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Virus Transmission Rate Remains High in Frederick County *County Facilities to Remain Open by Appointment Only until Jan. 1*

FREDERICK, Md. –Community transmission of COVID-19 remains high in Frederick County, leading to 11 deaths so far in October and stressing local healthcare systems. There have been more than 250 new cases diagnosed every week in Frederick County for each of the past 11 weeks. On Tuesday, Frederick Health Hospital reported 30 hospitalizations related to the virus. Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner encourages eligible residents to get their vaccine booster shots and wear masks in indoor public places, following CDC guidelines.

“Our healthcare workers are exhausted,” Executive Gardner said. “We need to stay vigilant to protect our entire community. Please get your vaccine or booster shot, and continue to wear a mask in indoor public spaces.”

Frederick County’s positivity rate has been higher than the state as a whole since Sept. 8. As of this morning, the local positivity rate stands at 4.99%, while the statewide rate is 3.05%. The seven-day average of new cases in Frederick County stands at 15.74 cases per 100,000 people. Maryland’s case rate is 12.76. Local statistics are updated each weekday at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/CovidStats.

Because Frederick County is experiencing high rates of community transmission, County facilities will remain open by appointment only until Jan. 1, 2022. Masks must continue to be worn in all County buildings, including Frederick County Public Libraries.

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