

Carroll County Health Department COVID Data Update


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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. COVID Data Trends

- Cases have increased by 48 percent in Maryland in the past two weeks.
 - The impact of the surge is likely greater than data shows, since many people are using home test kits.
 - Hospitalizations have increased 33% in Maryland over the past 2 weeks, though they are well below the peak levels seen during the winter.
 - Over 1 million covid deaths (minimum) nationwide.
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Carroll County COVID Data through 5/23/22

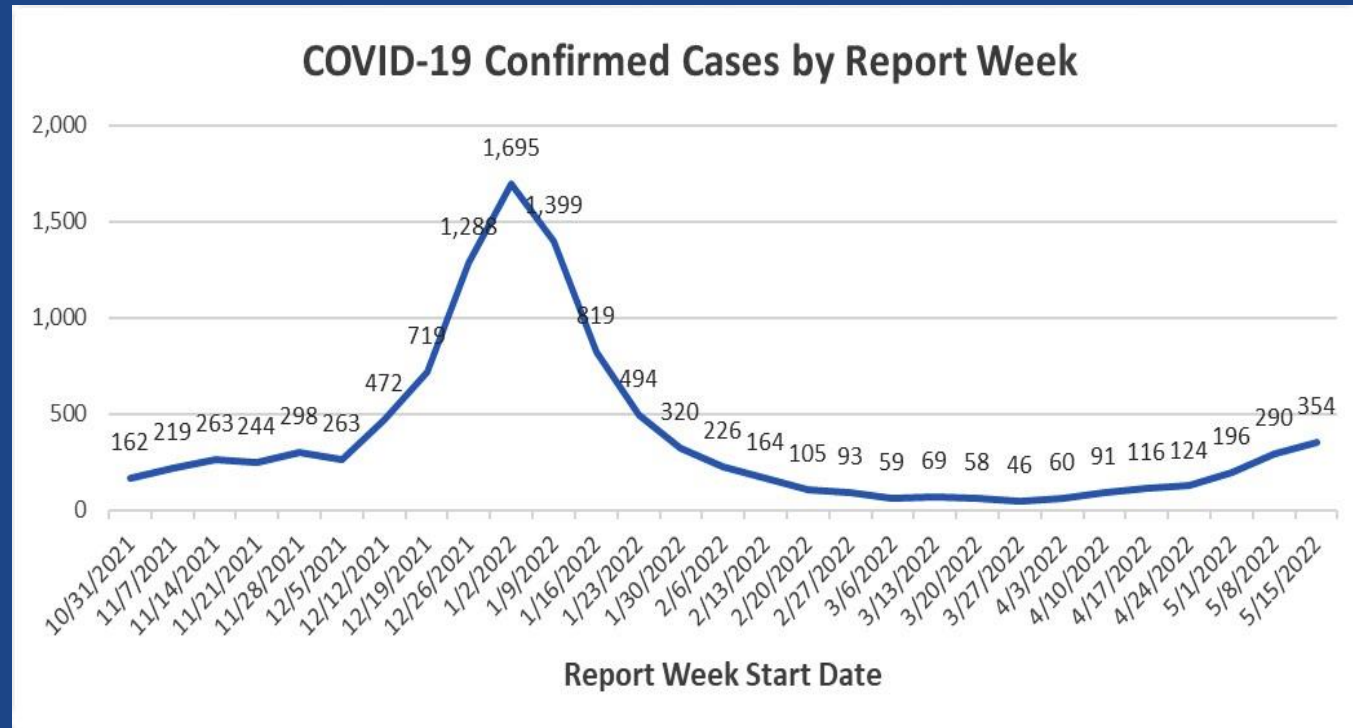
- **22,663 confirmed cases (+741 since 5/7)**
- **15.9% positivity (+3.9% since 5/7)**
- **401 deaths (+4 since last month)**

***Please note, this is state data and does NOT include at-home tests or any antigen tests (probable cases).**

Carroll County is currently at a **LOW** COVID-19 community level but may rise to **MEDIUM** level soon. 13 of 24 jurisdictions in Maryland are currently at a **MEDIUM** community level.

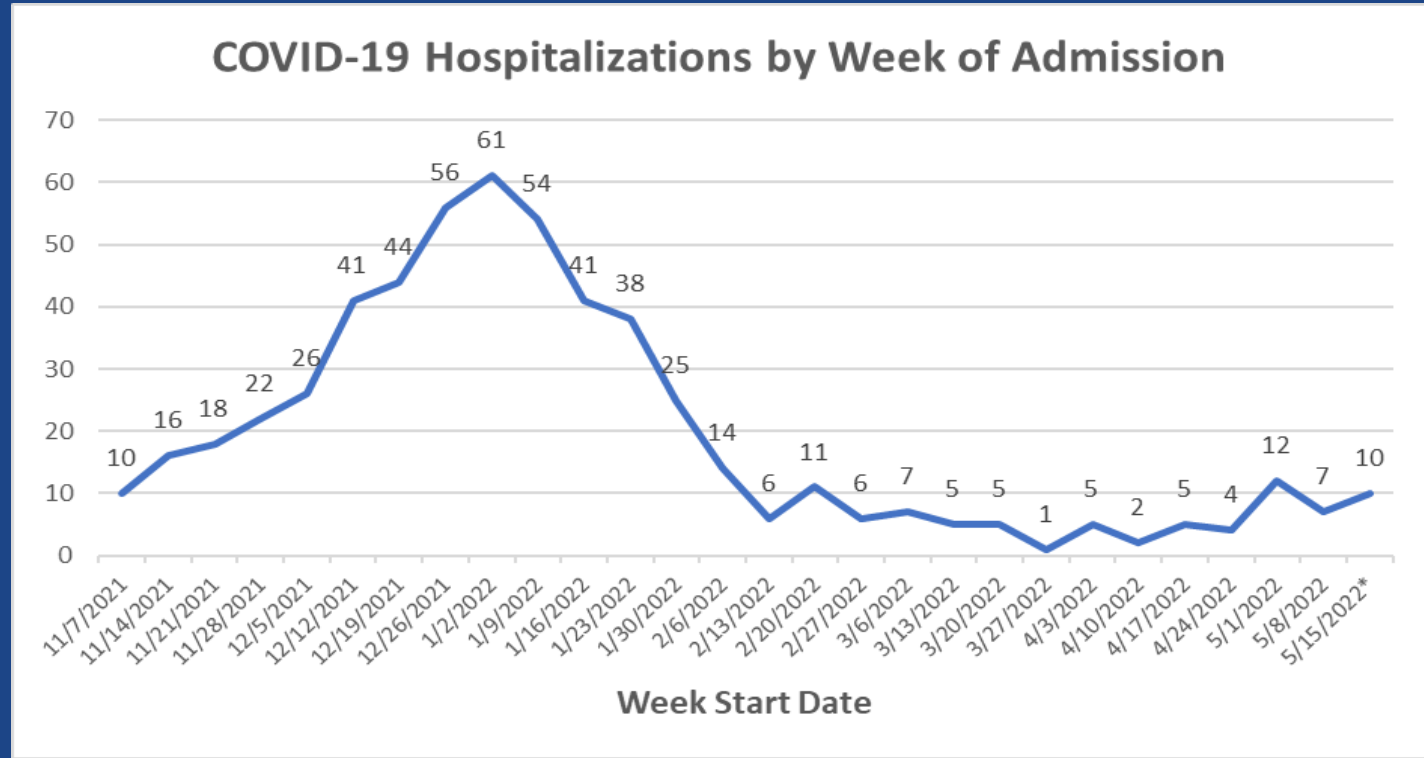
Carroll County COVID-19 Cases

- 354 confirmed cases last week in Carroll County, up from 290
- 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.



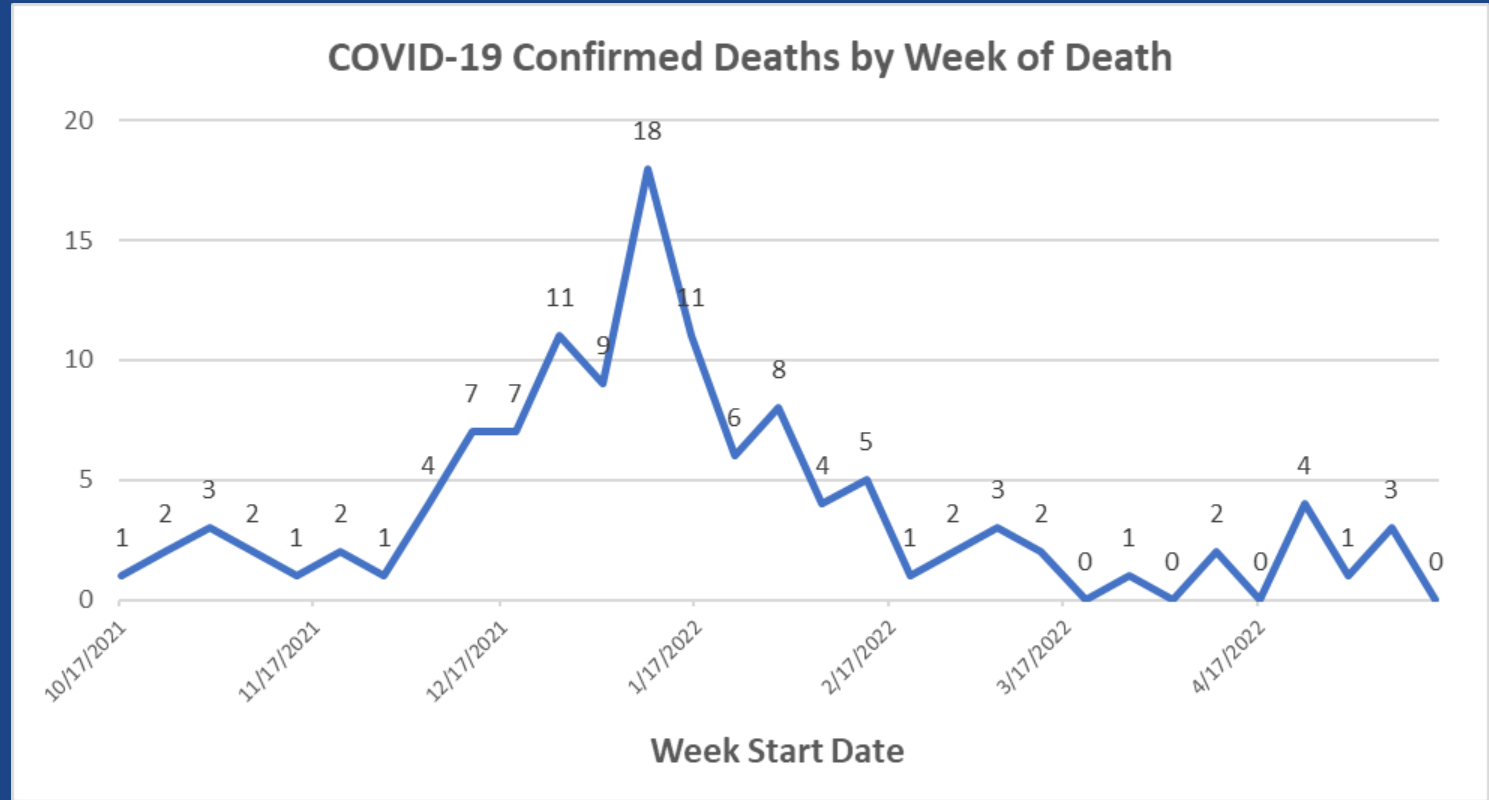
Carroll County Residents with COVID in Hospitals

- Data delayed, past week is incomplete.
- Includes Carroll residents in any hospital with COVID
- 9 COVID+ currently hospitalized at Carroll Hospital (6 primary dx, down from 16)



Carroll COVID-19 Deaths

Deaths lag cases and hospitalizations and data is not complete.



Carroll County COVID Deaths Since Week of 12/26/2021: Age by Vaccine Status

	# deaths	<60 years	>=60 years	Average Age (years)
Not fully vaccinated	52	13	39	70.8
Fully vaccinated, not boosted	17	2	15	75.8
Fully vaccinated and boosted	22	1	21	80.7

Long COVID

- A recent CDC study found that about 1 in 5 adults who had COVID have a health condition that may be related to their illness.
- COVID-19 survivors have twice the risk for developing pulmonary embolism or respiratory conditions.
- COVID-19 survivors aged ≥ 65 years in this study were at increased risk for neurologic conditions, as well as mental health conditions including mood disorders, anxiety, and substance-related disorders.

Carroll County Health Department COVID Operations Update

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Testing

- **Mobile Unit located at Carroll County Health Department (parking lot)**
 - PCR self-swab
 - Monday & Thursday, 10 AM to 1 PM; No appointment needed
 - Current turnaround time is 24-48 hours (if testing increases, this time can also increase)
 - *Temporary location due to mobile unit being wrapped - CCHD side parking lot, 5/16-5/26, appts required
- **Home Test Kits**
 - Available at libraries, retail outlets, pharmacies
 - Insurance reimbursement
 - Federal government
- **Test to Treat Sites (T2T)**
 - Test to treat sites offer both testing and access to treatment for those who test positive.
 - There are several in the Carroll County area: T2T locator:
<https://aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Surge, if needed:**
 - Expand days and hours
 - Alternate locations
 - Staff: CCHD, MD Responds, Agency Staffing, Partner Agencies

Vaccination

- Clinics at Westminster Senior Center
 - Wednesdays, 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
 - *5-11 booster approval, 5 months after completing primary Pfizer series (approval: 5/17/22)
 - June 6th & 27th - Winfield Fire Hall, 3 - 6 PM
 - June 23rd - Taneytown Activities Building, 3:30 - 6:30 PM
 - Locations chosen due to higher numbers at prior clinics, will offer vaccinations for all eligible
- Completed 2nd booster clinics at various locations in Carroll County
- Provide homebound vaccinations
 - State No Arm Left Behind
 - Referrals from Bureau of Aging and Providers
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
 - Maryland Department of Health Technical Assistance Teams - when deployed to a facility, provide vaccine, as needed
- Detention Center
 - Provide vaccine
- Preparing for under 5 vaccine
 - Support local pediatrician and urgent care
- Surge, if needed:
 - Coordinate with fire halls, activity centers, senior centers, faith-based organizations to hold clinics (various days/times)

Contact Tracing (now Case Investigation)

- 6 Contact Tracers/Case Investigators
 - 7 days a week, 9 AM to 5 PM
- Primarily web survey case investigation, except for high-risk individuals or facilities. Individuals can request a phone call.
 - After 3 attempts and no response, case is closed
- Surge, if needed:
 - Extend hours
 - Pull from internal staff, cross-trained and/or agency staffing

Case Investigation

- **Focus from universal contact tracing to those who are at high risk:**
 - **Age 65 and up**
 - **Age 18 and up AND not up to date on vaccinations**
 - **Has a listed comorbid condition (any age)**
- **Ability to quickly connect to therapeutics and other resources**
- **Cases are routed based upon their priority status (age, comorbidities or combination).**
 - **Critical and High Priority Cases will receive 3 call attempts and then route to the Web Survey Queue.**
 - **If no response is received after 48 hours, the record will be closed**
 - **Web Survey**
 - **Medium and Low Priority Cases will route straight to the Web Survey Queue.**
 - **If no response is received after 48 hours, the record will be closed**

Child Care, Colleges, Congregate Living, Schools & Facilities

- Continue to receive reports of positive cases
- Collaborate to identify outbreaks
- Provide updated guidance

Resources

Carroll County Health Department, general COVID-19 information: <https://cchd.maryland.gov/covid-19/>

Testing: <https://cchd.maryland.gov/covidtesting/>

Vaccination: <https://cchd.maryland.gov/registration-links/>

Isolation & Quarantine: <https://cchd.maryland.gov/covid-19-contact-tracing/>

MDH guidance for child care and schools: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/school-resources>

MDH guidance for congregate living and facilities: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/hcf-resources>

CDC Guidance for case investigation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/prioritization.html>