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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 May 27, 2021

Frederick, MD – May 27, 2021

Vaccinations in Frederick County			
1st Dose Given 131,327	2nd Dose Given 107,165	Single Dose Given 14,207	Fully Vaccinated 121,372
% of Population Vaccinated 50.6% 1st Dose	% of Population Vaccinated 41.3% 2nd Dose	% of Population Vaccinated 5.5% Single Dose	% of Population Vaccinated 46.8% Fully Vaccinated
Confirmed Cases 19,743 Change in Last 24 Hours: +7	Confirmed Deaths 328 Change in Last 24 Hours: +12	7-Day Positivity Rate 1.8%	

See explanation on next page for increase in reported deaths.

Note: The percentages reported are based on the whole county population, not just the age groups currently eligible.

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

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Maryland State Update

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Vital Statistics Administration (VSA) has revised the state's COVID-19 data to include deaths that were not properly classified by medical certifiers over the past year. VSA identified these deaths as COVID-19 deaths through an information reconciliation process utilizing other sources of data. The May 27 increase of +12 deaths reflects the additional deaths that have been included for Frederick County.

COVID-19 death data are presented on the dashboard by both date of report and by date of death, and are updated as amendments to death records are received. VSA identified, through maintenance exercises, that some medical certifiers had miscoded the cause or probable cause of death. VSA is in the process of re-issuing guidance for coding protocols to medical certifiers.

“When necessary, our epidemiologists make adjustments to reported health data as information is reviewed, verified, and corrected,” said MDH Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services Dr. Jinlene Chan. “It is important for medical certifiers to closely follow CDC guidance when reporting COVID-19 deaths. This data is critical for the public and the public health community, and our systems and processes are designed to ensure accuracy and transparency in our reporting to the public.” [Press Release.](#)

Currently Eligible in Maryland and Frederick County

All Marylanders 12 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. **Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 12-17 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Frederick Vaccination Update

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 by Monday.

- **Children 12 years and older are eligible. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to be vaccinated.**
- Schedule an appointment by going to <http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine> or call 301-600-7900 Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm, or call 301-600-7905 for Spanish.
- Walk-ins will be taken as vaccine supply allows. For a shorter visit and guaranteed vaccination, please schedule an appointment.
- For other dates/times, check out [Frederick Health Hospital](#) and other [locations](#).

LYFT Ride Option: Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited for more information or can call 301-600-7900 for English or 301-600-7905 for Spanish. The first \$25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can COVID-19 alter my DNA?

Answer: COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

There are currently two types of COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized and recommended for use in the United States: messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines and a viral vector vaccine. Both mRNA and viral vector COVID-19 vaccines deliver instructions (genetic material) to our cells to start building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. However, the material never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA is kept. This means the genetic material in the vaccines cannot affect or interact with our DNA in any way. All COVID-19 vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity to disease.



Learn more about [how mRNA COVID-19 vaccines work](#).

Learn more about [how viral vector vaccines work](#).

Question: Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

Answer: No. None of the authorized and recommended [COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States](#) contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine **cannot** make you sick with COVID-19.



COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are normal and are signs that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. Learn more about [how COVID-19 vaccines work](#).

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and still get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

Question: Can being near someone who received a COVID-19 vaccine affect my menstrual cycle?

Answer: No. Your menstrual cycle cannot be affected by being near someone who received a COVID-19 vaccine.



Many things can affect menstrual cycles, including stress, changes in your schedule, problems with sleep, and changes in diet or exercise. Infections may also affect menstrual cycles.

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JIC Agency Updates

City of Frederick: Pop Up Dining to Return to Frederick this Summer on Select Saturdays

On June 26, July 24, and August 28, Market Street will be closed to vehicles from 11AM to 11PM to allow in-the-street dining between Patrick Street and 3rd Street. Participating restaurants will place tables in the roadway to expand outdoor dining opportunities, much like the effort put in place last summer during restricted dining orders.

Since last summer, additional parklets have been placed along Market Street to offer restaurants expanded outdoor dining capacity seven days a week. The parklets will remain in place to continue that opportunity.

In addition to pop-up dining, many events are returning to the community this summer. To stay up to date with pop-up dining and other events, opt in to receive text message alerts by texting 2021EVENTS to 888777.

Frederick County Public Libraries: On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, all branches of Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL) will reopen to the public with expanded hours. FCPL will also go fine free as of June 15, 2021, with all customer accounts given a clean slate.

Branches will open at 30% capacity and customers are asked to limit their visits to task-based activities to ensure others have access. Per County policy, masks are required for anyone over the age of 5, and customers are asked to maintain distancing while inside the branch.

Curbside services will still be offered at all branches for contactless pickup of reserved materials. More information about library services and operating hours can be found [here](#).

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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