



COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

The CDC [reports](#) approximately 20% of the U.S. population 18 years of age and older have received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The FDA issued an emergency use authorization for the [Quidel QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test](#), an antigen test where certain individuals can rapidly collect and test their sample at home, without needing to send a sample to a laboratory for analysis.

The Prince George's County positivity rate has gone down to 4% for the first time in months.

Prince George's County Metrics

Current vaccination phase **1C** (pre-registration). [Description of groups eligible for vaccination now.](#)

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	4.58	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	17.17	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.94	Low risk range (<0.9)
Vaccinations		% of County Population
First doses	72,297	7.95%
Second doses	32,420	3.57%
Total doses	104,717	

Governor Hogan Press Conference

At a press conference this afternoon, Governor Hogan provided an update on state efforts to combat COVID-19. Below are the key points of his press conference:

- Former CDC director Dr. Robert Redfield was introduced as a new senior adviser for public health. He will advise the state in a number of areas, including vaccines and variants.

Vaccinations

- Maryland has received an initial allocation of Johnson & Johnson vaccines. The 49,600 doses will all be deployed this week. Governors were informed not to expect additional shipments until March 18th.
- Due to the increased vaccine supplies overall, this week, Six Flags will be able to double its vaccination rate from 2,000 to 4,000 per day.
- The mass vaccination site at M&T Bank Stadium will increase to 2,000 shots per day and the Baltimore Convention Center supplies will increase allowing officials to focus on providing vaccines to underserved populations in Baltimore.
- New mass vaccinations sites are opening. The Waldorf site will open March 4 and **appointments for the site will be released this evening**. Also, a new mass vac site in Salisbury will open by March 18 and another site will open in Hagerstown by the end of the month.
- The state is working with counties that have expressed an interest in partnering together to host other mass vaccination site in the state. The opening of additional sites will depend on receiving more vaccine supply.
- The goal is to reach 100,000 vaccinations per day in Maryland when supplies allow.
- The Novavax vaccine is another vaccine candidate. It is currently in Phase 3 trials.

Metrics

- Key COVID metrics are now at late October levels.
- The state is averaging 35,000 vaccinations per day over the last seven days.
- More than 40% of Marylanders over the age of 65 have now been vaccinated

Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) Vaccine FAQ

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been cleared by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for use in combatting COVID-19. The FDA has developed a very useful Frequently Asked Questions document about this new vaccine. It answers questions about who can receive it, clinical trials, how effective its, and why it is difficult to do a head to head comparison between this vaccine and others. We encourage you [to read the FAQ page in its entirety](#).

Mass Vaccination Sites Update

The best way to keep up with appointment availability at the state's mass vaccination sites is to sign up for updates from the State of Maryland. Text MDReady to 898-211 to register for Maryland vaccine alerts. You can also check appointment availability at <https://massvax.maryland.gov>. Other ways to keep up with COVID announcements from the state of Maryland are provided in the graphic below.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES



WEB

Vaccine resources:
covidlink.maryland.gov

Vaccine data:
coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine



ALERTS

Maryland 211 text alerts:
Text "MdReady" to 898-211

Email updates from
Governor Hogan:
bit.ly/GovHoganNewsletter



SOCIAL MEDIA

@MDHealthDept
@CDCGov @MDMEMA
@GovLarryHogan

Phase 1 Vaccine Appointment Options

Vaccine appointments are still very difficult to secure due to limited supplies of the vaccine. Each organization providing vaccinations has its own appointment process and even the mass vaccination sites for the state have different registration processes, depending on who the medical partners for the different sites.

Visit the [Maryland Vaccination Locator site](#) for links to the more than 200 vaccination sites in the state. We have also provided direct links to each of the organizations administering vaccinations below.

Current Vaccination Options for those in Phase 1

1. **Prince George's 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. Efforts remain focused getting those in Phase 1A and 1B vaccinated. They county hopes to begin scheduling Phase 1C appointments sometime in March.
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, Safeway, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens and Walmart.
4. **Maryland Mass Vaccination Locations** – Six sites are planned around the state. Three are now open at Six Flags, the Baltimore Convention Center, and M & T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

CVS and Walgreens are the designated Federal Pharmacy Program providers in Maryland They receive their vaccine shipments directly from the CDC, while the other retail pharmacies listed above receive their vaccine allocations from the State of Maryland. The CDC has announced that these federal pharmacy partners will receive some of the new Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

As vaccine supplies increase, the state plans to increase the number of vaccinations they can administer at the mass vaccination sites. Prince George's County also expects to increase its vaccine appointment offerings when supplies permit. If you are interested in getting your vaccination at a Prince George's County site when eligible, pre-register now to get your name on the list. Prince George's County will use the pre-registration list to invite people to schedule appointments when they are eligible. The mass vaccination sites, pharmacies, and hospital systems have their own appointment scheduling processes.

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. You must fill out a [form](#) to request a vaccination appointment.
- **Johns Hopkins** - <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/maryland.html>
- **Six Flags** – <https://massvax.maryland.gov/>
- **M & T Bank Stadium** – <https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/get-vaccine/mtb-stadium>

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 Pre-registration Hotline:**
Dial 311 (press # after the call is answered)
This hotline will assist seniors and others without internet access get pre-registered.

Maryland Health Connection Special Enrollment Period Extended to May 15

The Maryland Health Connection has extended its COVID-19 special enrollment period. If you need health coverage for yourself or your family, you now have until May 15 to sign up. Sign up to get covered on the Maryland Health connection [website](#).

Maryland Foreclosure Moratorium Extended

On February 22, The Maryland Department of Labor announced that the moratorium on new residential foreclosures has been extended through March 31, 2021. The moratorium, originally established by the Governor's executive order in April 2020 has been extended through subsequent executive orders and regulatory guidance.

Maryland Department of Health Releases Student/Young Adults Guide for Coping During COVID-19

The Maryland Department of Health released the [Student and Young Adult Resource Guide for Coping During COVID-19](#). Please use and share these resources on mental health, substance use, suicide prevention, and grief and loss with those who may need them.

CDC Updates its Guidance for Older Adults

On February 26, the CDC updated its webpage on COVID and older adults. View the [updated page](#).

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	1,392 (+2)	1,361 (+0)	1,584 (+0)	1,924 (+3)	6,261 (+5)	73,509 (+96)	383,170 (+468)
1-Mar	+0	+4	+2	+3	+9	+93	+603
28-Feb	+10	+7	+5	+3	+25	+171	+827
27-Feb	+2	+0	+5	+2	+9	+159	+836
26-Feb	+1	+5	+3	+3	+12	+202	+970
25-Feb	+4	+5	+3	-1	+11	+179	+976
24-Feb	1,373	1,340	1,566	1,911	6,190	72,609	378,490

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	486,833 (+659)	4.58%	7,917,331 (+11,040)	3.35%
1-Mar	+699	5.15%	+19,263	3.52%
28-Feb	+1,245	5.20%	+38,783	3.46%
27-Feb	+1,186	5.26%	+44,150	3.43%
26-Feb	+1,355	5.62%	+48,121	3.66%
25-Feb	+1,086	5.88%	+37,184	3.74%
24-Feb	+1,005	6.10%	+29,249	3.80%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	17.17	13.10	1-Mar	0.94	0.95
1-Mar	18.27	13.55	28-Feb	0.94	0.95
28-Feb	18.82	13.57	27-Feb	0.94	0.94
27-Feb	18.16	13.08	26-Feb	0.93	0.93
26-Feb	18.43	12.91	25-Feb	0.93	0.92
25-Feb	18.88	13.00	24-Feb	0.93	0.92
24-Feb	18.96	13.02	23-Feb	0.93	0.91
			14-Day Weighted Average	0.92	0.90

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations

Currently Hospitalized:	896	-0.8%
Acute Care:	664	-0.7%
Intensive Care	232	-1.2%
Ever Hospitalized	35,152	9.1%

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 3/15 – City Council meeting, 8 p.m.

Jobs

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

- Entry Level Police Officer (Open until 12/31)
- Temporary Laborer- Streets (Open until 03/10)
- Temporary Laborer -Stormwater (Open until 03/08)
- Utility Service Worker (Open until 03/08)
- Temporary Laborer - Parks and Grounds (Open until 03/12)

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

City Gymnasium Closed for Minor Renovations and Maintenance

The City Gymnasium will be closed for the next two weeks for renovation and maintenance work. It is expected to reopen to the public for volleyball and pickleball on March 15. Basketball is still not permitted at the Gym, per a Prince George's County order.

Bowie Business Recovery Program Offerings



THIS WEEK

MAR. 1st-5th



MAR. 4TH 4PM-5:30PM

BUSINESS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE:

UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SBA'S PPP, EIDL, AND SVOG PROGRAMS



MAR. 4TH 5-6PM

BUSINESS EDUCATION AND RESILIENCE WEBINAR:

BUILDING EQUITY AND VALUATION IN YOUR BUSINESS!

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