



COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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COVID Data Trends

The state and counties are ramping up their COVID vaccination efforts. Yesterday 11,317 more individuals were vaccinated in Maryland as part of Phase 1A. Maryland is reporting that due to the high volume of testing occurring since Christmas, it may take longer than expected to obtain your results.

1/5 Governor Hogan Vaccine Press Conference

Governor Hogan held a press conference late this afternoon to provide an update on vaccine distribution. He said, "While none of us are thrilled with the pace of this rollout over the first few weeks, I can assure you it is improving every day."

Below are highlights of his comments:

- 98.7% of Maryland's initial allocation have gone to hospitals, nursing homes, and local health departments as part of Phase 1A.
- 270,150 doses have been deployed to every hospital in Maryland, to all 24 local health departments, to CVS and Walgreens for nursing homes, and to support vaccination of frontline workers at the state's federal facilities, and Maryland healthcare workers who work in DC.
- Hospitals have administered 55,941 (34.3%) of 163,225 doses received.
- 11,401 (32.4%) of the 35,200 doses deployed to county health departments have been given to their vaccinators, EMTs, and first responders.
- Five counties have already used 80% or more of their allocations to date, including Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, Calvert, and Caroline Counties.
- 8,503 (13.8%) of 61,425 doses sent directly through the Federal Pharmacy Partnership to CVS and Walgreens have been administered in the 227 Maryland nursing homes.
- Today the state reported 11,553 new vaccinations for a cumulative total 76,916 vaccinations.
- Second doses of the vaccine have begun at some hospitals as of today.
- The Maryland National Guard will be deployed to help accelerate the pace of COVID-19 vaccinations. Emergency vaccination teams will be deployed across the state to assist local health departments.
- 700 members of the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps are also available to assist with

administering vaccines.

- The state is adopting a rolling vaccine allocation model. It will no longer wait before all members of a particular priority group are completed before moving on to those in the next group in line.
- Vaccination phases are being adjusted in the state’s vaccination plan.
- MD has only received enough vaccines for 4.4% of our population.
- Until production is ramped up, the state expects to receive only about 72,000 doses per week from the federal government. At this pace, we can expect to have 1.8 million doses by the end of May.
- Marylanders can get updates from the state about when they will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccines by texting MDREADY to 898-211 or visit covidlink.maryland.gov.

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	1,050 (+11)	983 (+3)	1,136 (+4)	1,472 (+11)	4,641 (+29)	56,813 (+422)	289,758 (+1,956)
4-Jan	+8	+8	+11	+16	+43	+363	+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	971	935	1,074	1,397	4,377	54,127	273,689

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	406,597 (+1,600)	11.76%	5,894,499 (+24,882)	9.19%
4-Jan	+1,630	11.92%	+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%

Infection Rates			Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate		County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
4-Jan	1.03	1.06	Today	47.96	44.00
3-Jan	1.03	1.05	4-Jan	46.89	42.82
2-Jan	1.03	1.05	3-Jan	45.98	41.00
1-Jan	1.02	1.04	2-Jan	43.61	40.31
31-Dec	1.01	1.04	1-Jan	41.93	37.70
30-Dec	1.01	1.03	31-Dec	41.87	37.40
29-Dec	1.00	1.03	30-Dec	42.20	37.01
14-Day Weighted Average	1.00	1.02			

Key	
Cases	Represents the daily number of new positive cases.
Positivity Rate	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%.
Cases per 100K persons	Measures how widespread the virus is in a community. The goal is to have fewer than 5 new cases per 100K persons.
Infection rate	Shows how many people are infected by each positive case. The goal is an infection rate at or below 0.9.
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	11.76	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	47.96	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

Hospitalization Data Tracker		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,771	1.1%
Acute Care:	1,361	2.1%
Intensive Care	410	-1.9%
Ever Hospitalized	27,542	9.5%

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 four 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, the latest variants appear to spread more easily.

Public health officials are studying the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines with the emerging viral variants. There is no evidence that the variants will change the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines. Read more about new COVID variants on the [CDC website](#).

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 continue to be our best defenses against all variants of COVID-19.

Some County Testing Sites to Remain Closed Until January 21

Testing is suspended at the Prince George's County Health Department headquarters and at the Dyer Regional Health Center until January 21, 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.

Maryland Health Connection

A new open enrollment period has begun for Marylanders needing health insurance. Residents can enroll

between now and March 31. Details can be found on the [Maryland Health Connection website](#).

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](#).

Maryland Ready to Begin Distribution of Federal Pandemic Aid

The Maryland Department of Labor has begun accepting claims and issuing payments for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Unemployment Emergency Compensation (PEUC), and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) unemployment insurance programs extended by Congress last week.

All claimants will receive an email specifying whether they should file their weekly claim certification, reopen their claim, or reapply for benefits for the week ending January 2, 2021 in their [BEACON 2.0 portal](#). All claimants who are eligible to receive benefits, including regular unemployment insurance claimants, will automatically receive the new FPUC amount of \$300 in their benefit payment beginning the week ending January 2, 2021. For more information about unemployment insurance in Maryland, visit [MDunemployment.com](#).

Bowie Business Recovery Assistance Program

The new Bowie COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance program kicks off this month. It will offer eight months of technical assistance programs and online resources to help Bowie businesses meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, build resilience and accelerate their post-COVID-19 economic recovery.

The program is a collaboration between the City of Bowie, the Bowie Innovation Center, and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and is funded by the City of Bowie. The program is designed to help companies stay open and thrive; access funding, and adjust to the changing business landscape brought on by the pandemic. It includes one-on-one sessions, webinars, workshops, and more. More details will be published soon at www.bowiebusinessrecovery.com.

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 1/18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – City offices closed. No trash or recycling collection.
- 1/19 – 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
in January



For more information, call 301-809-2344.