



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, January 28, 2021

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COVID Data Trends

State and county metrics are slowly making promising declines. Bowie cases have dropped down to 20 additional cases for today, the lowest level in weeks. Providers in the state of Maryland have now administered nearly 450,000 doses of the Covid-19 vaccination, including more than 30,000 doses yesterday.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	8.06	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	39.79	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.86	Low risk range (<0.9)
<i>(* Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase. Black signifies no change.</i>		
Vaccinations Administered		
Phase 1C (as of 1/25 /21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All licensed, registered and certified health care providers Front line hospital staff Nursing home residents and staff Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities Assisted living, independent living, behavioral health and developmentally disabled group homes, and other congregate facilities Law enforcement and firefighters, EMS Education staff, including K-12 teachers, support staff and daycare providers Correctional health care staff and officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public safety workers not covered in Phase 1A Health care workers not covered in Phase 1A, including but not limited to lab services, public health, vaccine manufacturing and other health care professions Front line judiciary staff Continuity of government Food/agriculture production, critical manufacturing, U.S. Postal Service, public mass transit, grocery store employees Veterinarians and support staff Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship Adults age 65 and older
First doses	28,518	
Second does	4,215	
Total doses	32,733	as of 1/26/21

If you are included in one of the groups listed above or were included in Phases 1A and 1B, you are currently eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

State and County COVID News

It's been a busy week for state and local officials as they expand vaccination operations, expand relief programs, and make changes to existing restrictions. Here's a summary of what has happened.

Maryland

- Vaccine supply is extremely limited, and the demand will far exceed the supply for some time to come.
- The state has administered almost 450,000 vaccines to date, with approximately 30,000 doses given yesterday. However, the state is currently only receiving 10,000 doses a day.
- The shortages make it difficult to plan vaccine operations and they make it difficult for people to secure appointments even if they are included in Phase 1.
- At some point soon, the number of vaccines administered will have to decrease in the short-term, until vaccine production increases and the state receives a larger allocation.
- Some Giant pharmacies began administering COVID vaccines this week.
- Next week Safeway and Rite Aid will start doing vaccinations as well.
- On February 5, the state will open a “mass vax” site at Six Flags in Bowie. Appointments will be required and will be made through a new system the state is launching.
- There are approximately 100 vaccine providers in Maryland at present.
- The state is working with healthcare systems and healthcare providers to be able to administer vaccines as supplies allow.
- Phase 1C will expand on February 1 to include those actively being treated for cancer, and those with diabetes, sickle cell anemia, COPD, end stage renal disease, and those that have received solid organ transplants.
- Through an agreement between the state and major healthcare systems in Maryland, the above-mentioned vulnerable patients will be eligible to begin receiving vaccinations through their healthcare systems, when supplies permit.
- Phase 1 residents can find a list of the existing vaccine sites in Maryland at covidvax.maryland.gov.
- Lastly, Maryland has lifted the order that restaurants close by 10 p.m. (It is not known yet if this will apply in Prince George’s County.)

Prince George’s County

- Prince George’s County is in Phase 1C.
- Due to vaccine shortages, the County does not expect to be able to offer appointments to those individuals in 1C for a while yet.
- For now, the priority is making sure that all those age 75+, first responders, and healthcare workers are able to get vaccinated.
- The County’s vaccination operations are now restricted to County residents and those who work in Prince George’s County.
- Proof of residency and/or proof of employment in Prince George’s County will be required before vaccinations are administered.
- All County residents and those who work in the County are encouraged to pre-register for vaccines, no matter which phase they are in.
- Individuals who fill out the pre-registration form will be sent private, direct links from the Health Department when it is time for you to make an appointment.
- Those that have already received a first dose through the county will receive an email with a link to schedule an appointment at least a week before the appointment date that you need.
- As of 1/26, 32,733 total doses have been administered in Prince George’s County.
- On February 1, the County will launch a vaccination hotline to assist seniors and others who are not able to schedule vaccination appointments online.
- County sponsored vaccinations are taking place at the Health Department, at the Sports and Learning Complex and at a new site in the southern part of the County.
- The county has launched a new Hotel Resiliency Fund. The deadline to apply is February 24.

Due to a decreasing positivity rate in the County, **beginning Friday, January 29 at noon**, the ban on in-person dining is lifted and residents can resume indoor service at 25% capacity.

Statement from County Executive

Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks shared an update about vaccinations on January 28. The statement provides a very detailed and useful explanation of how vaccinations are currently being allocated at

County Health Department sites and how scheduling is being handled for these sites. We encourage you to [read the statement](#) in its entirety.

Securing a Vaccine Appointment

We know that many of you are anxious to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The good news is that the number of vaccination sites in Maryland is growing and will continue to grow over the next month. The bad news is that appointments remain frustratingly difficult for most to obtain, even if they are in the Phase 1 groups that are currently eligible to be vaccinated. This is due to limited supplies of the vaccines and some growing pains as vaccination providers ramp up operations and refine their appointment processes.

The state and local health departments will be relying heavily on retail pharmacies and healthcare providers to get all Marylanders vaccinated. Much progress has been made on this front in the last two weeks, but their ability to do vaccinations is limited by the supply of available vaccine doses. The state estimates that approximately 2 million Marylanders are eligible for vaccination in Phase 1, but there simply are not enough vaccines being delivered to get those individuals vaccinated yet.

The Maryland website covidvax.maryland.gov is being updated daily and now contains a good list of vaccine sites in the state, including pharmacies, health departments, and healthcare systems. Many of the entries listed there have links to schedule an appointment. If you are in Phase 1, we recommend you begin your search for an appointment at this website and follow the links to the various locations. You may not find an appointment on the first try, but we're hearing from residents that persistence pays off and that some are finding and scheduling appointments when they keep trying the various links at different times of the day. Obviously, this is neither efficient nor ideal, but it seems to be the way to success for now until supplies increase.

By February 5th, the Six Flags America site on Central Avenue in Bowie will transition from a testing site to what the state is calling a "mass drive-through vaccination site". We don't have details yet on how this site will operate, if they will have adequate supplies to do "mass" vaccinations every day of the week, or if appointments will be required. Just as soon as that information is released, we will share it widely.

If you are not receiving daily COVID updates from the City of Bowie, please sign up at www.cityofbowie.org/alerts.

- **Maryland vaccine phases:** <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine>
- **Maryland vaccination locator website:** <https://www.marylandvax.org>
- **Prince George's County pre-registration site:** <https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov>
- **City of Bowie vaccination webpage:** www.cityofbowie.org/vaccines

National Vaccine Update

On January 27, both Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca have completed clinical trials for their vaccines. They expected to begin the process of requesting an Emergency Use Authorization around February.

Pfizer has fully enrolled its child vaccine study, which includes over 2,200 volunteers from ages 12 to 15. Pfizer currently does not know when the data from the trial will become available.

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	1,274 (+3)	1,226 (+6)	1,420 (+8)	1,746 (+6)	5,666 (+23)	66,888 (+353)	348,749 (+2,190)
27-Jan	+11	+25	+7	+13	+56	+376	+1,939
26-Jan	+4	+6	+13	+9	+32	+294	1,482
25-Jan	+7	+7	+12	+9	+35	+303	+1,686
24-Jan	+9	+3	+7	+12	+31	+411	+2145
23-Jan	+8	+19	+10	+12	+49	+387	+2,392
22-Jan	1,232	1,160	1,363	1,685	5,440	64,764	336,915

7-Day Positivity Rates

	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	450,032 (+1,673)	8.06%	6,865,525 (+46,476)	6.15%
27-Jan	+1,696	8.40%	+34,887	6.38%
26-Jan	+1,358	8.69%	+25,926	6.64%
25-Jan	+1,504	8.81%	+34,734	6.84%
24-Jan	+1,674	9.28%	+45,247	7.21%
23-Jan	+1,751	9.31%	+47,691	7.39%
22-Jan	+1,899	9.52%	+51,989	7.50%

Cases per 100K Persons

Infection Rates

	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K			
			County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate	
Today	39.79	33.62	26-Jan	0.86	0.82
27-Jan	39.92	33.57	25-Jan	0.86	0.83
26-Jan	40.33	34.11	24-Jan	0.86	0.83
25-Jan	40.96	35.26	23-Jan	0.87	0.84
24-Jan	33.83	35.50	22-Jan	0.88	0.85
23-Jan	41.79	36.10	21-Jan	0.88	0.85
22-Jan	44.27	38.20	20-Jan	0.89	0.86
			14-Day Weighted Average	0.90	0.87

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 . It is subject to adjustments and may have a 1 to 3-day lag time in reporting.

Hospitalizations

Currently Hospitalized:	1,636	-0.6%
Acute Care:	1,260	-1.0%
Intensive Care	376	0.5%
Ever Hospitalized	31,614	9.0%

FDA Issues Import Alert on Hand Sanitizers from Mexico

All alcohol-based hand sanitizers from Mexico are on a countrywide [import alert](#) to help stop products that appear to be in violation from entering the U.S. until the agency is able to review the products' safety. Over the course of the ongoing pandemic, the agency has seen a sharp increase in hand sanitizer products from Mexico that were labeled to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but tested positive for methanol contamination. Methanol, or wood alcohol, is a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin and life-threatening when ingested. Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient in hand sanitizer or other drugs. Under the import alert, alcohol-based hand sanitizers from Mexico offered for import are subject to heightened FDA scrutiny, and FDA staff may detain the shipment

Bowie Business Recovery Assistance Program

The new Bowie COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance program offers 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.

THIS WEEK
JAN. 25th-29th

- JAN. 26TH 10AM-12PM**
BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR ONE-ON-ONE SESSION:
COVID-19 RELATED TAX QUESTIONS
- JAN. 27TH 1-2PM**
BUSINESS RESILIENCE WORKSHOP:
CONDUCTING BUSINESS ONLINE:
SECURE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNIQUES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
- JAN. 28TH 4PM-5PM**
BUSINESS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE:
SBA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS & UPDATES ON PPP AND EIDL
- JAN. 28TH 5-6PM**
BUSINESS EDUCATION AND RESILIENCE WEBINAR:
DEMYSTIFYING THE FOUR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO YOUR BUSINESSES

Stand Up & Deliver Meals and Groceries

The Stand Up & Deliver program, Prince George's County will distribute groceries/ meals-to-go on Friday, January 29 at 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 30 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., depending on location.



Grab & Go Groceries



Prince George's County will be distributing groceries/meals to go at the following locations. Groceries/meals will be distributed while supplies last. One (1) box per car. Please remain in your car.

Friday, January 29 Locations ~ 12:30pm



The First Baptist Church
of District Heights
7234 Lansdale Street
District Heights, MD 20747



TURNER MEMORIAL
AME CHURCH
Turner AME Church
7201 16th Place
Chillum/Hyattsville, MD 20783



Mt. Ennon Baptist Church
9832 Piscataway Road
Clinton, MD 20735

~ Saturday, January 30 Locations ~



Time: 10:00am
New Home Baptist Church
8320 Landover Road
Landover, MD 20785



Time: 10:00am
Kingdom Fellowship at
High Point High School
3601 Powder Mill Road
Beltsville, MD 20705



Time: 11:30am
United Baptist Church
7701 Riverdale Road
New Carrollton, MD 20784



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County Executive

Other News

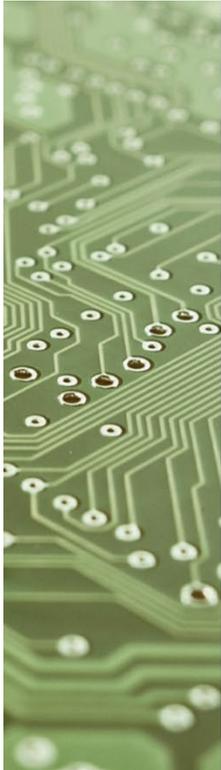
Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 1/30 – Electronics Recycling Event 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Public Works Yard
- 2/1 – Virtual City Council Meeting
- 2/15 – Presidents' Day [City offices closed]
- 2/16 – Virtual City Council Meeting
- 2/17 – Webinar: The Cycle of Waste, Recycling, and Plastic

Webinar: The Cycle of Waste, Recycling, and Plastic

The City Sustainability Planner and Environmental Advisory Committee invite you to join them for part 1 of the first ever sustainability webinar series. Part 1 of this webinar series will take place on February 17 at 3 p.m. and will focus on the life-cycle of waste, focusing on recycling and single-use plastics. You are invited to join in the

conversation and learn the staggering numbers behind waste generated and the ins and outs of market demands for plastic. This will be a live Zoom event, with time for Q & A and discussion. To participate live you must register at the following [link](#). Questions? E-mail Sustainability Planner Ashleigh Armentrout at aarmentrout@cityofbowie.org.



FREE Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, January 30, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Works Yard

16500 Annapolis Road

Batteries (all types)	Computer Equipment	Laptops	Scrap Metals
Cables/Wire/Cords	Copiers	Microwave Ovens	Televisions
CDs/DVDs	Hard Drives	Monitors	Toasters
CD/DVD Players	Ink/Toner	Printers	...and more!
Cell Phones	Laptops	Scanners	

On-site hard drive destruction also available - \$10 per drive. Cash only.

Questions? csullivan@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-2339