



COVID-19 UPDATE

Friday, February 5, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

The County positivity rate is up slightly, but overall metrics are trending downward. Johnson & Johnson has applied for Emergency Authorization for their vaccine candidate. The state launched its massvax.maryland.gov site today for scheduling appointments at Six Flags. Appointments were extremely limited and many had problems with the site. As of today, Prince George's Health Department has administered almost 80% of the first dose vaccines it has been allocated.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	7.65	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	28.23	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.80	Low risk range (<0.9)
<i>(* Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase. Black signifies no change.</i>		
Vaccines Administered		% of County Population
First doses	33,962	3.74%
Second doses	5,959	0.66%
Total doses	39,921	

Current vaccination phase is 1C. See [description of groups eligible for vaccination now](#).

Six Flags America Mass Vaccination Site Update

The Six Flags site opened today with a "soft launch" and a visit by the Governor. Vaccinations will be done seven days a week: Sunday/Monday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Tuesday – Saturday 8 am – 3:30 p.m. Appointments are required and can be scheduled at <https://massvax.maryland.gov>. This website was first advertised this morning with a text message from the state and was shared on social media. From the feedback we have received today, some Bowie residents have been successful in scheduling appointments, but most have encountered errors when trying to book an appointment. Hopefully the problems will be resolved, and this site will become another convenient option for eligible Phase 1 Bowie residents to get vaccinated.

The Maryland National Guard's vaccination teams will provide support for the site. Kaiser Permanente will provide pharmacy services and post-vaccination observation and care. Patients will not be charged any fees and no insurance information will be collected.

The city will share vaccine appointment information whenever we receive it; however, the most immediate way for you to receive updates regarding state mass vaccination appointments is to **text MDReady to 898-211 which will register you for Maryland vaccine alerts.**

Scheduling a Vaccine Appointment

While supplies of the vaccine are limited, scheduling an appointment will continue to be challenging for those who are eligible as part of Phase 1. Our best advice for those who are currently eligible to be vaccinated in Phase 1 is to explore all options for getting vaccinated and to be persistent. It may seem as if there are no appointments, but we are hearing daily from residents who have been successful in getting vaccinated at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex or at the Bowie Giant.

Vaccination Options

1. **County Health Department Facilities** – Requires pre-registration (see link below). When an appointment is available you will receive an email inviting you to schedule your appointment.
2. **Hospital systems** – University of Maryland, Luminis, MedStar, and Adventist are offering appointments as supplies permit.
3. **Retail pharmacies**, such as Giant and Safeway. (So far, none of the Rite Aid and Walmart locations are in our area).
4. **Maryland Mass Vaccination Locations** – Six sites are planned around the state. The first two opened today, including the one at Six Flags.

The Maryland vaccination website provides links to schedule appointments with hospital systems and retail pharmacies or you can use the direct links below.

Links to Vaccine Appointment Information / Scheduling Sites

- **Maryland vaccination locator site:** covid.maryland.gov
- **Prince George's County pre-registration site:** <https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>
- **Giant** - <https://giantfood.com/pages/covid-info>
- **Safeway** - <https://www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt>
- **Medstar Health** - <https://www.medstarhealth.org/mhs/about-medstar/covid-19-vaccine-information/>
- **University of Maryland Medical System** (includes Prince George's Hospital) - <https://www.umms.org/capital>
- **Luminis Health (includes Anne Arundel Medical Center and Doctor's Hospital)** <https://living.aahs.org/community-vaccine-clinics/>
- **Adventist Health** - <https://www.adventisthealthcare.com/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine/>
- **Baltimore Convention Center mass site** – <https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/get-vaccine/baltimore-convention-center-vaccine> or call 443-462-5511 for assistance with making an appointment
- **Six Flags** – <https://massvax.maryland.gov/>

Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Hotline for Seniors – Dial 3-1-1

The Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Hotline is live for seniors and others who need assistance with pre-registering for a vaccine appointment at a Prince George's County Health Department location. **To access the hotline, dial 311 (press # after the call is answered).**

All of the online vaccination appointment websites on the [Maryland Vaccine Locator](#) page require an email

address for registration. This has been a roadblock for seniors and others who don't have email or have trouble navigating the appointment websites. Hotline staff will provide assistance to seniors and others who have trouble accessing the Internet in completing the pre-registration form and will follow up to schedule appointments via phone as appointments become available. If you are able, please complete the pre-registration form online; so that the service is available for those who need assistance. Please share this information with any seniors in your lives.

Note: Maryland expects to open its own scheduling hotline for mass vaccination locations by February 15.



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COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Hotline



311#

DIAL 311 AND PRESS

Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Seniors and others that wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, but have issues accessing the Internet or utilizing technology, should call the County's COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Hotline.



Hotline staff will provide assistance with completing the vaccine pre-registration form.

As appointments become available based on vaccine supply, staff will follow up with individuals who have pre-registered to schedule appointments via phone.



Due to limited supplies of vaccines, it may take several weeks or longer for eligible individuals to receive vaccine appointments.



If you are able to complete the pre-registration form online by yourself, please do not call the hotline, so we can ensure it remains available for Prince Georgians who need assistance with registering.

The pre-registration form is available at:
<https://bit.ly/PGCVaccineForm>



STAY UPDATED: mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine

CVS Partners with Federal Government to Administer More Vaccines to Maryland and Other States

Beginning on Thursday, February 11, CVS pharmacies will begin providing COVID-19 vaccinations at 18 locations in Maryland, including Baltimore, Bowie, Chester, Frederick, Fulton, Hagerstown, Ocean City, and Rockville. Appointments will become available for booking as early as **Tuesday, February 9**. These CVS pharmacies will be receiving vaccines directly from the federal government as part of a new Federal Retail Pharmacy Program and will be in addition to the state's regular vaccine allocation.

Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Discussion with Dr. Fauci

Join County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and Dr. Anthony Fauci for a discussion about COVID-19 vaccines on Monday, February 8 at 2 PM. Dr. Fauci will answer questions and concerns about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. View their webinar at <http://bit.ly/FauciPGC>.

Vaccine Development Update – Johnson & Johnson

Vaccine candidate, Johnson & Johnson (Janssen Biotech) announced on February 4 that it has officially requested approval from US regulators for its single-dose vaccine. The shot was 66% effective at preventing moderate to severe COVID-19, but 85% protective against the most serious symptoms. The FDA will meet to discuss the request on February 26.

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	1,312 (+7)	1,271 (+10)	1,474 (+11)	1,820 (+8)	5,877 (+36)	69,059 (+287)	360,584 (+1,547)
4-Feb	+4	+4	+8	+9	+25	+282	+1,554
3-Feb	+3	+6	+7	+4	+20	+195	+942
2-Feb	+3	+2	+6	+5	+16	+193	+905
1-Feb	+5	+4	+6	+11	+26	+219	+1,163
31-Jan	+4	+7	+10	+6	+27	+300	+1,747
30-Jan	1,280	1,234	1,423	1,768	5,705	67,262	350,629

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	461,468 (+1,398)	7.65%	7,144,618 (+42,260)	5.94%
4-Jan	+1,384	7.62%	+35,487	5.89%
3-Jan	+832	7.44%	+14,607	5.96%
2-Jan	+852	7.36%	+13,702	5.79%
1-Feb	+1,402	7.19%	+25,408	5.61%
31-Jan	+1,700	7.23%	+46,230	5.66%
30-Jan	+1,849	7.56%	+48,616	5.79%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	28.23	23.52	3-Feb	0.80	0.78
4-Jan	29.60	24.31	2-Feb	0.80	0.79
3-Jan	30.71	25.81	1-Feb	0.81	0.80
2-Jan	33.56	28.17	31-Jan	0.81	0.80
1-Feb	35.14	29.53	30-Jan	0.82	0.81
31-Jan	36.46	30.77	29-Jan	0.82	0.81
30-Jan	38.21	37.71	28-Jan	0.83	0.81
			14-Day Weighted Average	0.83	0.82

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

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,444	1.2%
Acute Care:	1,103	1.5%
Intensive Care	341	0.2%
Ever Hospitalized	32,687	9.0%

Don't Give into COVID Fatigue

We're all tired of wearing masks, social distancing, and being away from those we care about. But now is not the time to let down your guard. Health experts acknowledge the case numbers are decreasing, but the more contagious strains of the virus are spreading in Maryland and elsewhere and could possibly become the dominant strains by March.

Prince George's County's order requiring the wearing of masks whenever you leave your home remains in effect and capacity limits are still in place for grocery stores, retail establishments, restaurants and other public places. See the [latest information on county restrictions](#). County residents are asked to report COVID-19 safety protocol violations to the Ambassador Compliance Team by calling 311. A County COVID-19 Ambassador Compliance Team member will visit the location and take necessary actions to ensure compliance.

Senior Grab & Go Meal Giveaway

County Council Member Todd Turner will host a "Senior Grab & Go" Meal Giveaway for his constituents (age 60+) on February 12, 2021 in the parking lot of the Bowie Senior Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, located at 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie.

To be eligible for the giveaway, you must [register](#) for the event. **The registration deadline is February 5.** Registration can also be taken by phone by calling Evelyn Archie in the Chair Turner's Office at 240-619-9775.

Stand Up & Deliver Meals and Groceries

- Ebenezer Church of God – 7550 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills, MD
- First Baptist Highland Park – 6801 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 2/15 – Presidents' Day [City offices closed]
- 2/16 – Virtual City Council Meeting
- 2/17 – Webinar: The Cycle of Waste, Recycling, and Plastic