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# News Release

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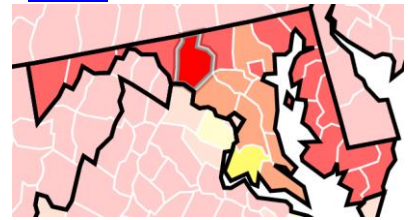
## COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

**Change in Frequency:** Update will not be sent next week on Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day.

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

 High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

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
<b>Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>167,024</b>	<b>64.4%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Doses Given</b>	<b>163,923</b>	<b>63.2%</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Doses Given</b>	<b>149,663</b>	<b>57.7%</b>
<b>Single Doses Given</b>	<b>17,361</b>	<b>6.7%</b>

Note: some vaccination numbers decreased since last week due to additional/booster doses being originally counted as 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.

**Confirmed Cases:**  
**25,171 (+59 in last 24 hrs)**

**Confirmed Deaths:**  
**378 (+0 in last 24 hrs)**

**Positivity Rate: 5.71%**

**Case Rate: 19.76/100,000**

### 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
68.8%	80.3%	81.5%	93.4%

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

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### Update on Vaccine for Children 5-11 Years Old

**As of Nov. 18, over 3,400 children in Frederick County ages 5-11 years have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine!**

More appointments for children 5-11 have been added to our website for our 800 Oak Street clinic location (entrance off Himes Ave, [directions](#)). Appointments are required, and only available for children 5-11 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- Saturday, Nov. 27 from 2-5pm [Click to schedule](#)
- Monday, Nov. 29 from 3:30-7pm [Click to schedule](#)
- Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 3:30-7pm [Click to schedule](#)

Vaccine for children 5-11 years old is also available other places in our community. Check with your local pediatrician, or you can also find local pharmacies and other locations online at [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) or [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov). Frederick County Public Schools is also holding vaccination clinics in schools, and is sending out details through Find Out First.

### Upcoming Board of Health Meeting

Board of Health meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**, at 7:30 p.m.

On October 26, 2021, the Frederick County Board of Health voted to re-convene to discuss a Regulation concerning the wearing of face coverings in Frederick County if the County metrics of positive COVID-19 cases reach 20/100,000 as reported by the State Health Department. This threshold has been met and the Board will now discuss face coverings. Draft proposals may be obtained from the Board of Health’s webpage on the Frederick County Government’s website at <https://frederickcountymd.gov/BoardofHealth>. The Board may modify the regulation in whole or in part before enactment.

Individuals will be given the opportunity to be heard at this public hearing. The public is reminded that all comments, both written and oral, will be made part of the public record. Public comments will be accepted on a public portal at <https://www.publicinput.com/H2716>, or by calling toll-free 855- 925-2801, entering meeting code 8751 and pressing \*3 to enter into a queue for live public comment during the meeting. Members of the public will be given three (3) minutes per speaker via telephone. Individuals can watch the live meeting on FCG TV (cable channels 19 and 1085 in HD), on the County’s Video Service webpage at <http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/FCGTV> or by calling 855-925-2801, and provide the appropriate meeting code (8751).



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### Upcoming Holiday Closures

Frederick County Health Department COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics will be closed on next Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. This includes our testing site at Hillcrest, all community testing locations, our Oak Street vaccination site, and all community vaccination clinics.

### Trending Questions from Maryland Department of Health

#### **Should I vaccinate my 5-11 year old child?**

Yes, unless advised otherwise by your child's pediatrician. The Maryland Department of Health, [the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), the [Food & Drug Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), recommend vaccinating children who are eligible. Unvaccinated children are at risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19, and spreading the disease and highly contagious Delta variant, including if they are asymptomatic.

#### **What is different about the child dose?**

This COVID-19 vaccine is very similar to the vaccine administered to 12-year-olds, teenagers, and adults. It is a two-shot regimen spaced three weeks apart. The dosage is a smaller amount, however--the vaccine dose for 5 to 11-year-olds is 10 micrograms, which is one-third of the 30-microgram vaccine dose used for people 12 and older. This amount was shown to still produce a robust immune response balanced with short-term side effects. The vaccine itself is also packaged differently to ensure providers administer the correct Pfizer vaccine dose. The 5 to 11 vaccine comes in a smaller vial and has an orange cap. The vials for 12 and older have a purple cap.

#### **Should my child expect side effects?**

As with 12-year-olds, teenagers, and adults, children 5 to 11 may experience some side effects, which are normal signs that their body is building protection. Some children may not experience any side effects at all. Side effects are typically mild and short in duration and include pain, redness, and swelling at the injection site, as well as tiredness, headache, muscle and joint pain, mild fever, and chills.

#### **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.

- Schedule an appointment by going to <http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine> or call 855-634-6829 Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm.
- 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](http://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.

**COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for People 12 years and older:**

Date	Time	Location	Inside/Outdoor
Thursday, Nov. 18	1:30-2:30pm	Rescue Mission 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701	Outside
Thursday, Nov. 18	4-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Thursday, Nov. 18	5-7pm	Brunswick, NEW Location (Brunswick Parks & Rec Building), 665 E. Potomac St., Brunswick, MD 21716	Indoor
Friday, Nov. 19	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Friday, Nov. 19	5-7pm	Thurmont, 615 E. Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788	Outside
Saturday, Nov. 20	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Tuesday, Nov. 23	4-6pm	Vigilant Hose Company 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727	Indoor
Wednesday Nov. 24	4-6pm	Carver Apartments Community Center 207 Lee Alley, Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Wednesday Nov. 24	4-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
<b>NO CLINICS ON NOV. 25 OR 26 FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>			

## 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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