

COVID-19 Weekly Update- Employee (Friday, October 22, 2021)

Regular COVID information is always available on the College's COVID-19 Resource Page, available at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php> or by contacting equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.

Current COVID-19 Status (August 1, 2021 through 10:00 am Friday, October 22, 2021)

- 90 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +8 from last week
- 24 confirmed positive cases- +1 from last week
- 6 individuals are currently in isolation or quarantine either on- or off-campus

Garrett County COVID-19 Status (August 1, 2021 through 10:00 am Friday, October 22, 2021)

- Level of Community Transmission- High
- Case rate of 51.21 per 100,000
- Positivity Rate of 13.03% (state rate is 3.21%)
- Percentage of **population (12+) fully vaccinated is 49.9%**

Employee COVID Vaccination Survey

President Biden issued an executive order in September requiring businesses with more than 100 employees to require all employees to be vaccinated against, or be tested weekly for, COVID-19. This will go into effect once the Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issues the required regulations to implement the President's executive order.

In order for the College to prepare, we are asking employees to complete a quick survey by Friday, October 29.

To access the survey:

1. Log into the [MyGarrettCollege](#) portal.
2. Select the "Employee Info" tab.
3. Under "Employee Information Links" select the "Employee COVID Vaccination Survey".
4. Complete the survey and submit!

NOTE: No additional information is needed at this time. Please do not send a copy of your vaccination record or email information about why you may not be vaccinated. If your status changes after you submit but before October 29th, you can submit a new response.

Testing

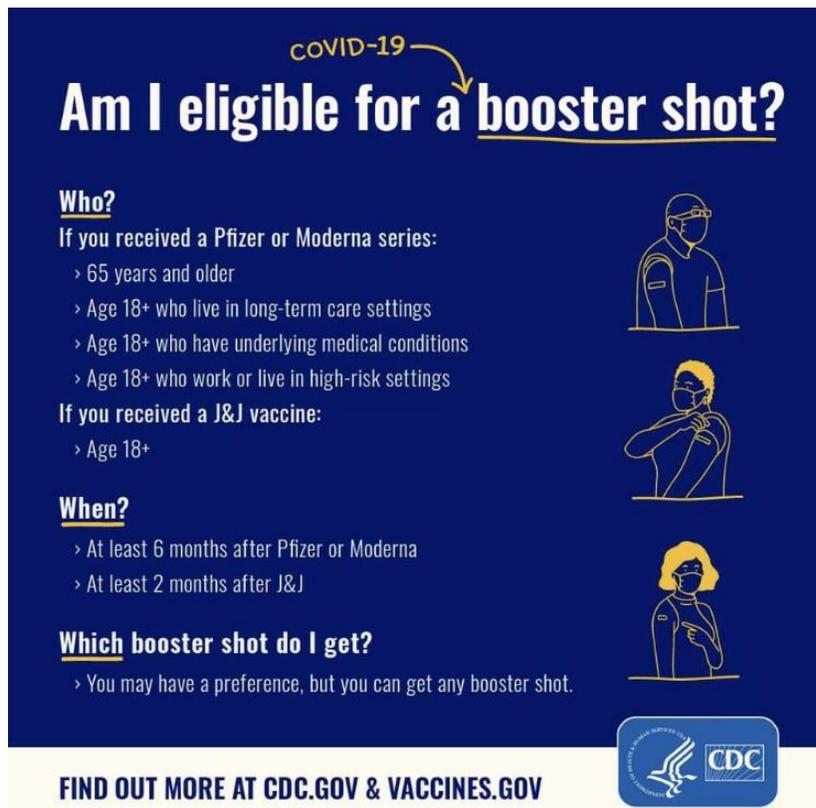
Testing locations include (please call ahead to confirm testing is available at the time of the request):

- Garrett County Health Department in Oakland- (301) 334-7697
- WVU Medicine Urgent Care in McHenry (301) 387-8718
- UPMC Urgent Care in McHenry (240) 488-413
- Allegany County Fairgrounds in Cumberland: (301) 759-5000

Vaccinations

Vaccines are an effective and critical tool to bring the pandemic under control by helping to prevent infection, serious illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Although there are [cases of people who become sick after they are fully vaccinated](#), cases where fully vaccinated people are hospitalized or die from COVID-19 are rare and vaccines remain the best way to prevent COVID-19 and its

No clinics are currently scheduled to be held on campus at this time. To locate and schedule a Health Department clinic, visit: <https://garretthealth.org/vax-updated/>.



COVID-19 →

Am I eligible for a booster shot?

Who?

If you received a Pfizer or Moderna series:

- > 65 years and older
- > Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- > Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- > Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

If you received a J&J vaccine:

- > Age 18+

When?

- > At least 6 months after Pfizer or Moderna
- > At least 2 months after J&J

Which booster shot do I get?

- > You may have a preference, but you can get any booster shot.

FIND OUT MORE AT [CDC.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov) & [VACCINES.GOV](https://www.vaccines.gov)



Health and Safety Protocol Reminders:

- **Masks/face coverings** are **required** to be properly worn in all indoor locations (which includes common areas of the residence halls).
- Completion of the **Daily Health Self-Assessment** is required before coming to a campus location each day. The assessment can be found at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/daily-health>.
- **Social distancing** of 3 feet is strongly recommended in crowded indoor and outdoor settings.
- **STAY HOME** when you are sick, awaiting test results, or have been identified as a close contact, until you have been cleared to return to campus.
- **Report** COVID-related illness, positive results, or close contact notifications to equitycompliance@garrettcollege.edu.