

COVID-19 Weekly Update (Thursday, September 24, 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 (as of Thursday, September 24, 2021)

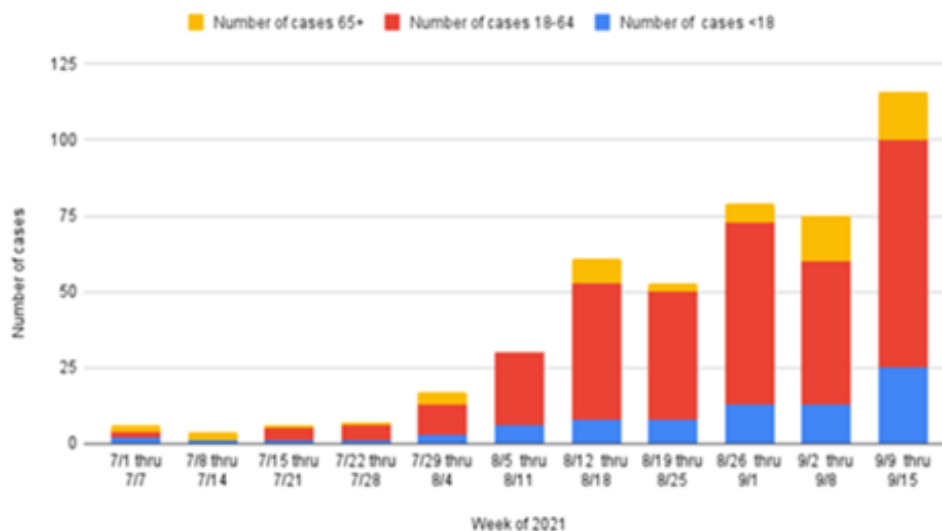
- 63 reports (includes positive cases, symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and potential exposures)- +11 from last week
- 18 confirmed positive cases- +1 from last week
- 9 individuals are currently in isolation or quarantine either on- or off-campus

Garrett County COVID-19 Status (as of Thursday, September 24, 2021)

- Case rate of 68.44 per 100,000 compared to the state rate of 20.00 and 71.01 for Allegany County
- Positivity Rate of 16.65% compared to the state rate of 4.38%
- Vaccination rate of 12+ population is 53.7% compared to the state vaccination rate of 81.9%

Garrett County, Maryland COVID-19 cases by age group (n=454)

July 1, 2021 - September 15, 2021



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
- MedExpress in LaVale: (301) 729-0529
- Health Matters Urgent Care in Cumberland: (301) 729-327
- 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 complications.

The next on-campus vaccination clinic is Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 10:00am- 2:00pm in the GIEC, room 111. To register for this clinic, or find another, visit: <https://garretthealth.org/vax-updated/>.

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.

Check your Garrett College email regularly! The College will use official college email addresses to notify students and employees regarding any on-campus exposures.