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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for July 21, 2020

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County Executive's Office:

Frederick County residents who are behind in their rent because of the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for an emergency rental assistance program. The program is a partnership between Frederick County, the City of Frederick, and the nonprofit Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, with more than \$3 million being set aside to help renters. The emergency aid can be applied to rent due for up to three months, dating back to April 2020. Eligibility is based on current income and family size. Applications are currently being accepted until further notice. To apply, visit www.RCEHN.org/covid-emergency-rental-assistance. For those without internet access, call 301-631-2670 ext. 127 for information on how to apply. If financial hardship is not COVID-related, renters may contact the Religious Coalition regarding non-COVID rental assistance.

Division of Emergency Management:

Temperatures are expected to be 90°-100° this week. Remember to hydrate, take breaks in the shade or indoors, and NEVER leave children or pets in cars. COVID-19 can spread even in warm temperatures. If you go into a public space indoors to cool off, remember to wear a face covering, wash hands, and maintain physical distance from others.

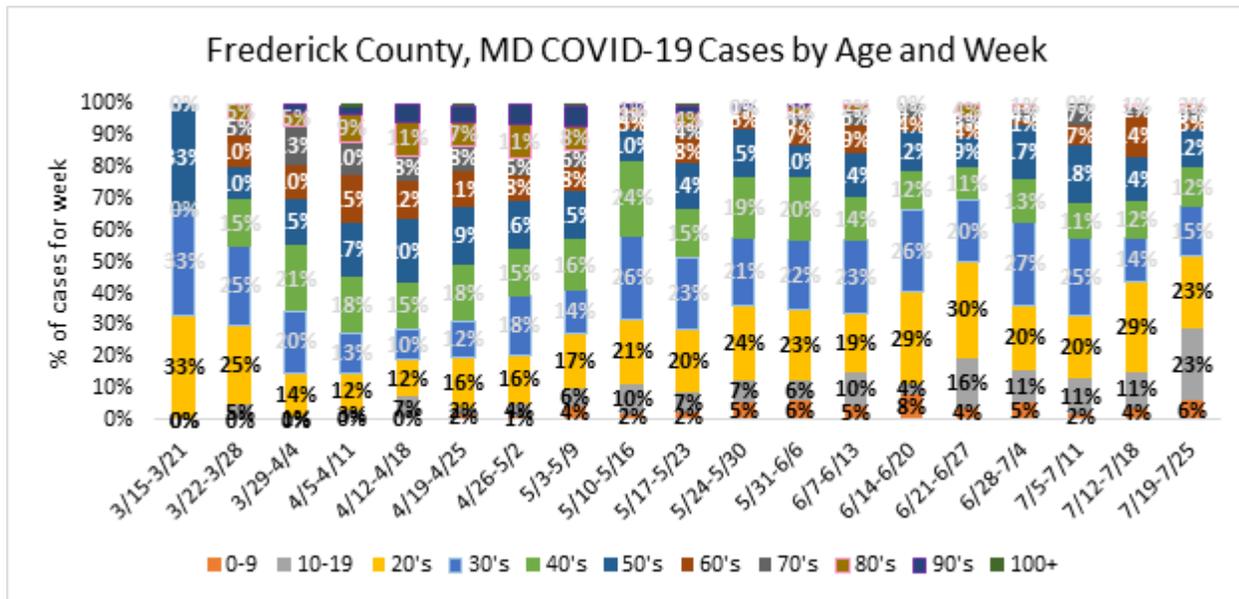
Visit the CDC for more [Tips to Prevent Heat-Related Illnesses](#).

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Frederick County Health Department:

<p>Confirmed Cases</p> <h1>2,785</h1> <p>Change in Last 24 Hours: +47</p>	<p>Confirmed Deaths</p> <h1>113</h1> <p>Change in Last 24 Hours: +0</p>	<p>7-Day Positivity Rate</p> <h1>3.3%</h1>
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Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.



As jurisdictions in central Maryland are reporting increases in the number of positive cases and resulting hospitalizations, Frederick County has not yet seen a clear overall trend in that direction. There has been a couple-day trend of a greater percentage of people being tested with positive results, and in the current week the percentage of cases occurring in 10-19 year olds has doubled, from 11% to 23%.

While young people may not be as likely to need a hospital level of care or die, they are capable of spreading the virus to others who may be at greater risk of needing hospitalization and dying according to the research that is currently available. For this reason, everyone, regardless of age, should follow the recommended best practices of wearing face coverings, washing hands, and maintaining physical distance from others to reduce their risk of exposure and unknowingly spreading the virus.

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Upcoming Testing Clinics

Upcoming testing clinics include:

- Mondays in Frederick at the Rescue Mission, 419 West South Street, 12pm-1:30pm.
- Thursdays in Frederick at the Rescue Mission, 419 West South Street, 2pm-6pm.
- Thursdays in Brunswick at Railroad Square from 5-7pm.
- Every other Tuesday in Emmitsburg at the Seton Center, 226 Lincoln Ave, 12pm-2pm.
- Every other Friday in Thurmont at the Municipal Building parking lot, 615 E. Main Street, 5pm-7pm.

The Frederick County Health Department testing clinics are open to the public with no appointment. Face coverings and physical distancing are required, but no documentation, insurance, or doctor's order is needed. Testing is FREE and you don't have to be sick to be tested. These clinics use diagnostic (not antibody) tests.

These clinics are low/no barrier clinics aimed to meet the needs of community members who face challenges such as lacking health insurance, a primary care provider, or reliable transportation. Registration is not required so that the walk-up clinics remain as accessible as possible. Spanish interpreters are on-site. Frederick Health Hospital curbside testing also does not have registration requirements, but a vehicle is required.

For current testing locations in Frederick County and more information, please visit <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus>.

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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