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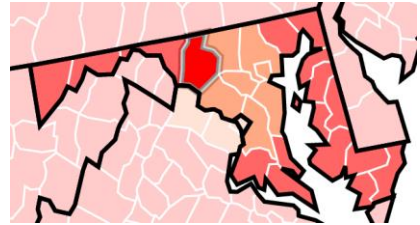
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COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

Level of Community Transmission in Frederick County, MD: [HIGH](#)



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



Frederick County Fully Vaccinated

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
Fully Vaccinated	165,390	63.7%
1 st Doses Given	158,295	61.0%
2 nd Doses Given	148,205	57.1%
Single Doses Given	17,185	6.6%

Confirmed Cases:
23,944 (+58 in last 24 hrs)

Confirmed Deaths:
365 (+2 in last 24 hrs)

7-Day Positivity Rate:
4.55%

Frederick County residents fully vaccinated by age group:

% of Population 12-17 Years of Age	% of Population 12+ Years of Age	% of Population 18+ Years of Age	% of Population 65+ Years of Age
67.3%	78.7%	79.9%	92.5%

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Update on Boosters

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is meeting today to review data about booster doses and make a recommendation on boosters for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccines.

We will update [our website](#) as soon as we are able to start giving Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters at our local health department vaccination clinics to eligible groups.

After boosters for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are authorized by the CDC, the Maryland MDGoVax Call Center will begin calling and texting Marylanders who are eligible to receive boosters. Calls will come from 240-673-2163 with the caller ID “MD Vaccine Cntr”. If you receive a call and you are not certain that it is a legitimate call, hang up and call the MDGoVax Call Center directly at 855-MD-GoVAX (855-634-6829).



1. Eligible constituents receive call from **240-673-2163** with caller ID “MD Vaccine Cntr”.



2. Callers greeted with a message explaining their eligibility for a Booster with an option to speak to an agent to schedule appt, or defer.



3. If the campaign reaches voicemail, the system leaves a message explaining their booster eligibility and directing to call back.



4. Recipients of booster text message above, are also routed to the same booster prompt experience, if they call MD GOVAX line.

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Trending Questions from Maryland Department of Health

Who in Maryland is currently eligible to get a Pfizer COVID-19 booster shot?

If you received your second Pfizer dose at least six months ago, you should strongly consider getting a booster shot. Based on the Sept. 24 CDC recommendations, all providers shall offer a Pfizer booster dose to the following:

- 65 years and older
- Long-term care residents and staff
- 18+ who have underlying medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, obesity
- 18+ who work and live in high-risk settings, including:
 - First responders (police officers, firefighters, EMT)
 - Healthcare workers
 - Congregate care staff
 - Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
 - Food service workers
 - Agriculture workers
 - Manufacturing workers
 - Corrections workers
 - Postal Service workers
 - Public transit workers
 - Grocery store workers

Are the booster shot and the 3rd vaccine dose the same thing?

While the formula of the vaccine is the same, doctors do make a distinction between a booster shot and a third dose. Doctors use the term third dose (additional dose) when referring to people with compromised immune systems who may not have gotten the level of protection they need from the first two doses. These are currently available for Marylanders who received either Moderna or Pfizer initial series.

Boosters are offered to people who got the full course of a vaccine and developed a good response initially, but it waned over time. These are currently available for certain Marylanders six months after an initial series of Pfizer.

For Pfizer, the amount of vaccine given for the first, second, third and booster doses is all the same. For Moderna, the same amount is given for the third dose as for the first and second doses, but the booster dose will be half that amount.

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 12 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. **Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 12-17 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.

- Schedule an appointment by going to <http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine> or call 301-600-7900 Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm, or call 301-600-7905 for Spanish.
- For other dates/times, check out [Frederick Health Hospital](#) and other [locations](#).
- If you need an in-home vaccination, please call 301-600-7900 to schedule.

LYFT Ride Option: Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited for more information or can call 301-600-7900 for English or 301-600-7905 for Spanish. The first \$25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.

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.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Oct. 21	1:30-2:30pm	Rescue Mission 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701
Thursday, Oct. 21	4-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Thursday, Oct. 21	5-7pm	Brunswick, Railroad Square, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Oct. 22	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Friday, Oct. 22	5-7pm	Thurmont, 615 E. Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788
Saturday, Oct. 23	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Monday, Oct. 25	1-4pm	Fredericktowne Mall 1317 W. Patrick. St., Frederick, MD 21702
Tuesday, Oct. 26	4-6pm	Vigilant Hose Company 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Wednesday, Oct. 27	4-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Thursday, Oct. 28	1:30-2:30pm	Rescue Mission 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701

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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