



COVID-19 UPDATE

Monday, January 11, 2021

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COVID Data Trends

Sixteen states reported a record number of hospitalizations last week, including Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and West Virginia. COVID trends in the state continue to be a cause for concern. New cases in the state remained above 3,000 all weekend. Hospitalizations and case rate per 100k also reached record highs today. The County positivity rate has popped back up to 11% and the case rate per 100k has now reached 55 per 100k. The numbers suggest a post-New Year's spike in cases.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	11.07	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	55.17	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.14	Low risk range (<0.9)

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

Vaccinations Administered

Phase 1A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital and frontline healthcare workers • Residents and staff of nursing homes and long-term care facilities • Frontline first responders/essential public safety workers • Licensed, registered, & certified healthcare providers 	
First doses	6,835	
Second doses	135	
Total doses	6,970	as of 1/10/21

Please note: If you are not in one of the groups included in Phase 1A, you are currently not eligible for vaccination, nor are you able to register for a future vaccination at this time.

County Update on Vaccinations

On January 6, County Executive Alsobrooks and County Health Officer Carter provided an update on COVID-19 and vaccine distribution. Both acknowledged that the vaccination process began slowly

because of a lack of resources and the holidays. With help from the Maryland National Guard and other personnel, the process will be accelerating and more individuals in Phase 1A will soon receive vaccines.

The [Prince George's County COVID vaccination webpage](#) provides information about the various phases of its vaccination plan and displays data about vaccines administered. It has been updated to reflect changes in the phasing.

Prince George's County's population is over 900,000. Getting all of the county's residents vaccinated is going to take several months. It is critically important that until herd immunity is reached here, everyone must continue to follow the orders and guidance to limit the spread and protect yourself.

The timetable for vaccinations is as follows, but is subject to change:

- Phase 1A – January & February
- Phase 1B – February & March
- Phase 1C – March & April
- Phase 2 – April & May
- Phase 3 – May & June

View the groups included in each phase on the Prince George's County [Vaccination Information page](#).

State Actions to Accelerate COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

On January 5, Governor Hogan held a press conference announcing a series of actions to accelerate the current rate of vaccine distribution. These new actions were further supplemented by changes to the priority groups for vaccinations.

New measures to increase the rate of vaccinations:

- Maryland National Guard will assist with emergency vaccinations.
- 700 members of the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps will assist with vaccine administration.
- All vaccine providers in Maryland must report data within 24 hours of administration.
- More state resources will be available for hospitals.
- Greater accountability will be required for vaccine providers with lower usage rates.
- The state is adopting a rolling vaccine allocation model.
- The priority populations in the state's vaccination plan have been updated and expanded.

Marylanders can stay informed on the vaccination process by texting MDREADY to 898-211 or by visiting <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine/>.

Vaccine Websites

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](#)

More Key COVID-19 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	1,125 (+5)	1,055 (+16)	1,212 (+7)	1,556 (+9)	4,948 (+37)	60,023 (+483)	309,686 (+3,012)
10-Jan	+14	+15	+17	+21	+67	+586	+3,310
9-Jan	+16	+17	+22	+14	+69	+638	+3,758
8-Jan	+13	+8	+15	+12	+48	+545	+3,732
7-Jan	+18	+6	+3	+13	+40	+485	+2,970
6-Jan	+9	+10	+12	+15	+46	+473	+3,146
5-Jan	1,050	983	1,136	1,472	4,641	56,813	289,758

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	419,485 (+2,150)	11.07%	6,188,765 (+43,520)	8.56%
10-Jan	+2,609	10.87%	+60,177	8.73%
9-Jan	+2,320	11.43%	+55,586	9.16%
8-Jan	+2,006	11.49%	+57,050	9.16%
7-Jan	+1,838	11.87%	+39,652	9.31%
6-Jan	+1,965	11.85%	+38,281	9.44%
5-Jan	+1,600	11.76%	+24,882	9.19%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	55.17	50.46	10-Jan	1.14	1.14
10-Jan	51.22	47.72	9-Jan	1.13	1.13
9-Jan	49.91	45.81	8-Jan	1.13	1.13
8-Jan	50.12	45.40	7-Jan	1.12	1.12
7-Jan	49.63	45.40	6-Jan	1.11	1.12
6-Jan	49.03	44.18	5-Jan	1.11	1.11
5-Jan	47.96	44.00	4-Jan	1.10	1.11
			14-Day Weighted Average	1.09	1.1

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.	

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,957	3.8%*
Acute Care:	1,510	5.0%*
Intensive Care	447	0.0%*
Ever Hospitalized	28,731	9.2%

*Additional Cases Since Friday, January 8th, 2021

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	6,252 (+58)	28,731 (+208)	1,957 (+0.3%)	1,142 (+5)	6,301 (+29)
10-Jan	+0	+227	1,950 (+3.8%)	+6	+26
9-Jan	+19	+228	1,877 (-0.4%)	+2	+30
8-Jan	+26	+168	1,885 (+2.7%)	+12	+43
7-Jan	+34	+189	1,834 (-1.5%)	+6	+41
6-Jan	+34	+169	1,862 (+4.8%)	+10	+50
5-Jan	6,081	27,542	1,771	1,101	6,082

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 five US states. While this variant and other variants 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.

In addition to the United Kingdom variant, public health officials are also monitoring other variants including one in South America and another in South Africa and studying the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines with these emerging viral variants. 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) is also be suspended during the same period.

The department's partner sites in Hyattsville and Fort Washington 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.

Governor Hogan Proposes Emergency Stimulus and Tax Relief Package

In a press conference held Monday morning, Governor Hogan proposed legislation titled the RELIEF Act of 2021. If approved by the state legislature, this emergency stimulus and tax relief package would provide over \$1 billion in aid for Maryland residents and small businesses. Proposed aid consists of:

- Direct stimulus payments for low-to-moderate income Marylanders.
- A repeal of all state and local income taxes on unemployment benefits.
- Sales tax credits for small businesses.
- An extension of unemployment tax relief for small businesses.
- Protection against any tax increase triggered by the use of state loan or grant funds for small businesses.

For more information on the proposed emergency bill, visit the [Office of the Governor's website](#).

Maryland Launches Mental Health Program for Frontline Workers

The Maryland Department of Health today announced Operation Courage, a new support services program designed to address the growing and long-term mental health care needs of frontline workers and first responders amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The program launched with a new website and an online assessment designed to encourage workers to get needed help.

To learn more about Operation Courage or to take the free online assessment visit www.theoperationcourage.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.



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 18
IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MLK, JR. DAY.**



No trash or recycling will be collected.
Collection will resume on your next
regularly scheduled day.