



COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID Data Trends

As vaccination efforts ramp up locally and around the US, the need is great as the US hit a new record for number of new cases in a day. There have now been more than 20 million COVID cases and 350,000 related deaths in the US. The County positivity rate is now almost 12%.

Key Metrics Charts

These charts provide data for the last seven days on key COVID-19 metrics that are being tracked and analyzed to identify trends and to make reopening decisions.

COVID-19 New Case Tracking							
	20715	20716	20720	20721	Bowie Cases	Prince George's Cases	Maryland Cases
Today	1,039 (+8)	980 (+8)	1,132 (+11)	1,461 (+16)	4,612 (+43)	56,391 (+363)	287,802 (+2,483)
3-Jan	+6	+8	+7	+19	+40	+334	+2,148
2-Jan	+13	+5	+14	+7	+39	+555	+2,952
1-Jan	+23	+14	+14	+15	+66	+558	+3,557
31-Dec	+18	+10	+12	+7	+47	+454	+2,973
30-Dec	+7	+9	+17	+13	+46	+435	+2,628
29-Dec	964	926	1,057	1,384	4,331	53,692	271,061

7-Day Positivity Rates

	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	404,997 (+1,630)	11.92%	5,869,617 (+35,491)	9.47%
3-Jan	+1,335	11.88%	+26,460	9.15%
2-Jan	+2,293	11.42%	+46,132	8.94%
1-Jan	+1,892	11.14%	+53,504	8.77%
31-Dec	+1,671	10.90%	+35,350	8.52%
30-Dec	+2,005	10.66%	+40,279	8.22%
29-Dec	+1,343	10.39%	+20,710	8.10%

Infection Rates			Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate		County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
3-Jan	1.03	1.06	Today	46.89	42.82
2-Jan	1.03	1.05	3-Jan	45.98	41.00
1-Jan	1.02	1.05	2-Jan	43.61	40.31
31-Dec	1.01	1.04	1-Jan	41.93	37.70
30-Dec	1.01	1.04	31-Dec	41.87	37.40
29-Dec	1.00	1.03	30-Dec	42.20	37.01
28-Dec	1.00	1.02	29-Dec	42.34	38.07
14-Day Weighted Average	0.99	1.01			

Key

Cases	<i>Represents the daily number of new positive cases.</i>
Positivity Rate	<i>The 7-day positivity rate is a rolling weekly average of the percent of new cases relative to the number of tests conducted. The goal is a positivity rate consistently below 5%.</i>
Cases per 100K persons	<i>Measures how widespread the virus is in a community. The goal is to have fewer than 5 new cases per 100K persons.</i>
Infection rate	<i>Shows how many people are infected by each positive case. The goal is an infection rate at or below 0.9.</i>

Data sources:

Except for the infection rate, all data provided here is from the State of Maryland's COVID dashboard. The infection rate is tracked by www.covidactnow.org. It is subject to adjustments and may have a 1 to 3-day lag time in reporting.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	11.92	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	46.89	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.03	Low risk range (<0.9)

(* Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase and black signifies no change.

Maryland Hospitalizations

Weekly Summary of Hospitalizations and Deaths					
	Prince George's Hospitalizations to Date	Maryland Hospitalizations to Date	Currently Hospitalized in Maryland	Prince George's County Deaths	Maryland Deaths
Today	6,047 (+46)	27,367 (+171)	1,751 (+2.4%)	1,100 (+3)	6,027 (+33)
3-Jan	+0	+145	1,709 (+1.0%)	+1	+27
2-Jan	+47	+232	1,692 (-2.4%)	+7	+25
1-Jan	+28	+183	1,734 (-2.1%)	+4	+47
31-Dec	+39	+189	1,773 (+0.9%)	+6	+47
30-Dec	+40	+200	1,756 (+1.7%)	+7	+45
29-Dec	5,847	26,247	1,725	1,072	5,803

What's Happening with Vaccine Distribution?

The Maryland Department of Health and the Prince George's County Health Department are working to distribute vaccinations to priority groups in Phase 1A.

Visit the Maryland Department of Health and the Prince George's County Health Department websites for information and answers to frequently asked questions on the current vaccination plan and planned timings for each phase and priority group. The vaccination dashboards provide data on vaccinations received, vaccinations administered, and demographic data for those receiving the vaccines.

Maryland

[Maryland Department of Health vaccination information page](#)

[Maryland vaccination dashboard](#)

Prince George's County

[Vaccination information page](#)

[Vaccination dashboard](#)

CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Resources:

- [What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Post-Vaccine Considerations for Residents](#)
- [View the CDC's Facts on COVID Vaccination](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

New COVID-19 Variants

A new variant of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, which was originally reported in the United Kingdom, has now been detected in at least three US states. While this variant and others that have been detected do not appear to result in more severe illness, hospitalization, or greater risk of death, these latest variants appear to spread more easily. Experts believe that current vaccines will be effective against these new strains of the virus. Read more about new COVID variants on the [CDC website](#).

For now, staying home whenever possible, wearing a mask, keeping at least six feet away from those outside your household, and quarantining after exposure to the virus are our best defense against COVID-19.

County Testing Sites Update

Testing is suspended at the Prince George's County Health Department headquarters and at the Dyer Regional Health Center until January 14, 2021 to allow the county's frontline operational and clinical staff to plan and train for mass vaccinations. COVID-19 testing at the department's partner site in Laurel (Roseu Medical Center) will also be suspended during the same period.

The department's partner sites in Hyattsville and Fort Washington will remain open during normal operating hours, weather permitting. Please check the schedule on the [County's testing site](#) for locations and hours of operation of those partner sites, as well as additional testing sites using the testing site locator.

State Programs Accepting Applications for Electric, Gas, and Utility Bill Assistance

- **Maryland Energy Assistance Program** - provides financial assistance with home heating bills, natural gas arrearage assistance, crisis assistance, and furnace repair or replacement. Payments are made to the fuel supplier and utility company on the customer's behalf. Learn more on the [Office of Home Energy Programs website](#) and submit an application [here](#).
- **Electric Universal Service Program** - The EUSP provides bill payment assistance and arrearage assistance for electric customers. Submit an application [here](#).
- **Electric and Gas Retirement Assistance Programs** – provides assistance for a portion of current electric bills and/or forgiveness of up to \$2,000 toward a past due bill. Learn more about how to apply [here](#).

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 1/4 – City Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 1/23 – Community Shredding Event 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Public Works Yard
- 1/30 – Electronics Recycling Event 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Public Works Yard

Christmas Tree Pickup Every Wednesday in January

Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees every Wednesday in January along with yard waste. Please make sure all lights and decorations are removed from the tree, and do not place tree in a plastic bag. Place your tree at the curb by 7 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE PICKUP



Every Wednesday
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For more information, call 301-809-2344.