



COVID-19 UPDATE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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Winter Storm Warning

A Winter Storm Warning has been issued for Bowie and Prince George's County from 3 a.m. tomorrow morning through 6 a.m. Friday morning. Driving conditions may be hazardous by morning rush hour. During the day, the snow is expected to change to a wintery mix that will continue into early Friday. The ice may cause downed trees and downed power lines.

Make sure to have supplies on hand in case of a power outage, have mobile devices charged, and monitor the news for updates. Any necessary announcements about trash and recycling service will be made early Thursday morning and will be posted on social media, the city website, the government channel, and local news channels by 6 a.m. An alert will be sent out at 7:30 a.m. if trash and recycling service is canceled or delayed.

Today's COVID Brief

The federal government is increasing the weekly supply of vaccine doses to states and will be doubling the number of vaccines going to the national pharmacy program in the coming weeks. In Maryland, CVS and Walgreens are the two participating providers in the federal pharmacy program.

The CDC is reporting that severe weather in the southern part of the country may cause widespread delays in vaccine shipments.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.76	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	18.19	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.76	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	49,518	5.45
Second doses	15,554	1.71%
Total doses	65,072	

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

Prince George's County Vaccine Information

County Executive Alsobrooks held a town hall meeting on Saturday morning about vaccine distribution. She acknowledged problems with the rollout and shared some details about how they are being addressed. Following the call, a written vaccine update was shared.

Here are a few key points from the update:

- Second dose appointments will now be scheduled at the time of the first appointment to avoid scheduling problems.
- A new, more functional and user-friendly website for scheduling appointments is under development.
- Within a couple of weeks, the County hopes to begin scheduling Phase 1C appointments.
- Everyone should pre-register on the County website, not just those in Phase 1.
- Existing Health Department vaccination sites include the Health Department in Cheverly, Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, and the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex in Oxon Hill. The Laurel Beltsville Senior Center will open as a fourth site this week.
- When the Laurel site opens, the County Health Department will be able to administer 1,900 dose per day.
- Mobile vaccination units are being deployed to target eligible residents in hard to reach communities.
- Pop up vaccination clinics are also being hosted at some churches in the county.

The County Executive's February 13 vaccine update can be found [here](#).

New Maryland Call Center Helps Those Without Internet Schedule Appointments

Maryland's new COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center is now available at 1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829) to help those without internet access schedule appointments. It will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. Callers can get information on vaccines, identify providers in their area, and schedule appointments at Maryland's mass vaccination sites.

The Vaccination Support Center is available to all Marylanders who are eligible for a vaccine, including anyone who will benefit from a telephone-based system. All Marylanders age 65 and over are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines in Phase 1C of Maryland's vaccination plan, and the state has asked vaccine providers to prioritize Marylanders 65 and over. [Press release](#)

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

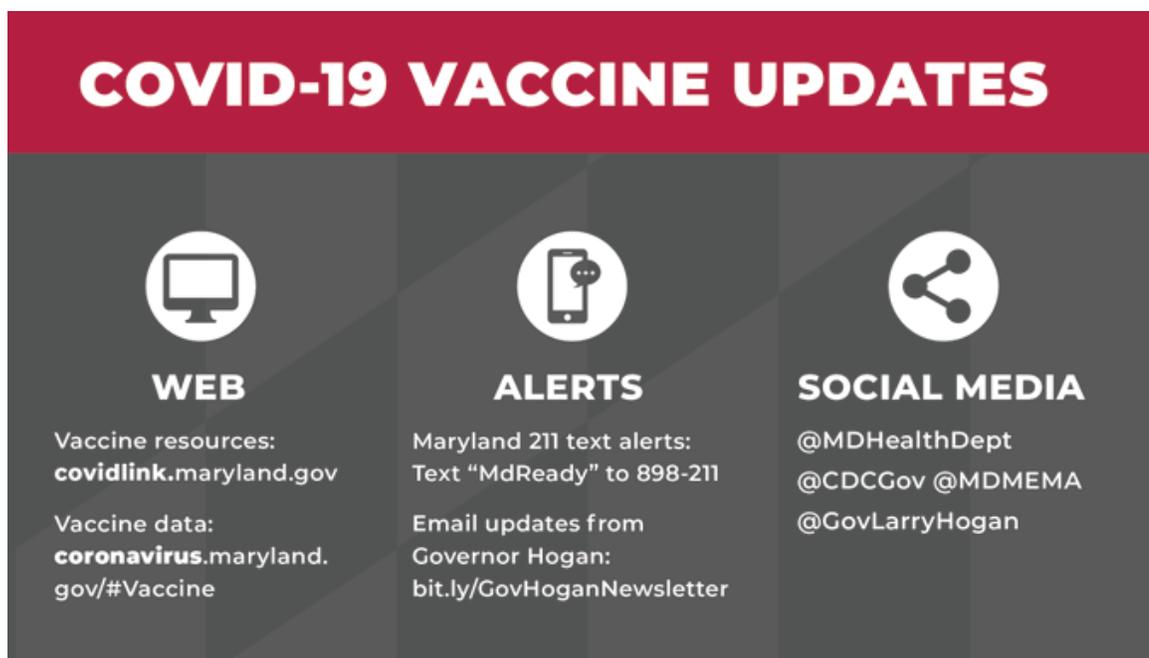
The Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Hotline is live for seniors and others who need

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).**

Six Flags America Mass Vaccination Site Update

The Maryland Department of Health is partnering with Prince George's County to allocate a portion of the vaccine appointment slots at the Six Flags mass vaccination site to eligible county residents who have pre-registered on the County website. This is part of a state effort to boost vaccinations in Prince George's County, which currently has the lowest vaccination rate in the state. Representatives from the State call center will attempt to reach the registrant three times by phone and will send an email notifying them that they will receive a call about scheduling an appointment.

For additional vaccine updates, check <https://massvax.maryland.gov>. You can also text MDReady to 898-211 to register for Maryland vaccine alerts. Other ways to keep up with COVID announcements from the state of Maryland are provided in the graphic below.



The graphic is a dark grey rectangle with a red header. The header contains the text "COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the header, the graphic is divided into three vertical columns. Each column has a white circular icon at the top, a bold title in the middle, and text in the bottom. The first column has a computer monitor icon, the title "WEB", and text: "Vaccine resources: covidlink.maryland.gov" and "Vaccine data: coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine". The second column has a smartphone with a speech bubble icon, the title "ALERTS", and text: "Maryland 211 text alerts: Text 'MdReady' to 898-211" and "Email updates from Governor Hogan: bit.ly/GovHoganNewsletter". The third column has a share icon, the title "SOCIAL MEDIA", and text: "@MDHealthDept", "@CDCGov @MDMEMA", and "@GovLarryHogan".

WEB	ALERTS	SOCIAL MEDIA
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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, and Reid Temple in Glenn Dale)** <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/>

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	1,355 (+4)	1,320 (+3)	1,533 (+8)	1,882 (+2)	6,090 (+17)	71,402 (+186)	372,980 (+759)
16-Feb	+1	+1	+6	+4	+12	+98	+516
15-Feb	+2	+6	+5	+5	+18	+138	+722
14-Feb	+5	+2	+6	+6	+15	+162	+847
13-Feb	+1	+2	+1	+3	+7	+172	+1,159
12-Feb	+4	+5	+7	+4	+20	+181	+1,112
11-Feb	1,338	1,301	1,504	1,858	6,001	367,865	70,465

7-Day Positivity Rates

	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	474,446 (+917)	5.76%	7,519,063 (+23,155)	4.17%
16-Feb	+550	5.74%	+9,967	4.23%
15-Feb	+792	6.44%	+19,761	4.53%
14-Feb	+949	6.57%	+36,438	4.63%
13-Feb	+1,341	6.73%	+41,128	4.76%
12-Feb	+1,343	7.01%	+44,606	4.87%
11-Feb	+1,231	7.29%	+39,191	5.08%

Infection Rates

	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
16-Feb	0.76	0.77
15-Feb	0.77	0.77
14-Feb	0.77	0.78
13-Feb	0.78	0.78
12-Feb	0.78	0.78
11-Feb	0.79	0.79
10-Feb	0.80	0.79
14-Day Weighted Average	0.80	0.79

Cases per 100K Persons

	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	18.19	14.92
16-Feb	18.79	15.80
15-Feb	21.04	16.90
14-Feb	21.68	17.33
13-Feb	23.17	19.03
12-Feb	24.93	19.83
11-Feb	26.60	20.90

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:	1,096	-1.2%
Acute Care:	824	0.8%
Intensive Care	272	-7.1%
Ever Hospitalized	34,078	9.1%

Relief Funds for Childcare Providers

Maryland has announced that licensed childcare centers and registered family childcare providers are eligible to apply for Child Care Pandemic Relief Fund grants to help meet increased operation costs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the CARES Act of 2021, the state received additional federal funding to support childcare for children and families. The Maryland State Department of Education is establishing a \$60 million grant program to support eligible childcare programs throughout the state meet operating costs and address lost revenue.

Volunteers Needed

Maryland is recruiting volunteers for its **Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps** to support vaccination clinics across the state. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed. [Sign up to volunteer at a vaccination clinic.](#)

Fresh Food Giveaway – February 20

The Prince George's County Police Department and the County Office of Community Relations are hosting a fresh produce distribution Saturday, February 20 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., at 1301 McCormick Drive in Largo. No registration is needed. Food distribution is drive up only, while supplies last.



**Prince George's County
Police Department**

**FRESH PRODUCE
DISTRIBUTION**

Prince George's
Proud

**February 20, 2021
10:00AM - 12:00PM
FREE DISTRIBUTION
Drive Up Only**

**Wayne K. Curry
Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive
Largo, MD 20774
First Come First Serve**




Bowie Business Recovery Program

The Business Recovery Program provides technical assistance to help Bowie businesses meet the challenges of the pandemic, build resiliency, and accelerate their post COVID recovery. The program is a collaboration between the Bowie Innovation Center business accelerator and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and is funded by the City of Bowie.



Bowie
BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM
Powering Business Success

THIS WEEK
FEB. 15th-19th

 **FEB. 18TH 10:30AM-12PM**
BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR ONE-ON-ONE SESSION:
POST-PANDEMIC BUSINESS LOANS AND PIVOT STRATEGIES

 **FEB. 18TH 5-6PM**
BUSINESS EDUCATION AND RESILIENCE WEBINAR:
MANAGING YOUR MOOD & TEAM DURING A PANDEMIC

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 2/25 – #BowieSpeaks Community Conversations
- 3/1 – City Council meeting, 8 p.m.

#BowieSpeaks Community Conversations

On February 25, the City of Bowie will host the second community conversation in the #BowieSpeaks social justice series. The next conversation is entitled, *The Role of Religious Organizations in the Quest for Social Justice*. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Zoom and will be moderated by members of the Community Outreach and Diversity Committees and panelists from Faith Works, Temple Solel, United Parish of Bowie and Village Baptist Church.

Attendees must register at <https://bowie.fyi/bowiespeaks>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and Zoom link to join the webinar. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.

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#BOWIESPEAKS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

ADDRESSING RACISM AND THE
NEED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



FEBRUARY 25, 7 P.M.

The #BowieSpeaks program will discuss the role of religious organizations in our quest for social justice and their impact on the community. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Zoom link: <https://bowie.fyi/bowiespeaks>

Panelists

- Rev. Chris Deacon
United Parish of Bowie
- Rabbi Steve Weisman
Temple Solel
- Rev. Emily Holiday
Village Baptist Church
- Khalil Shadeed
Faith Works