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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



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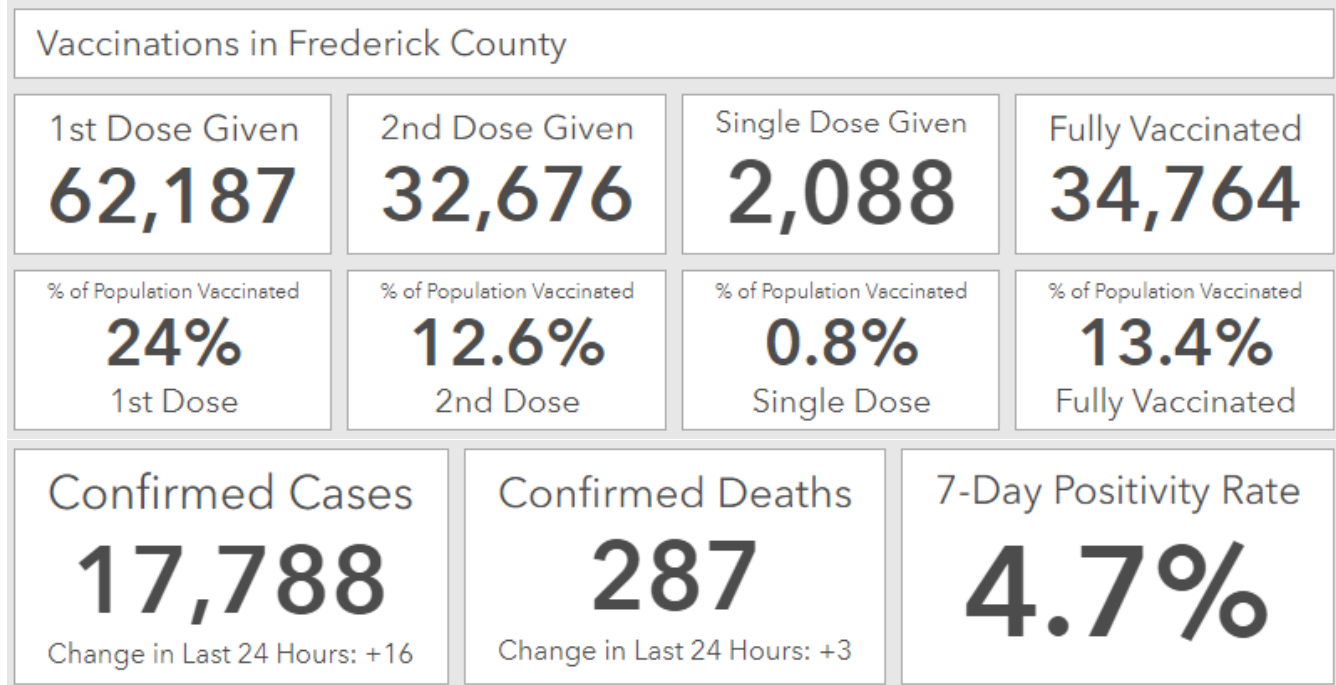
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for March 23, 2021

Frederick, MD – March 23, 2021

Frederick County Health Department:



Note: The number of doses of vaccine given includes all vaccinators in the county except for CVS/Walgreens vaccinations at nursing home and assisted living facilities. County residents are being vaccinated by vaccinators across the state, which is why the number of people vaccinated exceeds the amount of vaccine the Frederick County Health Department has received.

Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

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Frederick County Joint Information Center COVID-19
www.frederickcountymd.gov/JIC



Frequently Asked Question

Q: What medical conditions are considered high risk and qualify someone to be in 2B?

A: Adults of any age with **certain underlying medical conditions** are at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19. Severe illness from COVID-19 is defined as hospitalization, admission to the ICU, intubation or mechanical ventilation, or death.

Adults of any age with the following conditions **are at increased risk** of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

COVID-19 is a new disease. Currently there are limited data and information about the impact of many underlying medical conditions on the risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Based on what we know at this time, adults of any age with the following conditions might be at an increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines
- Neurologic conditions, such as dementia
- Liver disease
- Overweight (BMI > 25 kg/m², but < 30 kg/m²)
- Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus

This list is from [CDC](#) and evidence behind the list can be found [here](#).

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Update on COVID-19 Vaccine

24,650 total 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department to date.
2,000 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccine received by Frederick County Health Department this week.

Currently Eligible in Maryland and Frederick County

People in groups **1A, 1B, 1C, and 2A** are currently eligible in Maryland and Frederick County. Once your group is eligible, it continues to stay eligible. There is not enough vaccine for everyone who is eligible.

Phase	Who	When
2A	All Marylanders age 60 and older.	March 23
2B	Marylanders age 16 and older with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 illness.	March 30
2C	All Marylanders age 55 and older, as well as essential workers in critical industries, including construction workers, food services, utilities, transportation, financial services, IT and other infrastructure.	April 13
3	General population, including healthy adults age 16 and older.	April 27

Current Process for Frederick County Health Department

Anyone who lives or works in Frederick County who is interested in getting COVID-19 vaccine should complete the Vaccine Interest Form in the blue box on our [Vaccine webpage](#).

- **It may be several days, weeks, or longer until you are contacted since it depends on vaccine availability. You only need to complete the form once.**
- If you have already scheduled or received your 1st dose of vaccine, please [click this link](#) to unsubscribe from the list.
- The Health Department is in communication with medical providers to refer homebound individuals.

Process for Other Vaccination Clinics

For a complete list of vaccination clinics in Maryland, please check covidvax.maryland.gov to find a location near you by zip code. Text 'MdReady' to 898-211 for updates on when appointments become available at state mass vaccination sites.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center—available at **1-855-MDGOVAX** (1-855-634-6829)—is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Other Frederick County Updates

Frederick County Board of Health: A Frederick County Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at 7pm.

The meeting will be broadcast live on FCG TV cable channels 19/1085, and webcast at FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV. The public may call 855-925-2801, and entering meeting code 8751 to listen.

Public comments will be accepted on the Board of Health's public portal at <https://FrederickCountyMD.gov/CouncilMeetings>, or by calling toll-free 855-925-2801, entering meeting code 8751, and entering into a queue for live public comment during the meeting.



Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Agenda and proposed regulation are posted here: <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/627/Board-of-Health>

For More Information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19. Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: <https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19>
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- 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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