

# IREDELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Iredell County Health Department

## NEWS RELEASE

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### HIGH LEVELS OF COVID-19 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION

As of January 5th, 2023, Iredell County has moved from low to high levels of community transmission of COVID-19. For the week ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, positive reported cases increased by 435, with 19.4% of all COVID-19 tests performed by providers, returning with a positive result.

There are many ways to protect yourself against COVID-19. The most effective way to avoid serious illness, hospitalization, and death is to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

All persons 6 months of age and older are eligible for an FDA-approved primary COVID-19 vaccine series and booster.

When experiencing high levels of community transmission, it is advised by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) that individuals wear a mask indoors in public spaces, get tested if you have symptoms, wash your hands frequently, and if possible stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines. Those with immune-compromising conditions may need to take additional precautions and should work with their healthcare provider to determine their best course of action.

There are many providers offering the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. To locate the provider closest to you, please visit: [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) ([www.vacunas.gov](http://www.vacunas.gov))

In addition, the Iredell County Health Department has COVID-19 vaccine appointments available for all eligible. We are currently only offering the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine. Please call (704)-878-5300 to make an appointment for your no-cost COVID-19 vaccine. For additional information about no-cost community vaccination clinics, please visit: <https://www.iredellcountync.gov/1589/Community-Vaccine-Clinics>

No-cost COVID-19 rapid at-home testing kits are available at the Statesville Health Department located at 318 Turnersburg Highway, and the Mooresville Health Department located at 610 E. Center Street. No-cost COVID-19 community testing clinics remain available in Iredell County. For dates and clinic hours, please visit the Iredell County Health Department website at <https://www.iredellcountync.gov/1406/Community-Testing>

We have the tools to protect one another and keep our community safe from illness. Let's continue to work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Iredell County.

For additional information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

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