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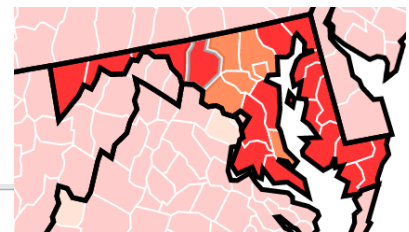
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for August 26, 2021

Frederick, MD

Level of Community Transmission in Frederick County, MD: HIGH



Vaccinations in Frederick County

1st Dose Given 152,006	2nd Dose Given 140,374	Single Dose Given 16,587	Fully Vaccinated 156,961
% of Population Vaccinated 58.6% 1st Dose	% of Population Vaccinated 54.1% 2nd Dose	% of Population Vaccinated 6.4% Single Dose	% of Population Vaccinated 60.5% Fully Vaccinated

Frederick County residents fully vaccinated by age group:

% of Population 12-17 Years of Age	% of Population 12+ Years of Age	% of Population 18+ Years of Age	% of Population 65+ Years of Age
53.7%	73.2%	75.0%	90.3%

Confirmed Cases 21,276 Change in Last 24 Hours: +63	Confirmed Deaths 340 Change in Last 24 Hours: +0	7-Day Positivity Rate 6.33%
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Please check our dashboard for statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.

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COVID-19 Updates

Cases: continue to rise in the U.S., Maryland, and Frederick County. The majority (98%+) of new cases are the Delta variant. See CDC’s [variant monitoring page](#) for details. Approximately 70% of new cases in Maryland are individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

Hospitalizations are increasing both in acute care and ICUs. Approximately two-thirds of individuals in Frederick County who are hospitalized are not fully vaccinated.

FDA Approval: on Monday, FDA granted full approval to Pfizer for their COVID-19 vaccine under the brand name Comirnaty. This approval is for individuals 16 years and older. The vaccine is still available for individuals 12-15 years under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Learn more about the different COVID-19 vaccines [here](#).

Booster vs. Additional Dose:

CDC recommends that some people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised receive an additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine because they might not have received enough protection from their initial 2-dose vaccine series. These individuals are eligible for an additional dose now, and do not need to bring any proof (no doctor’s note or order are required). [Our website](#) has links to upcoming clinics, as well as the list of conditions included in the definition of moderately or severely immunocompromised.

COVID-19 vaccines are working very well to prevent severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death. However, there is some reduced protection against mild and moderate disease. For this reason, other people may be eligible to begin receiving a booster vaccine later this fall. This “booster dose” is another dose of vaccine given to people who built enough protection after vaccination, but then that protection decreased over time.

Plans are still being made for how booster doses will be available. More information will be shared in upcoming weeks. More: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

Johnson & Johnson and Boosters: If you received the Johnson & Johnson’s (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine, you’re probably wondering if you need a booster, too. CDC hasn’t said that they will definitely recommend a booster yet, but that it is likely. Health officials will keep looking at all the data to make a decision on J&J boosters, and we’ll share any updates when we get them. More: <https://bit.ly/3mrK4Z5>.



Q: What’s the difference between a booster dose and an additional dose?

A: Sometimes people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised do not build enough (or any) protection when they first get a vaccination. When this happens, getting another dose of the vaccine can sometimes help them build more protection against the disease. This appears to be the case for some immunocompromised people and COVID-19 vaccines.

In contrast, a “booster dose” refers to another dose of a vaccine that is given to someone who built enough protection after vaccination, but then that protection decreased over time (this is called waning immunity).



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JIC Partner Updates

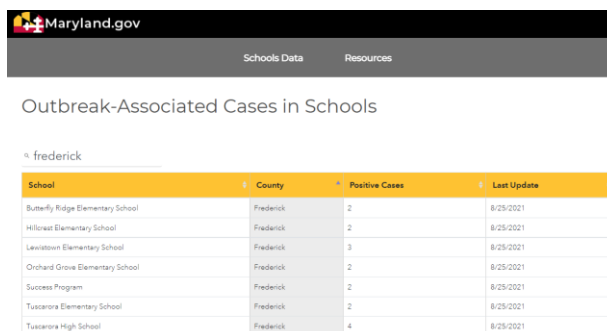
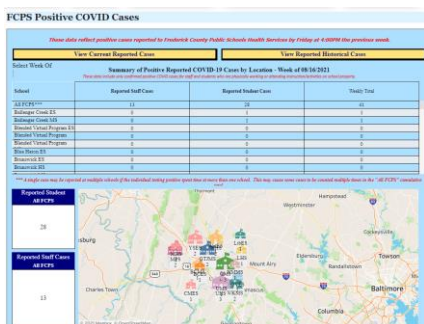
City of Frederick: Wednesday, August 25, 2021, Mayor O'Connor held a briefing to discuss the changes due to the rescindment of the State of Maryland's State of Emergency and also to announce that the City's State of Emergency remains in effect at this time. To understand the implications and operation changes of each of these actions, please view the [recording of the briefing](#).

- Pop-up dining, including parklets, parking lot use, and expanded food truck opportunities will end September 14th.
- The rental increase moratorium will end in mid-February 2022. Anyone who has questions regarding their rent and/or who may need housing assistance should reach out to the city Department of Housing and Human Services.
- The extension of various planning and permitting approvals will end in August 2022.
- Masks and a health screening are required for all employees and guests entering City facilities.

Frederick County Government: County-owned buildings remain open to the public by appointment only until October 1 when this will be reevaluated. Masks are required in any county building.

Frederick County Division of Parks & Recreation, Public Works, TransIT, Animal Control, and Frederick County Sheriff's Office are holding a career fair on August 27, 2021 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This career fair is designed to connect job seekers that may be interested in Full or Part-Time employment. Talk with managers, supervisors, and apply on-site for a variety of jobs. Frederick County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1445464072490250/>

Frederick County Public Schools: Frederick County Public Schools provides a [data dashboard](#) for families, staff and community members as a summary of student and staff COVID-19 cases broken down by school. Maryland Department of Health also provides information about [outbreaks of COVID-19 in Maryland schools](#) based on their outbreak definition, which is updated on Wednesdays. Because MDH and FCPS are providing different types of data over different time periods, the numbers in the two dashboards will not be the same.



TransIT: The Federal Mask Requirement for public transportation has been extended until January 18, 2022. Please continue to wear masks that cover your nose and mouth when on board any public transit, including all TransIT services. For more information visit <https://www.transit.dot.gov/TransitMaskUp>

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Frederick Vaccination Update

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 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 on Mondays.

- 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.
- For other dates/times, check out [Frederick Health Hospital](#) and other [locations](#).
- If you need an in-home vaccination, please call 301-600-7900 to schedule.

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.

Childcare option: [KinderCare](#), [Learning Care Group](#), and [YMCA](#) are all offering free child care to help parents and caregivers get vaccinated. For more information, visit the provider’s website.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Aug. 26	1:30-2:30pm	Rescue Mission, 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701
Thursday, Aug. 26	4-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Thursday, Aug. 26	5-7pm	Brunswick, Railroad Square, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Aug. 27	10am-1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Friday, Aug. 27	11am-2pm	Seton Center 226 Lincoln Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Friday, Aug. 27	5-7pm	Thurmont, 615 E. Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788
Saturday, Aug. 28	10am-2pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Saturday, Aug. 28	10am-5pm	Triofest 797 E. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 21702
Monday, Aug. 30	1-4pm	Fredericktowne Mall 1317 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 21702
Tuesday, Aug. 31	1:30-2:30pm	Rescue Mission, 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701
Wednesday, Sept. 1	11am-3pm	Frederick Community College Building H: room H202/H203 in the Student Center, Frederick MD, 21701
Wednesday, Sept. 1	4-6pm	Carver Apartments Community Center - 207 Lee Alley, Frederick MD 21701
Wednesday, Sept. 1	4-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).

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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