



COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID Data Trends

Over the long weekend, most Maryland COVID metrics went down, with decreases in the state positivity rate, cases per 100k, and the infection rate. Only hospitalizations saw a minor increase in total hospitalization and acute care patients. Prince George's County COVID metrics are down slightly. The county positivity rate has now fallen back under under 10% and the case rate per 100k has also fallen below 50 but these metrics are still extremely high and keep the County at critical levels according to County Health Officer Carter. Cases in Bowie continue their fluctuations, with cases now back above 50 new cases per day.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	9.82	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	48.50	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.99	Low risk range (<0.9)

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

Vaccinations Administered

Phase 1B (as of 1/18/21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All licensed, registered and certified health care providers • Front line hospital staff • Nursing home residents and staff • Assisted living, independent living, and other congregate facilities • Law enforcement and firefighters, EMS, and emergency management • Education staff, including K-12 teachers, support staff and daycare providers • Correctional health care staff and officers • Front line judiciary staff • Continuity of government • Adults age 75 and older 	
First doses	12,017	
Second doses	1,165	
Total doses	13,182	as of 1/18/21

If you are included in one of the groups listed above or were included in Phase 1A, you are currently

eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Prince George's County Vaccination Update

This morning, County Executive Alsobrooks held a press conference to provide an update on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic here, and to brief the public on COVID vaccination plans and operations for Prince George's County.

Prince George's County actions:

- The Prince George's County Health Department is administering vaccinations to those in Phases 1A and 1B, by appointment only.
- There are currently two county-sponsored vaccination sites, one at the Prince George's County Health Department and the other at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex.
- By the end of this week, the County hopes to administer 1,000 vaccinations a day at the Sports and Learning site.
- By the end of the month, another County vaccination site will open in the southern part of the County.
- A vaccine hotline will soon be established to help with vaccine appointment scheduling for the elderly and those who don't have access to the internet.
- Health Department officials are recruiting and training more people to administer vaccinations. They are also hiring young adults 18-24, through the County Youth Jobs Program to help with vaccine logistics and support and to do contact tracing.

What you should do:

- If you are eligible for vaccination in Phase 1A because of your work, your employer should be coordinating with the Health Department or your healthcare facility to get you vaccinated.
- If you are eligible for vaccination in Phase 1B, [preregister on the County vaccination site](#) and then visit www.marylandvax.org to schedule an appointment. (Appointments are extremely limited due to the vaccine supply and the current demand). Appointments at the Sports and Learning Complex are booked for the next few weeks.
- Be persistent about scheduling your vaccination if you are eligible. Keep checking the appointment site, as additional sites are being added.
- If you are eligible for vaccination in Phase 1C or any of the later phases, [preregister now with Prince George's County](#) so that you can receive an email notification when you are eligible to receive a vaccination. This will also help officials with planning for how many people will be in each of the later phases.
- Maintain COVID prevention measures. Wear a mask, social distance, limit contact with those outside your household, and avoid travel when possible. According to Health Officer Ernest Carter, the disease is raging in Prince George's County and you are still very vulnerable to exposure and infection.
- Stay informed. The vaccination rollout plans change often and will continue to do so until the supply of vaccines improves. The City will continue to provide updates to residents via the [city website](#) and Alert Bowie. [Sign up for Alert Bowie](#) and for Prince George's County alerts to make sure you are receiving the latest information and encourage others to do so.
- Monitor the [County](#) and [State vaccine](#) websites for updated information.

- Educate yourself about the COVID-19 vaccinations. The State of Maryland website has very detailed [FAQs](#) on its vaccination page to help you understand how the vaccines work and what you should be doing now and in the future.

How you can help

- Volunteer to help with the vaccination effort. [Register for the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps](#). Doctors, nurses and other clinicians who can administer vaccines are needed, but so are people who can provide administrative and logistical support at vaccine sites.
- Help family members, friends, neighbors without internet access to schedule a vaccination appointment if they are eligible or to preregister for vaccinations when they are eligible.

Other ways to get vaccinated

- **Select Giant and Walmart pharmacies**, including the Bowie Giant on Annapolis Road, will begin administering vaccines to those in the Phase 1 groups next week. We believe there will a separate registration portal to sign up for these appointments. Learn more about this program at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/maryland-retail-vaccination-sites>.
- The State of Maryland is planning **mass vaccination sites** at key locations around the state. One of these sites is expected to be in Prince George's County. (The launch dates for these sites have not been announced yet.)
- **Some hospital systems in Maryland will be offering vaccinations to the public** after they have completed vaccinations of their employees. Check their websites for more information.
- The University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) will be offering vaccinations to the public at their facilities eventually. If you want to express interest in receiving your vaccine at a UMMS facility visit this [link to complete their form](#). They will contact you when they can schedule you for a vaccine.
- Eventually, **primary care physicians and other healthcare providers** will be authorized to administer vaccines to those eligible as well. Look for correspondence from your provider when they are eligible to administer vaccines and have received a supply of vaccines.
- **Look for public vaccination sites in nearby counties.** At present, you do not have to be a resident of the county administering the vaccine in order to get vaccinated at a public site in that county. (This may change in the future.)

Other items of note:

- If your appointment is scheduled between now and February 9, you are all set. Just show up for your appointment with your identification, a work identification (if applicable) and insurance information. Vaccinations are free to all, but if you have insurance, the County will file with your insurer to get reimbursed for the vaccination.
- If your appointment is scheduled for after February 9, it will be canceled. The County is beginning a new way of registering and tracking patients and vaccinations. You must preregister on the County's vaccination system and then schedule a new appointment.
- The Maryland vaccination site works best with the following browsers: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox. It does not always perform properly with Internet Explorer.

Links to more information:

- **Prince George's County vaccination preregistration site:**
<https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

- **Prince George's County vaccine information site:**
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination>
- **State of Maryland vaccine webpage:** [Covidvax.maryland.gov](https://www.covidvax.maryland.gov)
- **State of Maryland site for scheduling a vaccination appointment (if eligible):**
www.marylandvax.org
- **Information about retail pharmacy vaccinations:**
<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/maryland-retail-vaccination-sites>

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	1,209 (+8)	1,132 (+10)	1,314 (+13)	1,646 (+10)	5,301 (+41)	63,592 (+334)	330,186 (+1,972)
18-Jan	+5	+4	+6	+10	+25	+331	+1,769
17-Jan	+14	+11	+12	+7	+44	+436	+2,414
16-Jan	+13	+9	+23	+13	+58	+545	+3,292
15-Jan	+13	+16	+12	+10	+51	+430	+2,924
14-Jan	+14	+12	+15	+13	+54	+544	+2,948
13-Jan	1,142	1070	1,233	1,583	5,028	60,972	314,867

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	434,997 (+1,585)	9.82%	6,510,156 (+29,370)	7.80%
18-Jan	+1,461	10.47%	+25,738	8.22%
17-Jan	+2,124	10.58%	+46,725	8.12%
16-Jan	+2,341	10.65%	+55,848	8.13%
15-Jan	+2,107	10.84%	+54,297	8.30%
14-Jan	+2,181	11.07%	+43,825	8.43%
13-Jan	+2,045	11.15%	+34,334	8.53%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	48.50	42.14	18-Jan	0.99	0.96
18-Jan	55.57	46.72	17-Jan	0.99	0.97
17-Jan	55.57	48.84	16-Jan	1.00	0.98
16-Jan	57.03	49.94	15-Jan	1.01	0.98
15-Jan	58.83	51.85	14-Jan	1.01	0.99
14-Jan	57.91	51.90	13-Jan	1.02	1.00
13-Jan	58.00	53.39	12-Jan	1.03	1.01
			14-Day Weighted Average	1.04	1.02

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: <i>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.</i>	

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,875	1.4%*
Acute Care:	1,464	2.5%*
Intensive Care	421	-2.3%*
Ever Hospitalized	30,157	9.1%

*Additional Cases Since Friday, January 15th, 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	6,479 (+33)	30,157 (+315)	1,875 (+1.3%)	1,179 (+9)	6,650 (+54)
18-Jan	+51	+211	1,850 (+1.4%)	+9	+29
17-Jan	+0	+219	1,823 (+0.1%)	+1	+26
16-Jan	+29	+127	1,821 (-1.4%)	+1	+47
15-Jan	+21	+162	1,848 (-0.2%)	+6	+45
14-Jan	+22	+137	1,843 (-4.4%)	+4	+45
13-Jan	6,323	28,986	1,929	1,162	6,541

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.

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 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.

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Metro to Close 13 Stations January 15 through 21

Metro will close a total of 13 stations from Friday, January 15 through Thursday, January 21, with 11 stations closing on Friday and two additional stations on Saturday and continuing through the end of service on Thursday. During this time trains will pass through the closed stations without stopping. Trains will also operate on a Saturday schedule, every 12 minutes on the Red Line and every 15 minutes on all other lines. Residents are urged by local officials to stay out of the downtown area.

Friday, January 15, through Thursday, January 21 - stations closed:

- Red Line - Farragut North, Judiciary Square, Union Station
- Yellow Line/Green Line - Archives
- Blue Line - Arlington Cemetery
- Blue Line/Orange Line/Silver Line - Farragut West McPherson Square, Federal Center SW, Capitol South, Smithsonian, Federal Triangle

Beginning Saturday, January 16, through Thursday, January 21:

- Metro Center and Gallery Place stations will close and trains will pass through the stations without stopping.

For more information on the Metro's Inauguration service plans, view their [announcement](#).

City Open on Inauguration Day

City offices will remain open on Inauguration Day. Trash and recycling will be picked up as usual.

Metropolitan Council of Governments Asks Residents to Stay Home for Inauguration

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, an association representing 24 local governments in the D.C. region, issued a statement urging residents of the metropolitan Washington region to not travel to Washington, D.C. for the Inauguration on January 20 and to participate virtually. [Full Statement](#)