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FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



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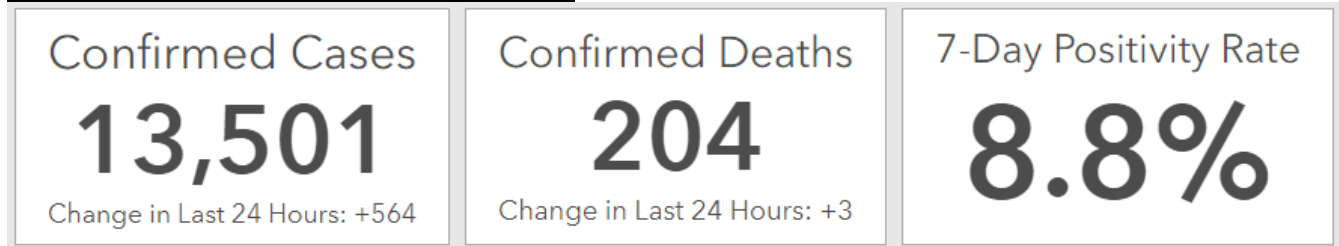
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for January 12, 2021

Frederick, MD – January 12, 2021

Frederick County Health Department:



**NOTE:* Today’s daily increase is artificially high. For 48 hours over the weekend, Frederick Health Hospital had a backlog in processing COVID-19 tests and reporting them to the state. The backlog has been resolved and everyone who was tested last week has received their results. Frederick Health Hospital reports that they are back to their normal processing speed.

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

Update on COVID-19 Vaccine:

Current Phase: 1A

- We are currently vaccinating first responders and licensed health care providers. Please note that this does include groups such as licensed social workers and morticians. We are posting our clinics for 1A on our website: FrederickCountyMD.gov/CovidVaccine. We currently have appointments open for today, and we are adding more as we receive more vaccine. Please check back throughout the week. People in 1A need to show proof that they are in 1A when they come to their appointment. **If you are not in 1A, you will not be vaccinated at this time.**

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Frequently Asked Questions:

- I'm over 75 years old and have other health issues. When do I get the vaccine?
 - We are not quite ready for other groups yet like seniors, but when we get there we will share updates and instructions. If you have friends, family, or neighbors in this age group who don't get our updates, please watch our updates and be ready to help them to make appointments when the time comes.
- I think my job counts as essential, so where do I fit in the priority groups?
 - We are waiting for additional clarification from the state on exactly which industries fit into the essential workers categories. We will be sharing this information in future updates when we know more, so please check back.
- How will I know when I can get the vaccine?
 - Wondering where you fall in the priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination, or how you'll be able to get the vaccine? We know it's frustrating to hear, but we don't have all those details yet. We will be sharing updates as soon as we know! You can sign up to get our updates by texting FredCoVID19 to 888777.



**Opt-in for Frederick
County COVID-19 Updates**

*Text FredCoVID19
to 888777*

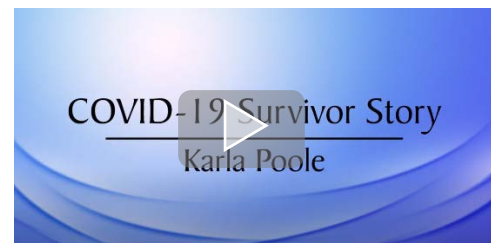
Planning for the next group:

Group 1B will include adults who are 75 years and older, people living in assisted living facilities and congregate living homes, education (specifically people working in day care or K-12), and continuity of government (we're still waiting for guidance on how the state is defining this, so check back for later updates).

If you have a friend, family member or neighbor who is 75 years or older, please help them sign up to get these updates or sign up yourself so that you can help them register for an appointment when the next group opens. We will be working with the senior communities to make sure that people who don't have access to the internet or are homebound can still get the necessary information, but we will need help from our community on this. Please watch for our next update for more details.

COVID-19 Survivor Story:

Karla Poole shares her experience being diagnosed with COVID-19 and a month later. Watch her video [here](#).



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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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