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# News Release

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## COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

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

**Masks are recommended in all public indoor places.**

### Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:

	# ICU	# Acute Care
<b>Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46</b>

### Frederick County COVID-19 Vaccinations:

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
<b>Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>173,544</b>	<b>66.9%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Doses Given</b>	<b>171,390</b>	<b>66.0%</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Doses Given</b>	<b>155,921</b>	<b>60.1%</b>
<b>Single Doses Given</b>	<b>17,623</b>	<b>6.8%</b>

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

% of Population 5-11 Years	% of Population 12-17 Years	% of Population 12+ Years	% of Population 18+ Years	% of Population 65+ Years
17.1%	70.5%	81.6%	82.8%	94.2%

Additional statistics on Frederick County dashboard: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>  
and Frederick Health dashboard: <http://frederickhealth.org/COVID19>

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### COVID-19 Testing

In collaboration with Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL), Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) offers free [Abbott BinaxNOW Antigen At-Home COVID-19 test kits](#) to help people prevent the spread of COVID-19.



**The next time kits will be made available is Monday, Dec. 20 at 9am.** Kits will be available at all Frederick County Public Library branch locations in the curbside pickup areas.

- No appointment is needed; simply pull up to the curbside area designated at each library location. (Details about branch locations are available on the library's [website](#).)
- Neither proof of residency nor a library card is required.
- **There is a limit of one test per person, and two per family.**
- The test should be administered at home.

The [Testing website](#) and [social media](#) will be updated as supplies last, and when we are able to offer them again. Please check your local pharmacy for other [FDA approved self-test kits](#). Other testing options can be found at [covidtest.maryland.gov](https://covidtest.maryland.gov).

#### Test Kits for Community-Based Organizations

A limited number of free test kits are available for community-based organizations serving those at highest risk of COVID-19 and COVID-19 disparities. Test kits will be distributed on a first-come first served basis to qualifying organizations, while supplies last. Interested organizations can reach out to Alisha Vaughn at [AVaughn@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:AVaughn@frederickcountymd.gov) to request test kits.

#### About BinaxNOW Test Kits

The BinaxNOW test kit is an antigen self-test kit. It is authorized through an EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) issued by the FDA for self-collected anterior nasal swab samples from individuals 15 and older, or adult-collected anterior nasal swab samples from children age 2-14.

Each kit contains two COVID-19 tests that are approved to be used by one person, and the tests are to be used at least 36 hours apart and within three days of each other. The tests are self-administered, and results are available in 15 minutes. They are not for routine employment testing, pre-travel testing, or school quarantine/isolation. Check with your work, school, or travel destination for more information about tests acceptable for these uses.

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### Update from Governor Larry Hogan

Governor Larry Hogan announced on Wednesday, Dec. 15, a series of additional actions to address the potential for a further surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations due to the convergence of the Delta and Omicron variants.

“As I announced last week, we are continuing to closely monitor the rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations and use every tool at our disposal to make sure our hospitals have the resources they need to prepare for this and future surges,” said Governor Hogan. “These are important actions, but getting vaccinated or boosted continues to be the single most important thing Marylanders can do to protect against these dangerous COVID-19 variants.”

- Close Coordination With Maryland Hospitals
- State Establishes Surge Operation Center
- Statewide COVID-19 Hospitalization Thresholds for Actions
- Directing Hospitals to Immediately Submit Pandemic Plans
- Expedite Healthcare Staffing Needs

**Booster Shots, Vaccinations Urged.** All eligible Marylanders are strongly recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine, booster shot, and flu shot as soon as possible. Flu shots can be administered at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine shot. To find a clinic, visit [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) or call the state’s multilingual call center, available seven days a week, at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

See Governor Hogan’s [press release](#) for more details.

### Vaccination Clinics 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.

- Saturday, Dec. 18 from 2-5pm [Click to schedule](#)
- Monday, Dec. 27 from 3-7pm [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).

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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. 16	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrange St. Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Thursday, Dec. 16	3-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Thursday, Dec. 16	5-7pm	Brunswick Park Building 665 E. Potomac St, Brunswick, MD 21716	Indoor
Friday, Dec. 17	10am-2pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Friday, Dec. 17	5-7pm	Thurmont Municipal Building 615 Main St. Thurmont, MD 21788	Indoor
Saturday, Dec. 18	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Tuesday, Dec. 21	4-6pm	Emmitsburg Senior Center 300A S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727	Indoor
Wednesday, Dec. 22	3-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <a href="#">directions</a> ).	Indoor
Wednesday, Dec. 22	4-6pm	Carver Apartments 207 Lee Alley, Frederick, MD 21701	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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