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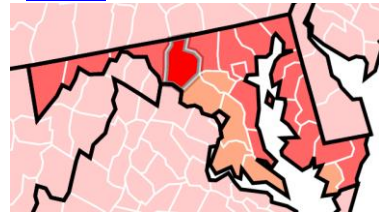
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## COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

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
<b>Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>171,629</b>	<b>66.1%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Doses Given</b>	<b>170,322</b>	<b>65.6%</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Doses Given</b>	<b>154,030</b>	<b>59.3%</b>
<b>Single Doses Given</b>	<b>17,599</b>	<b>6.8%</b>

Maryland Department of Health is experiencing a server outage. Data on COVID-19 cases, deaths, and rates are not available at this time.

### Frederick County residents fully vaccinated by age group:

% of Population 5-11 Years	% of Population 12+ Years	% of Population 18+ Years	% of Population 65+ Years
10.9%	81.3%	82.5%	94.0%

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

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

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.

- Monday, Dec. 27 from 3-7pm [Click to schedule](#)

Frederick County Public Schools is also holding vaccination clinics in schools, and is sending out details through Find Out First.

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](#) or [vaccines.gov](#).

### COVID-19 Treatment

If you recently tested positive for COVID-19 or have been in close contact with a person with known or suspected COVID-19, you may be eligible to receive monoclonal antibodies. While not a cure, monoclonal antibody treatment may lessen the severity of COVID-19 symptoms and help keep high-risk patients out of the hospital. [Frederick Health Hospital](#) has a clinic offering monoclonal antibody treatment. Talk with your health care provider to see if this early treatment is right for you.

Treatments used for COVID-19 should be prescribed by your healthcare provider. Find more information about treatments your healthcare provider might recommend if you are sick at this [CDC webpage](#).

### CDC Update on International Travel

Starting December 6, ALL air passengers, regardless of vaccination status, must show a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 1 day before travel to the United States.

There are testing locations at many airports now, and you can also find rapid tests nearby you at <https://covidtest.maryland.gov/>.

Learn what steps you should take before your trip:  
<https://bit.ly/39Az04X>.



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### Trending Questions from Maryland Department of Health

**Now that the Omicron variant has appeared in Maryland, are there any special precautions I should take? What is the state doing to prepare for the possibility of more cases?**

While there is still much unknown about the Omicron variant and how it will spread, the most important thing Marylanders can do right now is to get vaccinated or get a booster shot. It is the best way to maintain your immunity and protect yourself and your family from severe illness.

Governor Hogan and state health officials have [outlined](#) the state’s preparedness efforts for the Omicron variant, including further expanding variant surveillance and making free at-home rapid antigen tests available to travelers upon arrival at the international terminal at BWI Airport.

Viruses constantly change or mutate, and new variants of viruses are expected to occur over time. In addition to the Omicron variant, other such variants identified in Maryland include the Alpha variant and the Beta variant, both first identified in Maryland in January; the Gamma variant, first identified in Maryland in February; and the Delta variant, first identified in Maryland in the spring of 2021. Of these variants, only Delta and Omicron are still considered variants of concern.

**Am I still considered “fully vaccinated” if I don’t get a booster shot?**

Yes. You are still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after your second dose in the two-shot series of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine of the J&J (Janssen) vaccine.

Everyone 18 years and older is eligible for a booster shot six months after completing their Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine series and two months after their J&J (Janssen) vaccine. The Maryland Department of Health encourages eligible Marylanders to get a booster shot to help maintain their immunity as soon as possible.

**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.

- 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](http://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 for People 12 years and older:

Date	Time	Location	Inside/ Outdoor
Thursday, Dec. 9	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrange St. Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Thursday, Dec. 9	3-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Thursday, Dec. 9	5-7pm	Brunswick Park Building 665 E. Potomac St, Brunswick, MD 21716	Indoor
Friday, Dec. 10	10am-2pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Friday, Dec. 10	5-7pm	Thurmont Municipal Building 615 Main St. Thurmont, MD 21788	Indoor
Saturday, Dec. 11	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Tuesday, Dec. 14	4-6pm	Vigilant Hose Company 17701 Creamery Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727	Indoor
Wednesday, Dec. 15	4-6pm	Lucas Village 111 Pennsylvania Ave., Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Wednesday, Dec. 15	3-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor

**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](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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