COVID-19 Update: Board of Education

Carroll County Health Department

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Due to a statewide network security incident, data access is still limited. Please note all data is subject to change.

Maryland and U.S. Data Trends

- Cases have risen by about 50% in Maryland in the last 2 weeks;

- Hospitalizations more than doubled in last week;

- The impact of the surge is likely greater than data suggests, as many people are using home test kits and results are not reported or included in official reports.

- Hospitalizations are manageable at present and daily deaths are still fairly low.
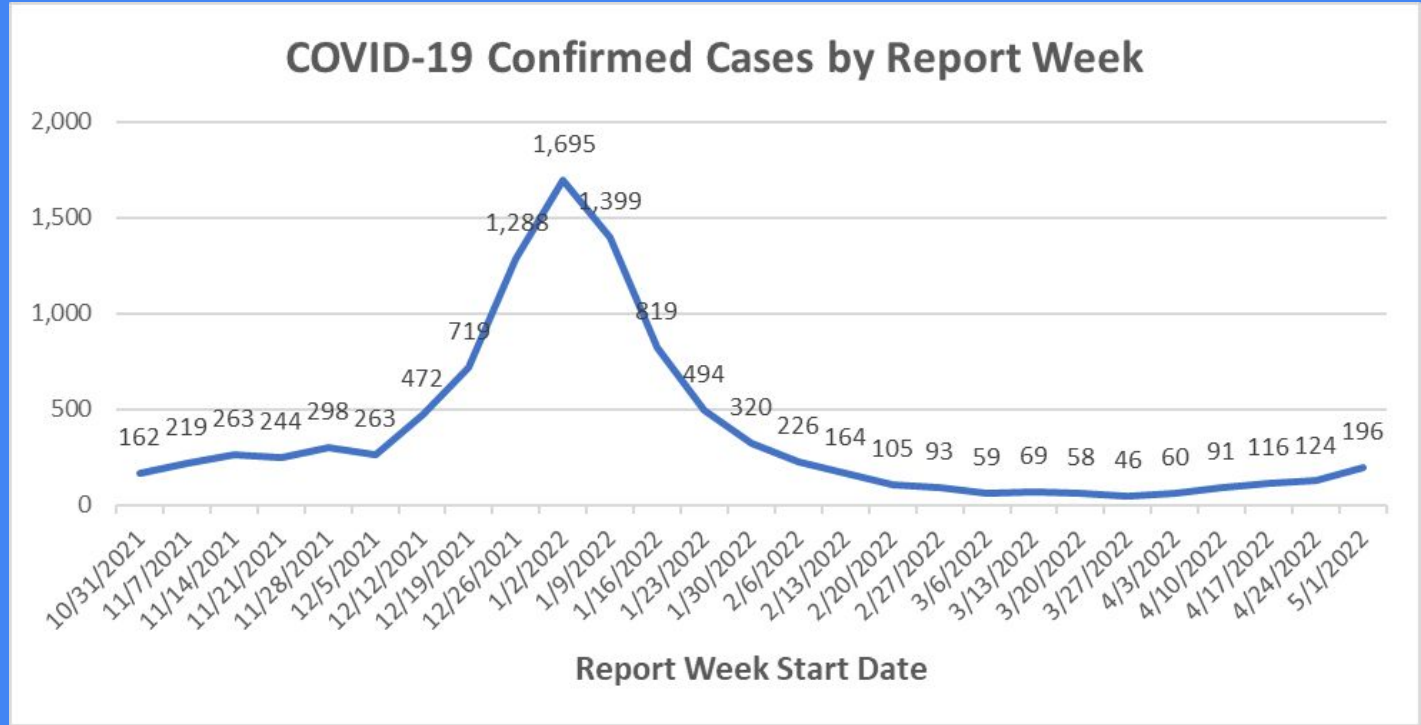
Carroll County Data through 5/7/22

- **21,922 confirmed cases (+483 since last month)**

- **12.0% positivity (state 6.2%)**
  (up from 3.1% a month ago)

- **397 deaths (+7 since last month)**

*Please note, we are now using state data to report these numbers. This data does NOT include at-home tests or any antigen tests (probable cases).
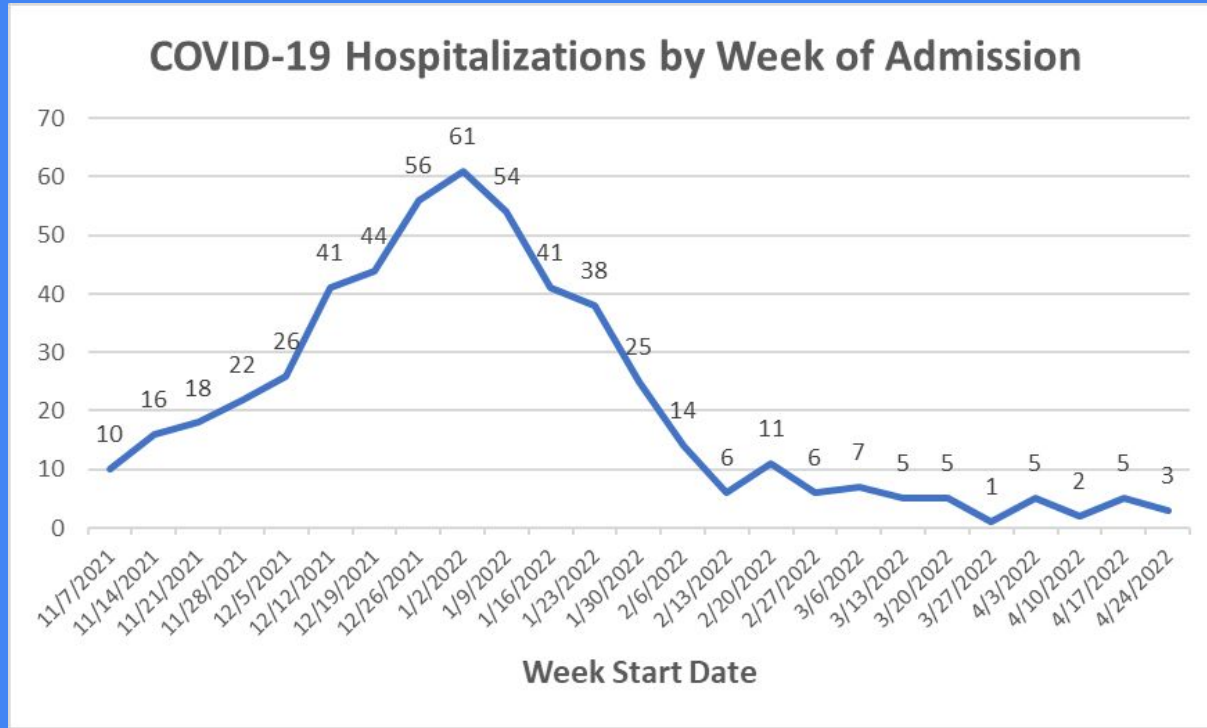
Please note:
- Local data tracking
- Confirmed cases ONLY.
- Positive antigen tests (probables) and at-home tests are NOT INCLUDED in these totals.
- The actual number of cases is much higher.

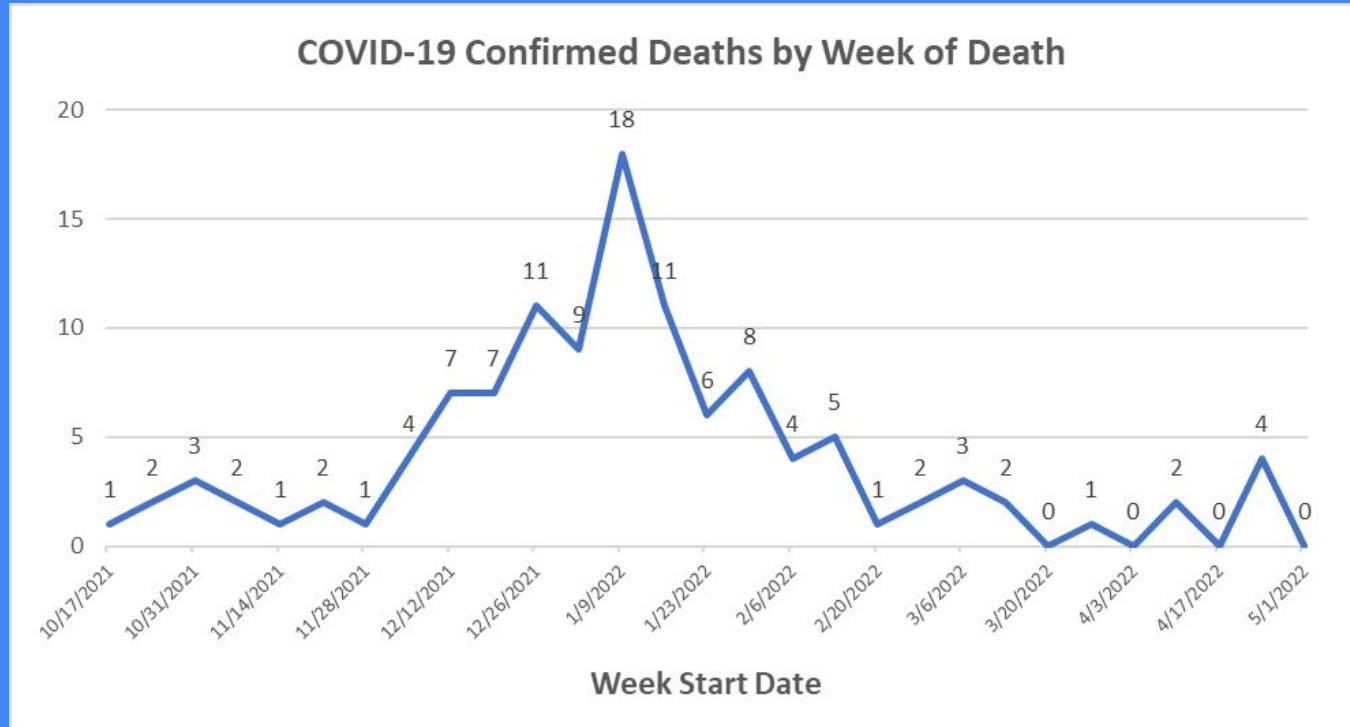COVID-19 Confirmed Cases by Report Week

Carroll Hospitalizations for COVID

This data is delayed by one week.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Week of Admission

Carroll COVID-19 Deaths

Deaths lag cases and hospitalizations and data is not complete.

COVID-19 Confirmed Deaths by Week of Death

Vaccinations

Population	% Fully Vaccinated	Of Fully Vaccinated, % with Booster
Total Population	72.3%	55.0%
Population >= 5 Years of Age	76.4%	-
Population >= 12 Years of Age	80.0%	57.5%
Population >= 18 Years of Age	81.3%	59.6%
Population >= 65 Years of Age	95.0%	77.2%

COVID news

- The CDC recommends that everyone wear masks on airplanes, trains, and other transportation due to current COVID conditions and the protective value of masks.

- 2nd COVID boosters are available for people over 50, people 12+ who are immunocompromised, and people who got 2 doses of J&J vaccine.

- The FDA limited the authorized use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to people 18+ who can't use other COVID-19 vaccines or who would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Current CCPS outbreaks

Current MSDE/MDH guidance is Covid positive students must stay home for at least 5 days, may return to school when asymptomatic, and must wear mask for additional 5 days; OR remain home for 10 days;

- Strong CCHD recommendation to reinstate school-wide mandatory masking (with enforcement) in schools in School-Wide Outbreak status;
- Concern is secondary and tertiary spread into community;

Pediatric Data/Issues

COVID-19
- 229,369 confirmed cases Statewide <20 years of age (~22% all cases); 22 deaths

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) - associated w/ Covid
- Different body parts can become inflamed; can be deadly
- 175 confirmed cases in MD (1 Carroll County)

Hepatitis Clusters
- Initial cluster identified in Alabama in Fall, 2021: previously healthy children hospitalized w/ severe hepatitis; clusters since identified in other states/countries
- Cause still under investigation, possible relationship to adenovirus type 41 infection

Vaccinations for children

- A booster is recommended for children age 12-17, 5 months after their primary series.

- Children ages 5 through 11 years who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should receive 3 doses; kids 12-17 who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should receive 4 doses.

- The FDA is reviewing data to determine most effective dose of vaccine for children under 5, decision expected soon.

- CCHD is working with local pediatric practices to prepare to offer the vaccine to that age group as soon as it is available.

COVID-19 Service Updates

Vaccinations
- Clinics for ages 5+ Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6:30 at Westminster Senior Center

Testing
- Currently at the Health Department on Monday and Thursday 10 am - 1 pm
- Test kits through libraries, order online, or reimbursement from insurance, Medicare

Treatment
- Many options available through Test to Treat and healthcare providers

Any questions?

Learn more:

https://cchd.maryland.gov/covid-19/