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. Please note all data is subject to change.

Maryland COVID Case Data

- Some statewide case data is now available; we have very limited access to local data

- 14,494 cases reported in Maryland on Monday (Dec 23 update 4,072)

- Statewide positivity 27.4% (Dec 23 update 10-15%)

- Hospitalizations up to 3,057 - increase of over 500% in last 7 weeks (Dec 23 update 1,465)
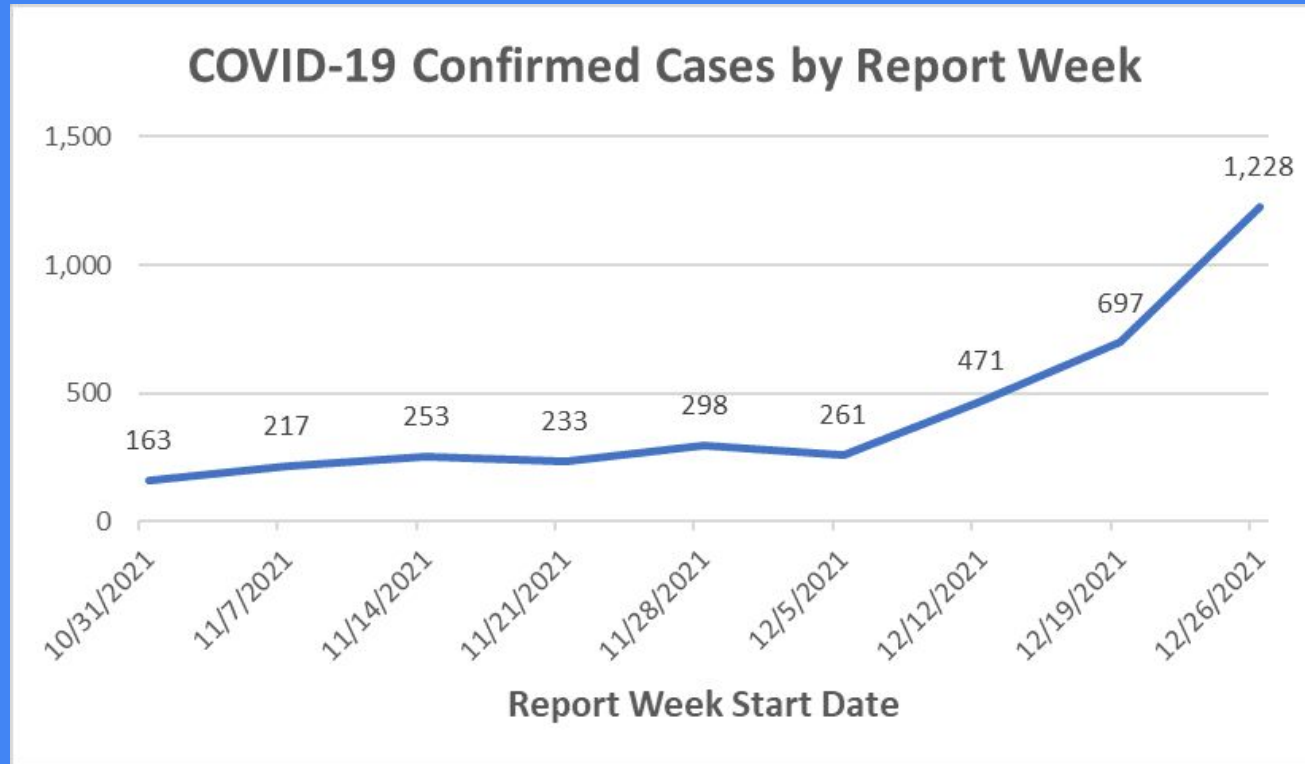
Carroll County Data

5 weeks since last local case data update

Data on 11/30/2021	Data on 1/4/2022
12,680 cases	16,103 cases (3,423 added in 5 weeks, about 684 per week)
5,563 probable cases	NA
Positivity 9.2%	Positivity rate 25.2%
304 deaths	316 deaths (12 deaths, this data may not be complete) *Deaths and death reports lag cases.

Highest one-day Carroll County case total ever: January 3rd, 2022 - 287 cases

COVID Cases by Week
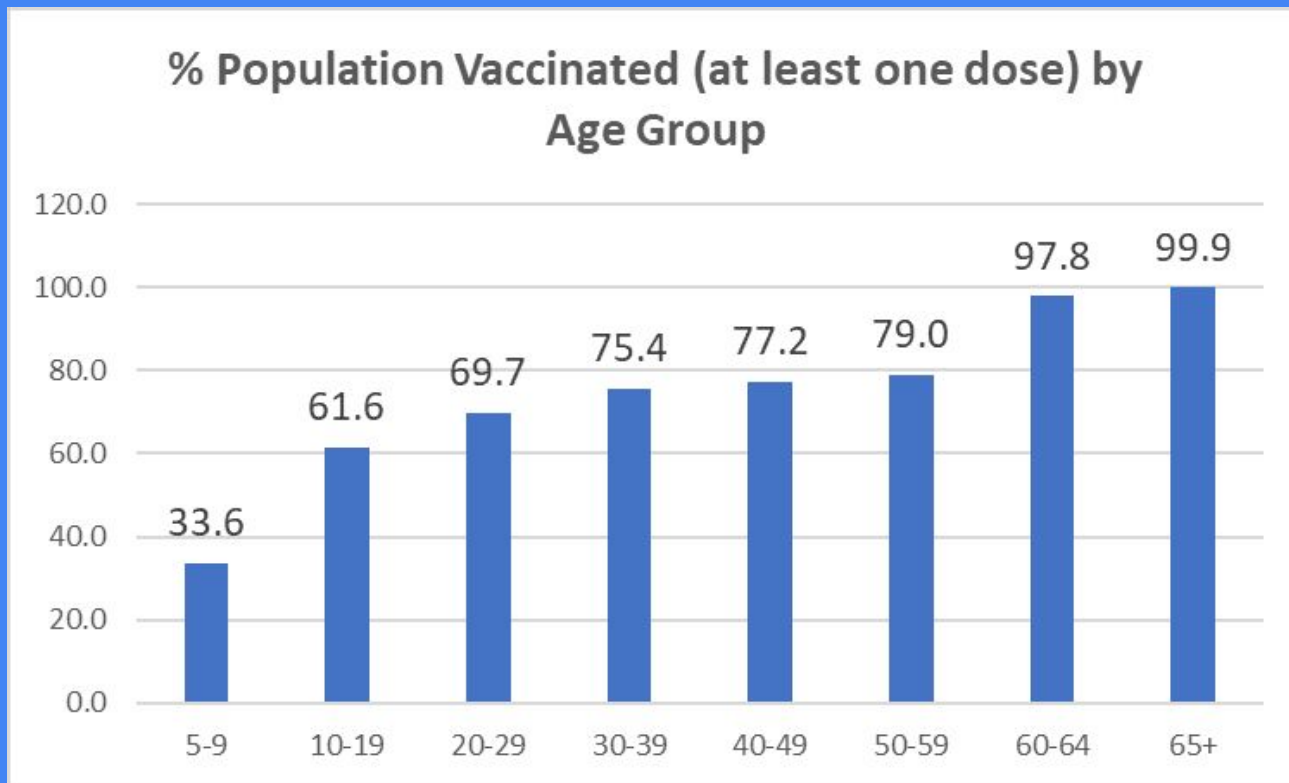## (Carroll County data from the state)

Vaccinations
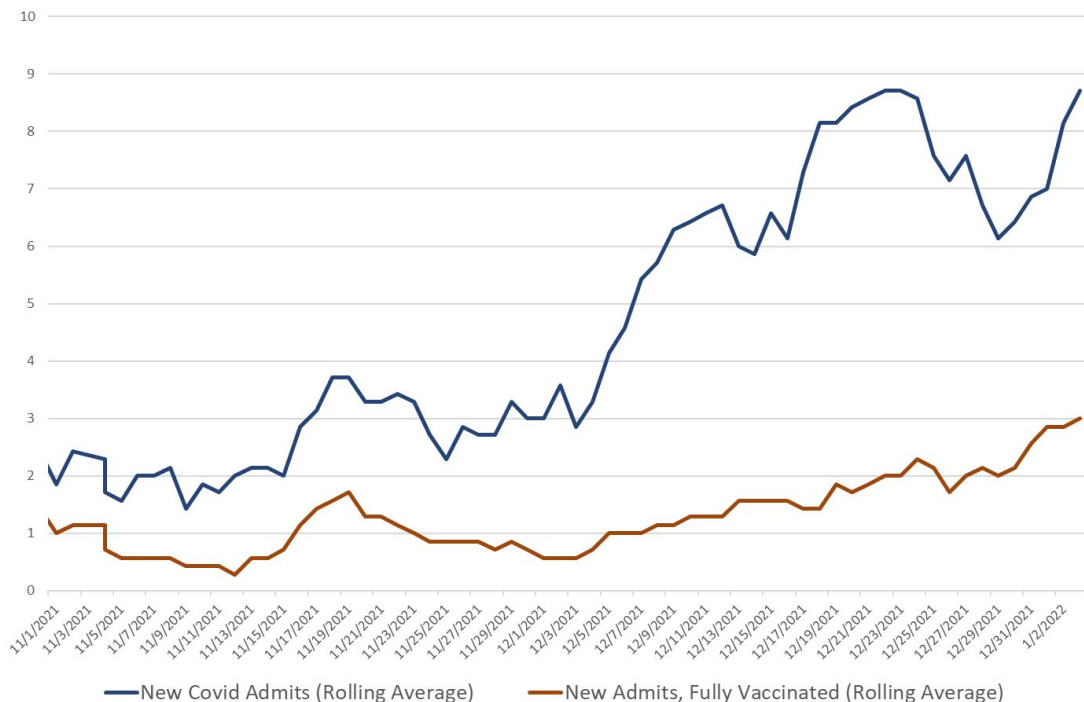
Total CCHD dose data (61,422 total doses)
- 29,391 1st doses
- 27,581 2nd doses
- 758 single doses
- 3,692 additional doses

74.7% of Carroll population has received at least 1 dose;
69.4% are fully vaccinated. 30.8% are boosted.

% Population Vaccinated (at least one dose) by Age Group
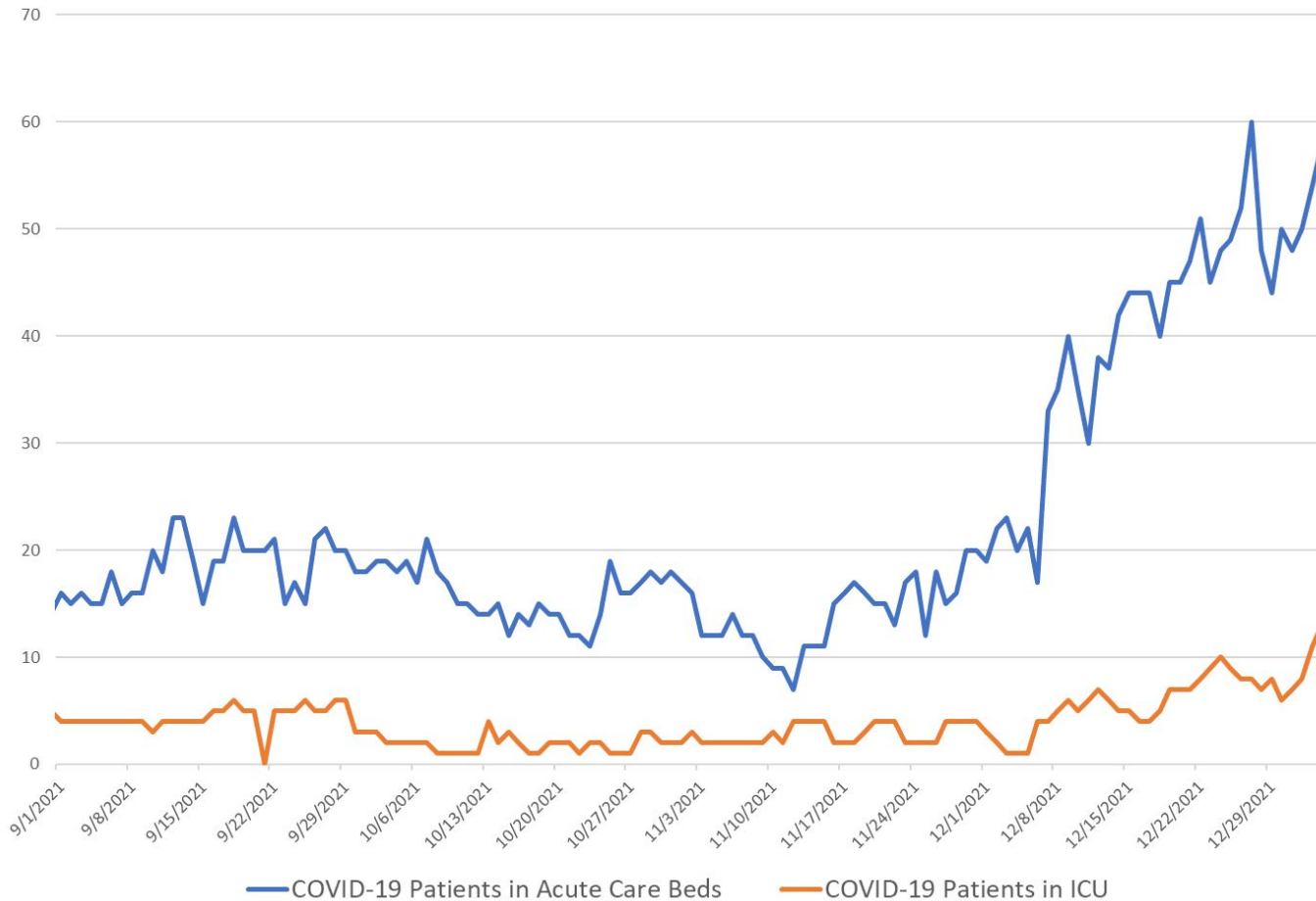
Carroll Hospital COVID Case Data

Carroll Hospital Center COVID-19 Admits in last 24 hours: 7-Day Rolling Average

Of 73 COVID patients in Carroll Hospital on 1/4/21:

- **54 (74%) were unvaccinated with an average age of 58**

- **19 (26%) were vaccinated with an average age of 78**

- **Vaccines help prevent serious illness from COVID-19**

- **Vaccinated individuals who have more serious illness are older with more health conditions**

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

Vaccination

- **Clinics for ages 12+ moving to Carroll Community College in K100 starting January 7th**
- **Register at cchd.maryland.gov/registration-links/**
- **For children ages 5-11, two clinics January 5th at Manchester VFD and January 6th at Winfield WFD; 2nd dose clinic 1/27 at CCC**
- **Register at https://cchd.maryland.gov/covid-19-vaccination-for-children/**
- **Maryland now offering boosters for 12-15 year olds and Pfizer boosters 5 months after 2nd dose. 3rd doses for immunocompromised 5-11 year olds also recommended by CDC.**
- **Vaccinations are also available at most pharmacies and some doctor's offices.**

Testing

The Health Department is offering PCR testing **by appointment only** for people who have been exposed to or have symptoms of COVID-19.

- **If you have been exposed but do not have symptoms, please get tested 5 days after your exposure.** If you get tested sooner than this, you may get a false negative.
- Get tested right away if you have symptoms.
- Please do not go to the hospital or emergency department to get tested.
- Testing guidance may change as we learn more about the Omicron variant, which is spreading in our community.

Health Dept testing is moving to the Ag Center starting on Thursday, January 6th, 9 am – 1 pm

After this week, testing will be held at the Ag Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am-1 pm.

ALL TESTING IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Many pharmacies and urgent cares offer testing. Visit coronavirus.maryland.gov and click "testing"

For updated information, visit 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
- Register Tuesdays at 9 am, pick up on Wednesdays
- Health Dept is working to get more test kits