

# COVID-19 Update

Carroll County Health Department

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Due to a statewide network security incident, CCHD is currently unable to provide updated local case data. Some vaccination and hospitalization data is available. The Maryland Department of Health is now sharing limited case data.

# Maryland COVID Case Data

- Some statewide case data is now available; local data is not yet
- 4,072 cases reported in Maryland on Wednesday
- Statewide positivity running 10-15%
- Hospitalizations up to 1,465 - increase of over 180% in last month

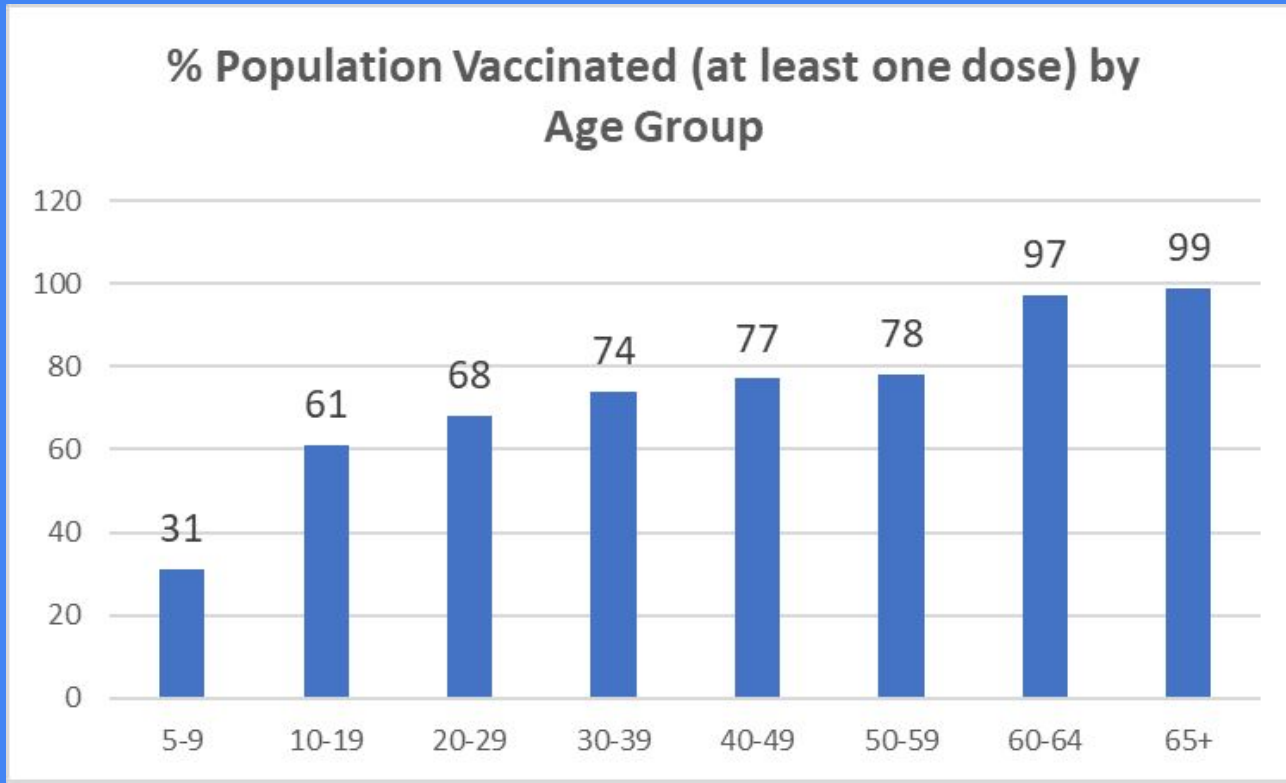
# Vaccinations

The Health Department has administered 61,173 total doses:

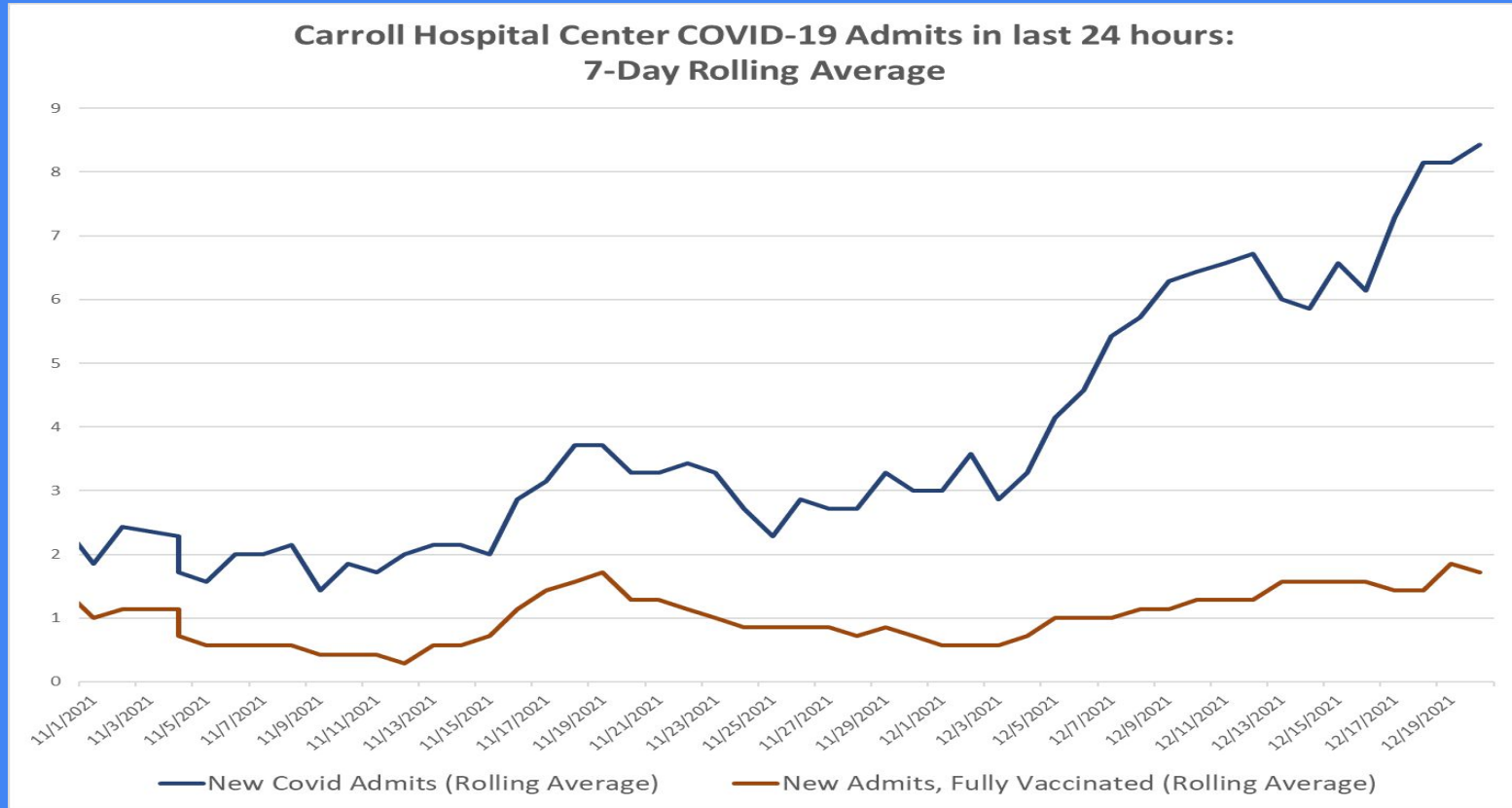
- 29,350 1st doses
- 27,565 2nd doses
- 752 single doses
- 3,506 additional doses

73.8% of the Carroll County population (all ages) has received at least one dose; 68.7% are fully vaccinated.

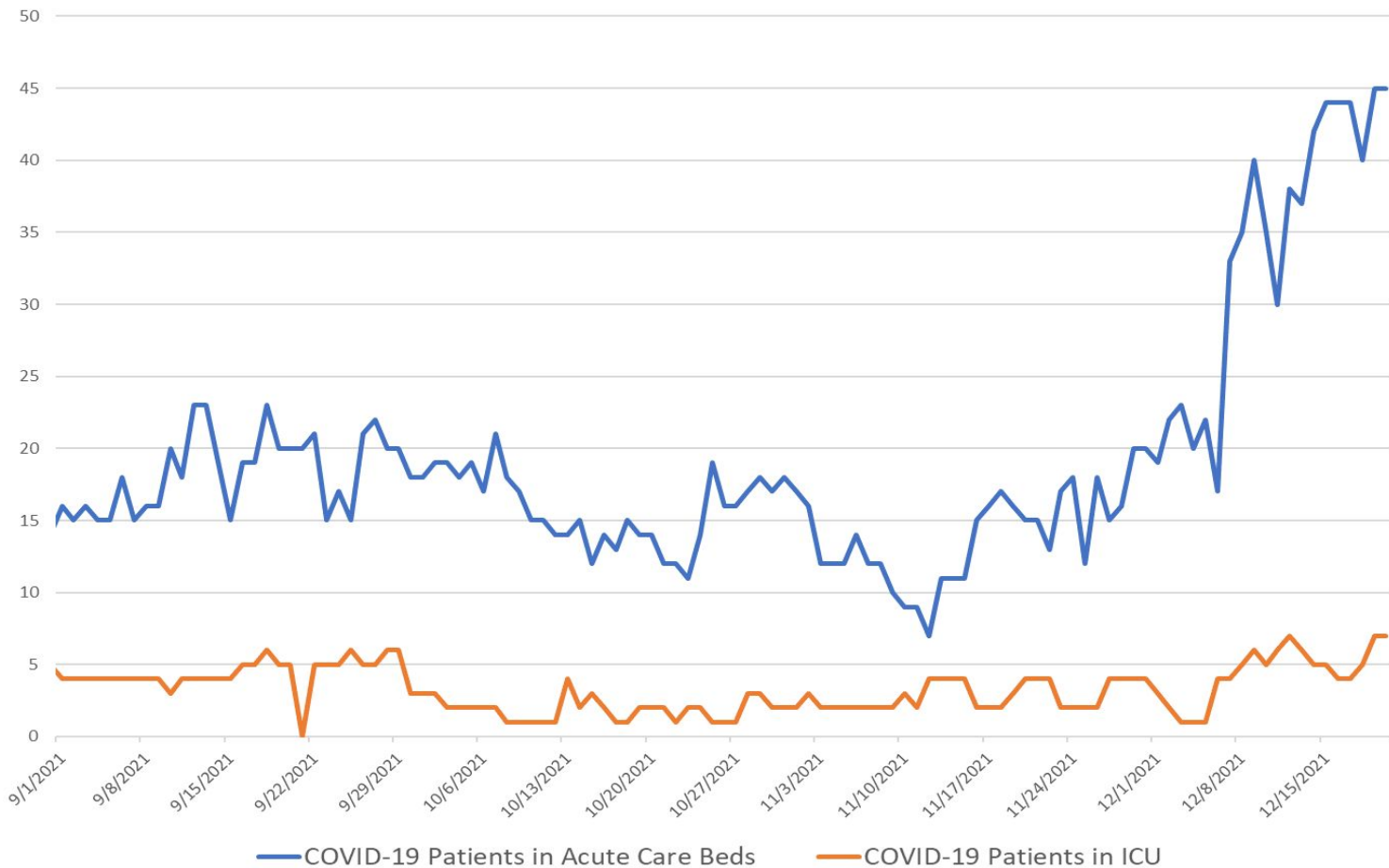
An additional 5% of those in the 5-9 age group were vaccinated this past week.



## Carroll Hospital data



## ICU and Acute Beds for COVID-19: Carroll Hospital Center



# Vaccination

- **People can register for our regular Tuesday and Friday clinics on our website.**
- **All vaccines are available, 1st and 2nd doses and boosters, for ages 12+.**
- **No clinics on 12/24 and 12/31; closed for the holidays.**
- **For children ages 5-11, two clinics January 5th at Manchester VFD and January 6th at Winfield WFD.**
- **Register at [cchd.maryland.gov/registration-links/](https://cchd.maryland.gov/registration-links/)**
- **Vaccinations are also available at most pharmacies and some doctor's offices.**

# Testing

**Limited testing is available through the Health Department for:**

- People who are close contacts of someone who tested positive for COVID-19
- People who have symptoms of COVID-19 and are at high risk for serious illness
- People working with our contact tracing team
- People referred by schools and childcare centers
- People referred by their healthcare provider because they are unable to provide testing

Testing is currently being offered Tuesday and Friday 9 am – 3 pm, and Wednesday 9:30 – 4:00 pm.

Please note, we are not able to test people who need routine testing for work or travel.

- ◆ Many pharmacies and urgent cares offer testing. Visit [coronavirus.maryland.gov](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov) and click testing to find a location near you.

For updated information, visit [cchd.maryland.gov/covidtesting/](https://cchd.maryland.gov/covidtesting/)



# At-home test kits

- Limited free at-home test kits are being distributed through library branches
- For people who may have been exposed to COVID-19, who are having symptoms of COVID-19, or who want to take extra steps to protect vulnerable family and friends they are visiting
- Not for routine employment testing, pre-travel testing, or school quarantine/isolation
- Also available at many pharmacies, but currently in short supply

# Omicron

As of December 20, Omicron has been detected in most states and is rapidly increasing the proportion of COVID-19 cases it is causing.

- Omicron will likely spread more easily than the original virus and the CDC expects that people with Omicron infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms.
- More data are needed to know if Omicron infections cause more severe illness or death.
- Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur.
- Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work. Based on the changed genetic makeup of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.

# Healthy holidays - assess your risk and use these tools:

- Get vaccinated
- Get your booster
- Mask up
- Test often
- Travel safe
- Stay home when sick
- Avoid crowds
- Meet outside/ventilate
- Wash your hands

*"The COVID-19 vaccine is just like any other vaccine, like the polio vaccine. It's the best way to stop this disease and get the community moving forward."*

Bradley Wantz,  
Mayor of Taneytown

