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# FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## News Release

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### Frederick County Agency Updates for August 13, 2020

Frederick, MD – August 13, 2020

#### County Executive:

Frederick County reached a 75.5% self-response rate for the 2020 Census and surpassed its final 2010 Census self-response rate of 75%. Frederick County currently ranks fourth out of the 23 counties in the state behind Carroll, Howard and Harford and 107<sup>th</sup> out of 3,215 U.S. counties. Overall, Maryland has a 67.6% response rate and the nation has a 63.4% response rate.

For each person counted in the 2020 Census, the County receives \$1,800 or \$18,000 over the 10 years until the next census. After the 2010 Census, the county missed out on approximately \$11 million due to the people who did not fill the census out or did not list everyone living in their household, including children and renters.

There's still time to take complete the census! The date to complete the 2020 Census has been moved up to September 30<sup>th</sup>. To participate in the census, go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish) to ensure Frederick County gets its fair share of resources and funding.

Go to <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> to see the response rate by state, county, city or census tract.

**\*New\* Census Deadline!  
Sept. 30th!**

**Complete the Census Today**  
Visit [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov)

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**Frederick County Health Department:**



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

*Our Ongoing Response*

The Frederick County Health Department has just entered our 29<sup>th</sup> week of COVID-19 response. We are continuing to have regular COVID-19 update phone conferences with all of our local partners, health care providers, public schools, private schools, institutions of higher education, and behavioral health providers. We also have a substantial number of health department nurses assigned to work directly with every long term care facility, day care center, and congregate living facility.

Starting in June, we have been holding Community Testing Sites throughout the county and have held clinics in over a dozen locations. Our goal is to make testing convenient for the communities around the testing locations, since some people may not have access to the other testing locations, such as CVS, Walmart, or the Frederick Health Hospital drive-thru testing.

In July, we moved our PPE supplies to a climate controlled location to prevent our supplies (and our workers!) from melting in the heat. We are continuing to receive PPE from the state and from local purchases so that we can ensure adequate supply when it's needed. Health Department employees never thought they'd become certified fork lift drivers, but they have!

We are continuing to use the state system for contact tracing, covidLINK. We have a dedicated team working on contact tracing, including some of our School Health staff who may continue depending on how many schools reopen. Please answer the phone if you get a call from MD COVID and provide accurate information. We will never ask for financial information or payment.

This is our 86<sup>th</sup> update from our Joint Information Center (JIC) since March! JIC updates are going out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless there is a need for an urgent update. Our JIC has members from 20+ agencies from around the county. We meet on a regular basis to share updates from our agencies and identify questions and issues from our community. We have been working hard to report the updates and numbers we have confidence in on a regular basis to keep our community informed, as well as answer all the questions you have. We appreciate the "shares" and "likes" that help us get our message out into our community, and for every conversation you have with friends and family to pass on our updates.

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### *Frequently Asked Question*

Q: What should I do if people working in a business or doctor's office aren't wearing face coverings?

A: According to Governor Hogan's [Order from July 31](#), all persons in Maryland over the age of 5 years old are required to wear a face covering while they are indoors at any location where members of the public are generally permitted, which includes businesses and medical offices.

- If you are concerned about a business in Frederick County, please send an email with the name of the business and any relevant details to [FCHDBusinessInfo@FrederickCountyMD.Gov](mailto:FCHDBusinessInfo@FrederickCountyMD.Gov).
- Complaints about a healthcare facility's implementation of these measures should be directed to the Office of Health Care Quality at <https://health.maryland.gov/ohcq/Pages/Complaints.aspx>.
- If your complaint includes issues related to services provided by a Physician, you can contact the Maryland Board of Physicians at 410-764-4777 or visit their website: <https://www.mbp.state.md.us>.

### **Frederick Health Hospital:**

Frederick Health Hospital COVID-19 testing site is located at Frederick Health Village off of Monocacy Blvd:

1 Frederick Health Way  
Frederick, MD 21701

[Click Here for directions](#)

Testing runs daily, 7A.M.-2 P.M. Testing is available to all, no symptoms required.

**High Health Closures:** Any time the temperature is forecasted to reach 90 degrees or higher during our operational hours of 7am-2pm, we will close the testing site at 11am. No one else will be permitted to line up after 11am, but we will finish testing those patients that are already in line. For the latest information on changes & updates to our testing site's schedule, please visit our [official Facebook page](#).

If you are in need of pre-operative COVID testing for an upcoming Frederick Health procedure, proceed to our location at 501 West 7th Street. This site will operate 12 noon-2 p.m.

Due to high testing volume, we are experiencing increased turnaround times for results and increased phone calls. If you do not speak with one of our team members, please leave a message at 240-566-3152 and we will return your call within 48 hours.

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### **Maryland Department of Health**

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) today announced its collaboration with 13 hospitals in the state to conduct an antibody (serology) study to determine how many Marylanders have been exposed to COVID-19. More than 6,000 people will be tested in the initial phase.

Frederick Health Hospital will be participating in this study.

More details about the study and the complete list of participating hospitals can be found here: <https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Department-of-Health-launches-COVID-19-antibody-study.aspx>

### **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](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus)
- 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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