b>76.0%</b>
<b>At least one dose</b>	<b>220,220</b>	<b>84.8%</b>

### Confirmed Cases:

**45,126 (+35 in last 24 hrs)**

### Confirmed Deaths:

**495 (+1 in last 24 hrs)**

**Positivity Rate: 3.83%**

**Case Rate: 10.57/100,000**

### 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
44.0%	76.8%	80.8%	85.5%	95.0%

### Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:

	# ICU	# Acute Care
<b>Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

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

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### Safety Recall

FDA has issued a safety recall of certain COVID-19 at home test kits due to false test results. None of these kits have been distributed by the health department or Frederick County Public Libraries.

If you have a test kit that looks like one in the picture (same colors), do not use them. See details from the FDA here: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-roundup-march-1-2022>



### 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.

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### Change in Hours for Testing and Vaccination

Starting on Sunday March 6, we will have new hours at our testing and vaccination clinics.

Testing at our Hillcrest clinic will change to:

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday 2pm-6pm
- Tuesday/Thursday 10am-6pm
- Closed on Saturday/Sunday (will be closed on March 5)

Community testing clinics will continue in:

- Emmitsburg on Tuesdays
- Brunswick on Thursdays
- Thurmont on Friday

[Covidtest.Maryland.gov](https://covidtest.maryland.gov)

Vaccination clinics at our Himes Ave. clinic will change to:

- Wednesdays 4pm-7pm
- Saturdays 10am-1pm

Community clinics will continue in:

- Thurmont on Mondays
- Emmitsburg on Tuesdays
- Walkersville on Wednesdays
- Brunswick on Thursdays
- Myersville on Saturdays

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

### Board of Health COVID-19 Update

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 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](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV), or by calling 855-925-2801, and provide the meeting code 8751.



### Frequently Asked Questions from Maryland Department of Health

**I tested positive for COVID-19. Should I still get a booster shot?**

Yes. Once your symptoms have resolved and your [isolation period](#) has ended, you can and should get a booster shot. A booster shot is how you maintain your immunity against COVID-19 and variants and is one of the best steps you can take to keep yourself protected and your family, friends, and community safe at this stage of the pandemic. If you have questions, please talk with your doctor. Learn more about COVID-19 booster shots at <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine/booster-shots/>

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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](#).

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Mar. 3	4-7pm	<b>585 Himes Ave.</b> Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).
Thursday, Mar. 3	5-7pm	<b>Brunswick Branch Library</b> 915 North Maple Ave, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Mar. 4	10am-1pm	<b>585 Himes Ave.</b> Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).
Saturday, Mar. 5	10am-12pm	<b>Myersville Community Library</b> 8 Harp Place, Myersville, MD 21773
Saturday, Mar. 5	10am-1pm	<b>585 Himes Ave.</b> Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).
Monday, Mar. 7	5-7pm	<b>Thurmont Regional Library</b> 76 East Moser Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788
Tuesday, Mar. 8	4-6pm	<b>Vigilant Hose Company Activities Building</b> 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Wednesday, Mar. 9	4-6pm	<b>Walkersville Library</b> 2 South Glade Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793
Wednesday, Mar. 9	4-7pm	<b>585 Himes Ave.</b> Frederick, MD 21703 ( <a href="#">directions</a> ).

**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.

## 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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