



COVID-19 UPDATE

Monday, February 8, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

Today's positivity rate is 7.64. This number is probably a more accurate representation of where things stand than last week's numbers because testing volume was down last week due to the snow.

Maryland is averaging 22,000 vaccinations per day over the last week. This week select CVS pharmacies will begin scheduling vaccine appointments through a new partnership with the federal government, and a new state mass vaccination site begins operations at the Timonium Fairgrounds.

When the state allocates vaccines to the counties and pharmacies participating in its vaccine program, it is done in two groups – first dose vaccines and second dose vaccines to ensure that there are adequate supplies for those needing second doses. As of today, Prince George's County has administered 81.4% of the first dose vaccines it has received.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	7.64	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	26.35	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.84	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	36,897	4.058%
Second doses	7,889	0.87
Total doses	44,786	

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 February 5 and the scheduling website began accepting vaccination appointments that morning. According to a statement released by the Governor's office, over 10,000 appointments were scheduled through that system for slots up to February 15 and more appointments are expected to open up

soon. Check <https://massvax.maryland.gov> for updates. You can also **text MDReady to 898-211 to register for Maryland vaccine alerts.**

Scheduling a Vaccine Appointment

There is a lot of confusion and frustration around the scheduling of vaccine appointments right now. Each organization providing vaccinations has its own appointment process. Links to all of the vaccine appointment sites can be found at the [Maryland Vaccination Locator site](#) and they are also listed below for your convenience.

Securing a vaccination appointment is extremely difficult to do because of the high demand and the limited amount of vaccine supplies available. It is taking a lot of persistence and a good bit of luck to find an appointment slot on one of these sites. However, we are hearing from residents who have been successful in scheduling an appointment after many attempts, often over the course of many days.

Federal Vaccine Program with CVS and Walgreens

This week **CVS** will begin scheduling appointments at select sites in Maryland, including one in Bowie. This plan is through a partnership with the federal government. The CDC will be supplying vaccines directly to the pharmacies through this program, rather than having the supplies managed through a state allocation process. Details are limited, but the CVS website says the program will begin on February 12. See <https://cvshealth.com/covid-19/vaccine-faq> for more information.

Walgreens will also be partnering with the federal government to provide vaccinations in Maryland soon. Specific details about their Maryland rollout are not available yet.

Current Vaccination Options for those in Phase 1

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, Johns Hopkins, and Adventist are offering appointments as supplies permit. Johns Hopkins is also scheduling appointments through a lottery process (for eligible patients 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. Three are now open at Six Flags, the Baltimore Convention Center, and Timonium Fairgrounds.

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
- **Johns Hopkins** - <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/maryland.html>
- **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).**

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

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	1,333 (+1)	1,291 (+10)	1,483 (+2)	1,840 (+10)	5,947 (+23)	69,779 (+179)	364,553 (+903)
7-Feb	+5	+3	+4	+7	+19	+1,566	1,566
6-Feb	+15	+7	+3	+3	+28	+284	+1,500
5-Feb	+7	+10	+11	+8	+36	+287	+1,547
4-Feb	+4	+4	+8	+9	+25	+282	+1,554
3-Feb	+3	+6	+7	+4	+20	+195	+942
2-Feb	1,298	1,251	1,448	1,799	5,796	68,295	356,541

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	465,300 (+1,042)	7.64%	7,260,091 (+22,844)	5.67%
7-Feb	+1,456	7.67%	+48,609	5.73%
6-Feb	+1,334	7.69%	+44,020	5.83%
5-Feb	+1,398	7.65%	+42,260	5.94%
4-Feb	+1,384	7.62%	+35,487	5.89%
3-Feb	+832	7.44%	+14,607	5.96%
2-Feb	+852	7.36%	+13,702	5.79%

Infection Rates			Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate		County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
7-Feb	0.84	0.83	Today	26.35	21.07
6-Feb	0.84	0.83	7-Feb	26.97	21.68
5-Feb	0.84	0.83	6-Feb	27.65	22.11
4-Feb	0.84	0.83	5-Feb	28.23	23.52
3-Feb	0.84	0.83	4-Feb	29.60	24.31
2-Feb	0.85	0.83	3-Feb	30.71	25.81
1-Feb	0.85	0.83	2-Feb	33.56	28.17
14-Day Weighted Average	0.85	0.83			

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

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,413	-2.1%*
Acute Care:	1,095	-0.7%*
Intensive Care	318	-6.7%*
Ever Hospitalized	33,187	9.1%

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	7,051 (+58)	33,187 (+122)	1,413 (-2.3%)	1,262 (+4)	7,372 (+23)
7-Feb	+0	+202	1,402 (-1.1%)	+5	+20
6-Feb	+23	+176	1,419 (-1.7%)	+5	+42
5-Feb	+16	+156	1,444 (+1.2%)	+2	+36
4-Feb	+27	+125	1,636 (-0.6%)	+3	+31
3-Feb	+26	+115	1,485 (+1.2%)	+5	+32
2-Feb	6,901	32,291	1,467	1,238	7,188

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



**CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED FOR
PRESIDENTS' DAY**

Monday, February 15



There will be no trash or recycling pickup on the holiday.
Collection will resume on your next regularly scheduled day.

Bowie Business Recovery Assistance Program

The 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 includes one-on-one sessions, webinars, workshops, and more. For more details, visit www.bowiebusinessrecovery.com.



THIS WEEK

FEB. 8th-12th



FEB. 10TH 10:30-12PM
BUSINESS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE:
POST-PANDEMIC BUSINESS LOANS AND PIVOT STRATEGIES



FEB. 11TH 5-6PM
BUSINESS EDUCATION AND RESILIENCE WEBINAR:
OVERVIEW OF THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) & THE
ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN (EIDL)