



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

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## Today's COVID Brief

Yesterday, the White House announced the U.S. will have enough vaccines for every American by the end of May due to key partnerships and increased vaccine production. In Maryland, providers have administered 1,394,725 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines, averaging 35,065 shots per day. In addition, 42.4% of all Marylanders ages 65 and over have been vaccinated.

## 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	<b>4.33</b>	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	<b>16.90</b>	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	<b>0.91</b>	Low risk range (<0.9)
<b>Vaccinations</b>		<b>% of County Population</b>
First doses	78,076	8.59%
Second doses	34,432	3.79%
<b>Total doses</b>	<b>112,508</b>	

## Governor Hogan Press Conference

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

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 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/day and the Baltimore Convention Center supplies will increase allowing officials to focus on providing vaccines to underserved populations in Baltimore.
- New mass vaccination sites are opening. The Waldorf site will open March 4, the Salisbury site 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 sites in the state. The opening of additional sites will depend on vaccine supply.
- The goal is to reach 100,000 vaccinations per day in Maryland when supplies allow.

### 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

### Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks released a COVID-19 vaccination update for the County last week. Read it [here](#).

### Vaccine Studies and Information

In a press conference yesterday, the White House announced the US will have [enough vaccines for every American by the end of May](#) – two months earlier than expected. This increase in supply is in part due to the collaboration between Johnson & Johnson, Merck, and the federal government to ramp up vaccine production.

The NIH launched a new research effort to understand further how SARS-CoV-2 affects children, focusing on identifying risk factors for [developing multisystem inflammatory syndrome](#) (MIS-C). Children account for roughly 13 percent of the total COVID-19 cases in the United States.

The FDA has developed a very useful Frequently Asked Questions document about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It answers questions about who can receive it, clinical trials, effectiveness, and the dangers of comparing this vaccine with others. We encourage you [to read the FAQ page in its entirety](#).

### Maryland Tests Text-Based Vaccine Appointment Booking for Prince George's County

Maryland officials have begun testing booking vaccine appointments through text messages for eligible Prince George's County residents at the Six Flags America mass vaccination site. During beta testing of this appointment-making tool over the weekend, the state conducted outreach to a subset of the Prince George's County pre-registration list and invited those individuals to sign up for appointments. On Sunday, this led to filling all 300 slots that were available. [Press Release](#)

### 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](https://covidlink.maryland.gov)

Vaccine data:  
[coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine)



## ALERTS

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

Email updates from  
Governor Hogan:  
[bit.ly/GovHoganNewsletter](https://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](https://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.

## Volunteer Vaccine Navigators Needed

The City of Bowie Neighbors Helping Neighbors program is looking for volunteers to serve as vaccine navigators to assist seniors who may be having difficulty pre-registering for their COVID vaccination or scheduling an appointment. Navigators must have their own computer and internet connection and be willing to use their own phone to call seniors. If you are interested, please complete a Neighbors Helping Neighbors application at [www.cityofbowie.org/nhn](http://www.cityofbowie.org/nhn). If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cunningham at [lcunningham@cityofbowie.org](mailto:lcunningham@cityofbowie.org).

## 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
<b>Today</b>	<b>1,394 (+2)</b>	<b>1,364 (+3)</b>	<b>1,584 (+0)</b>	<b>1,934 (+10)</b>	<b>6,274 (+15)</b>	<b>73,685 (+176)</b>	<b>383,685 (+786)</b>
2-Mar	+2	+0	+0	+3	+5	+96	+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
<b>25-Feb</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>6,201</b>	<b>72,788</b>	<b>379,466</b>

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
<b>Today</b>	<b>488,064 (+1,231)</b>	<b>4.33%</b>	<b>7,948,627 (+31,296)</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
2-Mar	+659	4.58%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
<b>Today</b>	<b>16.90</b>	<b>12.92</b>	<b>2-Mar</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.92</b>
2-Mar	17.17	13.10	1-Mar	0.91	0.91
1-Mar	18.27	13.55	28-Feb	0.91	0.91
28-Feb	18.82	13.57	27-Feb	0.91	0.91
27-Feb	18.16	13.08	26-Feb	0.91	0.90
26-Feb	18.43	12.91	25-Feb	0.91	0.90
25-Feb	18.88	13.00	24-Feb	0.91	0.89
			<b>14-Day Weighted Average</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.89</b>

### Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	863	-3.6%
Acute Care:	635	-4.3%
Intensive Care	228	-1.7%
Ever Hospitalized	35,223	9.1%

## Other News

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 3/15 – City Council meeting, 8 p.m.

### 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.

### Stand Up & Deliver Meals and Groceries



#### Friday, March 5 at 12:30 p.m. (Groceries)

- Mt. Ennon Baptist Church – 9832 Piscataway Road, Clinton, MD 20735
- Victory Grace Center at Port Towns Elementary School – 4351 58<sup>th</sup> Place, Bladensburg, MD 20710
- St. Paul Church – 6419 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747

#### Saturday, March 6 at 11 a.m. (Groceries)

- LOVE A.M.E Church, Large Lot – 1401 Mercantile Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

#### Sunday, March 7 at 10 a.m. (Groceries)

- Community of Hope AME Church – 3701 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, MD 20747

### 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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