



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Today's COVID Brief

The ongoing series of winter storms continues to cause significant delays in vaccine shipments from the federal government. Despite this, today the State of Maryland officially achieved the milestone of 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, with a daily average of 27,796 shots.

Maryland has reported declines in key metrics, including the lowest 7-day positivity rate, case rate per 100K, and COVID hospitalizations levels since early November. Bowie cases remain low, averaging 13 new cases per day over the past week.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.83	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	18.40	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.77	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	52,266	5.75%
Second doses	18,067	1.99%
Total doses	70,333	

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

Prince George's County Vaccine Appointment Update 2/19/2021

The Prince George's County Health Department vaccination sites did NOT do first dose vaccinations today, and will not be able to do them this weekend or on Monday due to disruptions in the State's vaccine supply chain.

Yesterday, the department notified all individuals who had first dose appointments that they would be rescheduled as soon as possible. Second dose appointments will be honored.

According to a message on the County website, at the moment, the department is focused on administering second dose vaccinations. The County asks that if you have a first dose appointment scheduled for this weekend or Monday at a health department site (Sports and Learning, Cheverly, or Oxon Hill), please do not show up at these vaccination sites; you will be turned away. First dose shipments have been delayed due to the supply challenges caused by severe weather across the country.

Maryland and Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Hotlines




These hotlines are intended for seniors who need assistance and those without internet access.

- **Maryland's COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center:**
1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829)
Open seven days a week from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- **Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Registration 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.

WEB	ALERTS	SOCIAL MEDIA
 Vaccine resources: covidlink.maryland.gov Vaccine data: coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine	 Maryland 211 text alerts: Text "MdReady" to 898-211 Email updates from Governor Hogan: bit.ly/GovHoganNewsletter	 @MDHealthDept @CDCGov @MDMEMA @GovLarryHogan

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

CVS has begun 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. According to FEMA, the weekly vaccine allocation will increase from 1 million to 2 million doses this week. 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. If eligible to be vaccinated at this time, you must fill out a [form](#) to request a vaccination appointment at the Baltimore Convention Center. Once an appointment is available, you will be contacted.
- **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	1,361 (+4)	1,326 (+3)	1,540 (+3)	1,885 (+2)	6,112 (+12)	71,817 (+231)	374,974 (+1,008)
18-Feb	+2	+3	+4	+1	+10	+184	+986
17-Feb	+4	+3	+8	+2	+17	+186	+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	1,343	1,308	1,512	1,865	6,028	70,818	370,136

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	476,527 (+1,067)	5.83%	7,597,220 (+42,207)	4.12%
18-Feb	+1,014	5.72%	+35,950	4.13%
17-Feb	+917	5.76%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	18.40	14.17	17-Feb	0.77	0.75
18-Feb	17.61	14.42	16-Feb	0.77	0.76
17-Feb	18.19	14.92	15-Feb	0.78	0.76
16-Feb	18.79	15.80	14-Feb	0.78	0.77
15-Feb	21.04	16.90	13-Feb	0.79	0.77
14-Feb	21.68	17.33	12-Feb	0.79	0.78
13-Feb	23.17	19.03	11-Feb	0.80	0.78
			14-Day Weighted Average	0.80	0.79

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:	1,016	-3.0%
Acute Care:	744	-3.2%
Intensive Care	272	-2.5%
Ever Hospitalized	34,265	9.1%

Studies Indicate COVID-19 Not Transmitted Through Food or Food Packaging

The USDA, FDA, and the CDC continue to underscore that there is no credible evidence of food or food packaging associated with or as a likely source of viral transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing COVID-19. It is important to note that COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that is spread from person to person, unlike foodborne or gastrointestinal viruses. [Source](#)

PGCPS Update

Prince George's County Public Schools announced plans to reopen for in-person hybrid teaching and learning starting in April while giving families the opportunity to continue distance learning through the end of the

school year. PGCPs will distribute a survey to all families to select to either to continue virtual learning for the remainder of the school year or begin hybrid instruction two days a week. Families will have until February 28 to complete the survey. Learn more about these plans on the [PGCPS website](#) .

Stand Up & Deliver Meals and Groceries



Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 AM (Groceries)

- Kingdom Fellowship at Hight Point High School – 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD
- New Home Baptist Church – 8320 Landover Road, Landover, MD
- United Baptist Church – 7701 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, MD

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.

A promotional flyer for a fresh produce distribution event. The flyer is dark blue with white and green text. It features the Prince George's County Police Department logo and the 'Prince George's Proud' logo. The main text reads 'FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION' in large green letters. Below this, it states 'February 20, 2021 10:00AM - 12:00PM FREE DISTRIBUTION Drive Up Only'. To the right, it lists the location: 'Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, MD 20774' and 'First Come First Serve'. At the bottom, there are logos for '1% TBA', 'THE BARBER', 'SANDRO'S PRODUCE, LLC', 'AKGTA', 'PAL', 'Prince George's County Office of Community Relations', and the Prince George's County seal.

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