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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for August 4, 2020

Frederick, MD – August 4, 2020

Frederick County Health Department:



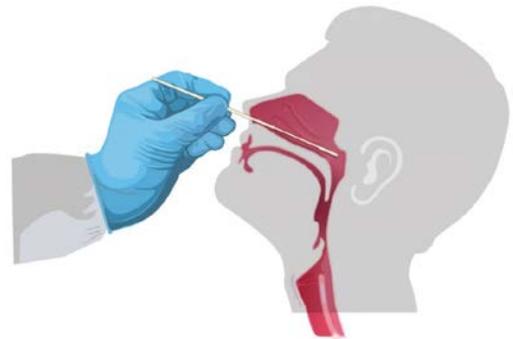
Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>

Frequently Asked Question:

Question: Does getting tested for COVID-19 hurt?

Answer: The way that a sample is collected for a COVID-19 test at the Frederick Health Hospital and Frederick County Health Department testing clinics is with a nasopharyngeal swab. This is the same type of swab that is used for a flu test.

A long, flexible swab is inserted into the nose and back (not up) to the back of the nose and throat. Some people say it feels a bit like getting saltwater up the nose and others say it tickles. In general, it may feel uncomfortable, but should not be painful.



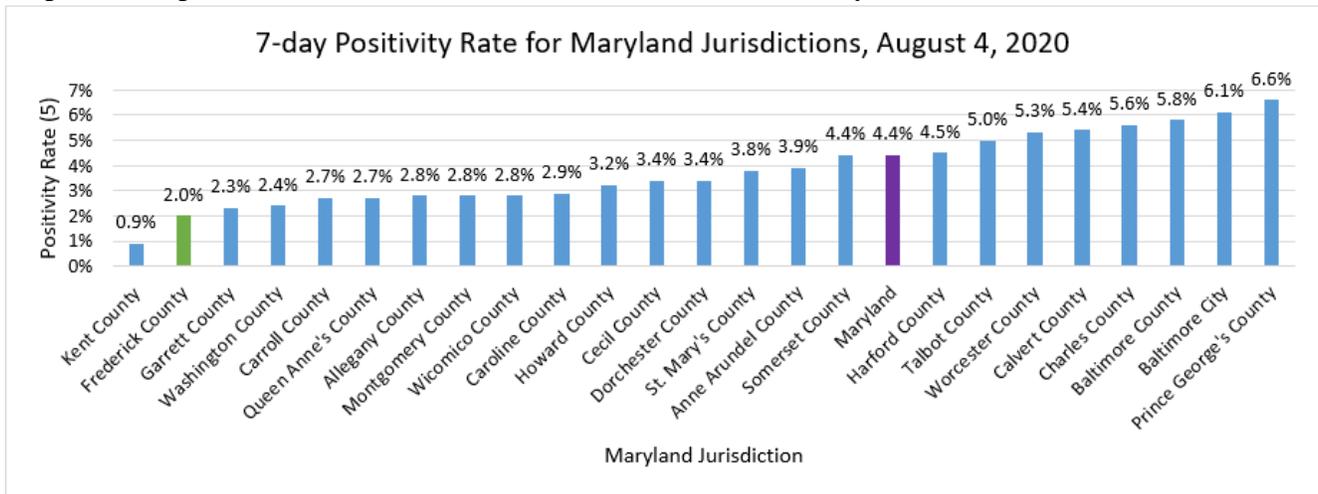
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Statistics

Frederick County currently has a 7-day average positivity rate of 2.0%, which is the second lowest in Maryland! Physical distancing and wearing masks make a difference! Please continue to take these important steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for our community.



Other statistics sources:

- Interactive data for Maryland Coronavirus map and case count can be seen [here](#).
- Frederick County cases by age and demographics will be updated on our [website](#) tomorrow.

We're Hiring

Frederick County Workforce Services is helping us fill open positions for COVID-19 response jobs:

- Long Term Care Facility Liaison
- Fiscal Accounts Technician
- Collection Assistant
- Greeter
- Registration
- Flow Monitor
- Specimen Collector
- Site Supervisor

Go to <https://www.frederickworks.com/fchd-jobs> for details.

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Upcoming Testing Clinics

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 (formerly Frederick Memorial 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> and check out the calendar for dates and times.

Upcoming testing clinics include:

- Thursdays in Frederick at the Rescue Mission, 419 West South Street, 2pm-4pm.
- Thursdays in Brunswick at Railroad Square from 5-7pm.
- Saturdays at 101 West All Saints Street in Frederick (parking lot of the Asbury United Methodist Church) from 1-3pm
- Mondays and Thursdays in Frederick at the Rescue Mission, 419 West South Street, 12pm-1:30pm Mondays, 2-4 Thursdays.

Plan ahead:

- Next clinic in Thurmont will be August 7 at the Municipal Building parking lot, 615 E. Main Street, 5pm-7pm.
- Next clinic in Emmitsburg will be August 11 at the Seton Center, 226 Lincoln Ave, 12pm-2pm.
- New test site on Rt. 40 in Frederick will open on August 8. Location and hours will be announced soon!

Frederick County Public Schools:

Board of Education Meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2020

3:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Teleconference

4:00 PM, Closed Session, Teleconference

There are several options for viewing the August 5, 2020 Board of Education Meeting:

- Online at <https://www.fcps.org/centraloffice/fcps-television> (English and American Sign Language)
- On FCPS TV via Comcast Channel 18 (English and American Sign Language)
- Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/FCPSMaryland> (exclusively in Spanish)

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For information about the above-listed meeting(s), please see the Board of Education/Agendas and Minutes section at www.fcps.org or use this direct link:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/fcps/Board.nsf/Public>

There you will also find minutes from previous meetings and other general information about the Board of Education of Frederick County.

Please feel free to email kathryn.fostik@fcps.org if you need help accessing this information.

For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID-19.

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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