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COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

Change in Frequency: Updates will now be provided 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
Fully Vaccinated	198,843	76.6%
At least one dose	221,652	85.4%

Confirmed Cases:

45,520 (+13 in last 24 hrs)

Confirmed Deaths:

507 (+0 in last 24 hrs)

Positivity Rate: 3.05%

Case Rate: 5.17/100,000

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
46.0%	77.6%	81.4%	86.0%	95.0%

Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:

	# ICU	# Acute Care
Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19	0	4

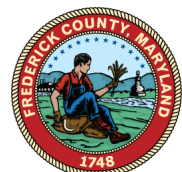
Additional statistics on Frederick County dashboard: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>
and Frederick Health dashboard: <http://frederickhealth.org/COVID19>.

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Changes to COVID-19 Testing

Health Department Testing

The Frederick County Health Department COVID-19 testing clinic at Hillcrest and all community testing clinics will be ending on March 31. Testing is available throughout the county at pharmacies, urgent care clinics, health care providers. Go to <https://covidtest.maryland.gov/> to find testing options near you.

Frederick Health Hospital Testing

Frederick Health Hospital continues to offer COVID-19 testing at their location at Frederick Health Village. This week, this testing site changed from being a drive-thru location to being held inside. Testing is still available every day from 7am-3pm. Masks are required to be worn inside the testing clinic.

An order is required. If a patient does not have a physician or test order and needs an order please contact 240-316-4970 7am-3pm. For more details, go to FrederickHealth.org/COVIDtest.

At-Home Test Kits

Free at-home test kits are still available at all Frederick County Public Libraries branches. Supplies will be renewed when they run low. Visit fcpl.org for library branch hours and locations.



Reporting Positive Results

You can report positive test results through the Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal. Log in at: <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/selfreport>. If you do not have login information, you may register to create an account.

Update on Boosters

A second COVID-19 booster shot is [now authorized](#) for people 50 years and older and certain immunocompromised individuals. This is especially important for those 65 and older and those 50 and older with [underlying medical conditions](#) that increase their risk for severe disease from COVID-19 as they are the most likely to benefit from receiving an additional booster dose at this time. Click on the box below to find out if you qualify for a booster and which one.

[Do I qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one?](#)

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New Federal COVID Resource

[COVID.gov](https://www.covid.gov) has been launched as a new one-stop shop website to help all people in the United States gain even better access to lifesaving tools like vaccines, tests, treatments, and masks, as well as get the latest updates on COVID-19 in their area.

[COVID.gov](https://www.covid.gov) will be available in English, Spanish, and Simplified Chinese and is accessible for those using assistive technologies. The Administration is also making all of these COVID-19 tools available over the phone through the National Hotline at 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489), which supports over 150 languages. For individuals with disabilities who may need additional support, the Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) is also available to help at 1-888-677-1199 or via email at DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.



Update on Treatment

The Federal Government has launched a new nationwide [Test to Treat](#) initiative in March to give individuals an important way to quickly access free lifesaving treatment for COVID-19. Through this program, people are able to get tested and – if they are positive and treatments are appropriate for them – receive a prescription from a health care provider, and have their prescription filled all at one location. These “One-Stop Test to Treat” sites are available at hundreds of locations nationwide, including pharmacy-based clinics, Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)-supported federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs), and long-term care facilities. People can continue to be tested and treated by their own health care providers who can appropriately prescribe these oral antivirals at locations where the medicines are distributed.



A [Test to Treat locator](#) is available to help find participating sites. A call center is also available at 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages – 8:00 am to midnight ET, 7 days a week. The [Disability Information and Access Line \(DIAL\)](#) is also available to specifically help people with disabilities access services. To get help, call 1-888-677-1199, Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm ET or email DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.

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Trending Questions from Maryland Department of Health

Why should I get a booster if I might get COVID-19 anyway?

While it's possible to get infected even if you've had a booster, a booster shot strengthens your immunity to prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death. Boosters also help protect against COVID-19 variants, including Omicron. That's why it's still important to get that booster. [Learn more about booster shots.](#)

My COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card was damaged. How can I get a replacement?

You can access your COVID-19 immunization record by going to [MyIRMobile.com](https://myirmobile.com). Click on "Register" to set up an account to retrieve your records, including a printable certificate. You can easily access your vaccination information on your phone via a QR code. If you have access issues, you can receive assistance by calling 1-855-MDGOVAX.

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.](#)



What is the \$2 Million VaxCash 2.0 Promotion and how do I qualify to win?

To encourage more Marylanders to get their COVID-19 booster shots, Gov. Larry Hogan launched the [\\$2 Million VaxCash 2.0 Promotion](#). A total of 12 Marylanders will win cash prizes in drawings to be held each Tuesday from Feb. 15 through May 3.

To be eligible, you must be a Maryland resident, at least 18 years old, and you must have received an initial dose and booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at non-Federal facilities in Maryland. Residents vaccinated at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs locations in Maryland are eligible for the promotion. Click [here](#) for complete contest rules.

Did you miss last week's questions?

You can find out the answer to other trending COVID-19 vaccination [questions at covidLink Trending Questions and Answers](#). Be sure to check out [covidLINK](#) for even more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and contact tracing.

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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](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics:		
Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Mar. 31	5-7pm	Brunswick Branch Library 915 North Maple Ave, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Apr. 1	5-7pm	Baker Park (near bandshell) 21 N. Bentz St., Frederick, MD 21701
Saturday, Apr. 2	10am-12pm	Myersville Community Library 8 Harp Place, Myersville, MD 21773
Saturday, Apr. 2	10am-1pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Tuesday, Apr. 5	4-6pm	Emmitsburg Senior Center (lower level) 300A South Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Wednesday, Apr. 6	4-6pm	Walkersville Library 2 South Glade Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793
Wednesday, Apr. 6	4-7pm	585 Himes Ave. Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Thursday, Apr. 7	5-7pm	Brunswick Branch Library 915 North Maple Ave, Brunswick, MD 21716

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
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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