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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for August 20, 2020

Frederick, MD – August 20, 2020

Frederick County Health Department:



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

Frequently Asked Question

Q: What type of sample collection do you do for the COVID-19 test?

A: There are a couple different ways to collect a sample for a COVID-19 test. One way is the nasopharyngeal swab, which is a long, flexible swab is inserted into the nose and back (not up) to the back of the nose and throat. This is the type of swab used at the Frederick Health Hospital testing clinics and is the same type of swab that is used for a flu test.



Another collection method is an anterior nares nasal swab. This is a shorter swab that goes less than an inch into the nostril. CVS and Walmart use this type of swab.

The Frederick County Health Department has different types of swabs depending on what supplies we receive from the state. We may be using nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal (inserted through the mouth to the back of the throat), or anterior nares nasal swabs based on our current inventory.

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Frederick County Public Schools:

The FCPS School Breakfast and Lunch program is starting on August 31, 2020

FCPS Food and Nutrition Services will provide "to-go" breakfast and lunch at 26 schools under the National School Breakfast Program (NSBP) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Meals will be provided based on a student's eligibility. This means that students who qualify for free meals will get their meals for free. Students who qualify for reduced price meals will get their meals at the reduced price. Students who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals will pay full price for their meals. (Pricing can be found at www.fcpsnutrition.com.) See more details [here](#).

Important Information About Schedules and Schoology Access

The 2020-2021 school year is almost here and we are excited to begin our virtual learning journey! This week schools who have not already mailed the following items will be sending important information that includes:

- Your child's schedule
- Your school's virtual schedule
- Letter with important technology information including*:
 - Parent Access Code for Schoology: Many parents/guardians have already connected to their child(ren)'s Schoology account using their Parent Access Code. If you have not created a parent account in Schoology, use this Parent Access Code to create your account and connect with your child(ren) accounts.
 - Your student's NEW FCPS credentials to access all FCPS technology. All student username/password credentials will be reset on August 26 at midnight. After the reset, your child should use these new credentials to access Schoology and other digital tools.

You will also receive an email that will include the Schoology Parent Access Code information as referenced above. This is the same code as the one you will receive in the letter mentioned above. This email will also contain links to videos to help parents/guardians understand Schoology.

Courses and course materials will be visible to students and parents/guardians in Schoology on Thursday, August 27th.

Note: The week of August 24th is the teacher training and preparation week. Courses may appear empty or have limited resources because teachers work in an "unpublished mode" before finalizing their course. Course materials will be available once classes begin.

To learn more about student navigation and parent account setup in Schoology, please visit www.fcps.org/schoology.

Please contact your child's school if you have any questions.

*Your elementary school may provide you the important technology letter during the scheduled material distribution time next week.

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Frederick Community College:

Frederick Community College (FCC) Open Campus Information

Registration for Open Campus Enrollment in Fall classes at FCC is still OPEN! The Fall semester begins on August 22 and course registration remains open until August 28. Steps to apply and register, and all necessary Dual Enrollment forms, can be found on the **Dual Enrollment website** at www.frederick.edu/de.

Students should notify their school counselor that they intend to take Open Campus courses. Students may need to submit their high school transcript to qualify for FCC courses.

Contact DualEnrollment@frederick.edu with any questions!

Clarification: The previously announced August 17 payment deadline for Open Campus classes was only for students who were already enrolled in an Open Campus course. Students who enroll between now and August 28 will be provided payment information from FCC.

High School Based Dual Enrollment Information

High School Based Dual Enrollment classes require payment directly to Frederick Community College (FCC) by August 28, 2020.

The FCC cost can be paid in full or a payment plan may be requested via FCC PeopleSoft. Online payment directions are available at www.frederick.edu. Please contact your child's school counselor with questions.

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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