



COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

As of today, cases in Prince George's County have gone down 24% from last week's numbers; however, today's metrics show slight increases. Cases in Bowie have averaged around 24 new cases a day, with today's metric at a recent low of 17 new cases.

Average vaccinations in the state have increased this week, with 28,095 total vaccines administered yesterday statewide. Walgreens has partnered with the federal government to begin offering vaccination appointments in Maryland. Sign up on their website at <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>. If you're eligible in Phase 1, we recommend you explore this and other options for obtaining a vaccine appointment.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	8.03	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	27.10	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	38,101	4.19%
Second doses	8,656	0.95%
Total doses	46,757	

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 is also partnering with the federal government to provide vaccinations in Maryland. Sign up on their website at <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>. Some Bowie residents have already been successful in scheduling appointments through this site.

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>
- **Walgreens** - <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>
- **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.

CDC Toolkit for Parents and Pregnant People

The CDC has developed a [toolkit](#) containing resources and tools to help pregnant people, breastfeeding people and new parents caring for infants to protect their health and help people who serve these communities communicate with them.

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 (+0)	1,293 (+2)	1,492 (+9)	1,846 (+6)	5,964 (+17)	70,020 (+241)	365,529 (+976)
8-Feb	+1	+10	+2	+10	+23	+179	+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	1,301	1,257	1,455	1,803	5,816	68,490	357,483

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	466,240 (+940)	8.03%	7,274,451 (+14,360)	5.78%
8-Feb	+1,042	7.64%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	27.10	21.24	7-Feb	0.84	0.83
8-Feb	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
			14-Day Weighted Average	0.85	0.83

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:	1,377	-2.5%
Acute Care:	1,051	-4.0%
Intensive Care	326	2.5%
Ever Hospitalized	33,288	9.1%

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.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Accounting Technician Senior (Open until 02/16)
- Entry Level Police Officer (Open until 12/31)
- Solid Waste Collector (Open until 02/11)
- Solid Waste Collector/ Class B CDL (Open until 02/19)

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.