



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Monday, March 8, 2021**

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## Today's COVID Brief

Maryland has averaged over 36,000 vaccinations over the last seven days and providers have now administered 1,584,753 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the state. According to an update from the Governor's Office today, providers are virtually out of first doses while awaiting this week's shipments from the federal government.

## 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>4.47</b>	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	<b>16.32</b>	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	<b>0.96</b>	Low risk range (<0.9)
<b>Vaccinations</b>		<b>% of County Population</b>
First doses	91,720	9.31%
Second doses	42,306	4.17%
<b>Total doses</b>	<b>134,026</b>	

## County Executive's COVID Bulletin

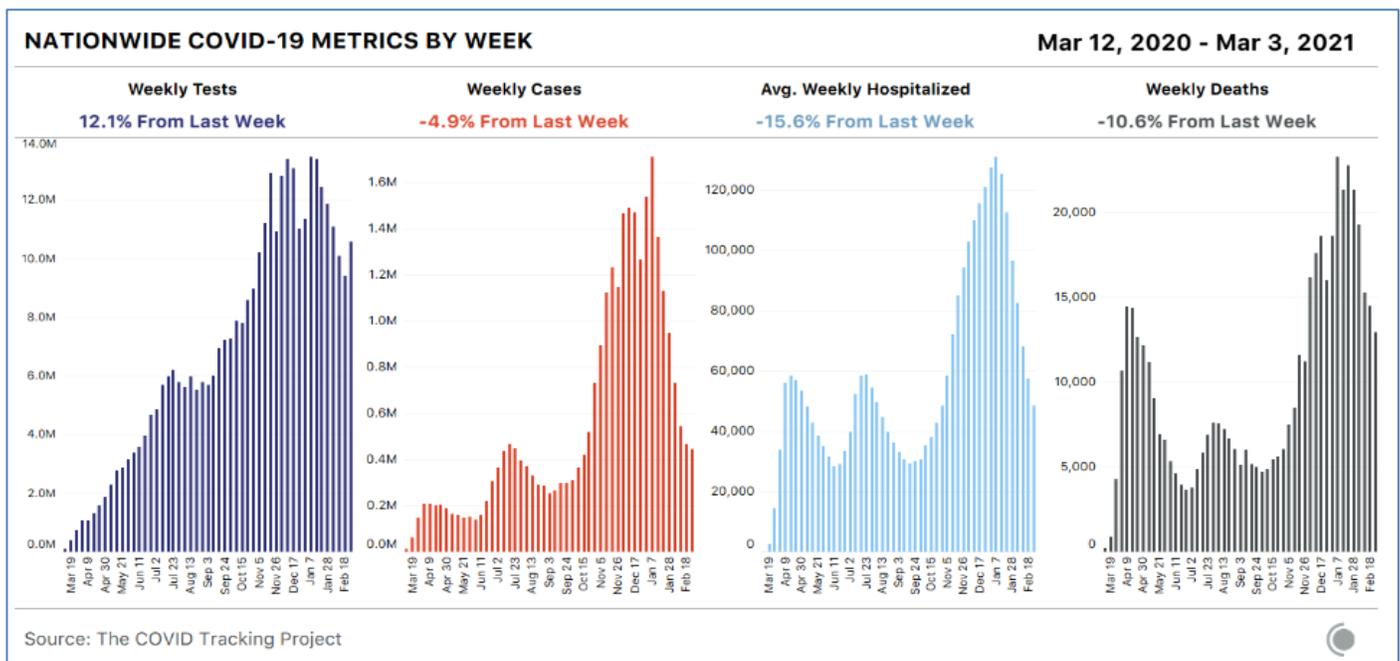
Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks shared the latest [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin](#) on Friday, March 5. It contains detailed information about vaccination rates and includes an update on progress toward vaccination goals. As of Friday, almost 144,000 people remain on the County's pre-registration list.

## COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review

Every Friday the CDC publishes a Weekly COVID review, summarizing the COVID stats and news for the week. Read the March 5 Weekly Review on the CDC [website](#).

### CDC Director Urges Caution as Case Rates Plateau

At a recent White House press briefing, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky spoke about the ongoing need to wear masks and remain cautious about the spread of the coronavirus. She said that case numbers have plateaued for the last two weeks after six weeks of steady decline. The US is averaging more than 60,000 new cases and 2,000 deaths per day at present, which raises concerns about the growing impacts of the COVID variants, even as more Americans are getting vaccinated against the disease. Although the current numbers are significantly better than where they were earlier in 2021, they are still high and the rates are similar to where the country was in October, after the summer surge.



### Mask-Wearing Still Matters

Mandating masks decreases daily COVID-19 case and death growth rates within 20 days of implementation. Allowing on-premises restaurant dining increases daily COVID-19 case growth rates 41–100 days after implementation and increases daily death growth rates 61–100 days after implementation. ([Source: CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#))

## Community requirements that affect universal mask use are associated with changes in spread of COVID-19



### V-safe Health Checker Frequently Asked Questions

Individuals who receive a COVID-19 vaccine are asked to sign up with V-safe, the after-vaccination health checker. V-safe is a tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to understand how the vaccines affect recipients, from common side effects to adverse reactions. The CDC has developed a V-safe Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) webpage to help users understand how to access the tool; how it works; patient confidentiality; the pregnancy registry; how information provided helps the CDC; and whether medical advice is available through the tool. V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses web surveys to collect post-vaccine symptom information. The FAQ provides information for vaccine recipients who do not have smartphones but would like to submit a report of symptoms.

### Mass Vaccination Sites Update

The new mass vaccination site in Waldorf officially opened Thursday at the Regency Furniture Stadium. Like Six Flags, this site is also a drive-through one. Additional sites in Salisbury and Hagerstown will be opened over the next few weeks.

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

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### Phase 1 Vaccine Appointment Options

Visit the [Maryland Vaccination Locator site](#) for links to the more than 270 vaccination sites in the state. We have also provided direct links to each of the organizations administering vaccinations below. 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.

1. **Prince George's County Health Department Facilities** – Requires [pre-registration](#). 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](#), [Holy Cross Hospital](#), and [Adventist](#) are offering appointments as supplies permit.
3. **Retail pharmacies**, such as [Giant](#), [Safeway](#), [CVS](#), [Rite Aid](#), [Walgreens](#) and [Walmart](#).
4. **Maryland Mass Vaccination Locations** – [Six Flags](#), [M & T Bank Stadium](#), [Baltimore Convention Center](#), and [Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf](#).
5. **Vaccination clinics at houses of worship and other community locations** – As part of state and county efforts to improve racial disparities in vaccine distribution, vaccinations are being offered at Reid Temple in Glenn Dale and First Baptist Church of Glenarden (at their Upper Marlboro center) and other community based locations. Healthcare partners are providing the medical support at these clinics.)

There are also targeted efforts to vaccinate seniors and other vulnerable populations in their communities with the help of mobile vaccination units.

The [Maryland Vaccination Locator website](#) provides links to each of the vaccination appointment options listed above. At this time, the appointment scheduling process remains decentralized. You must click on a specific vaccination site to determine if they have vaccine appointments available.

*(\*) Pre-registration on the Prince George's County Health Department vaccination website puts you on the waiting list for an appointment at a Prince George's County Health Department site. It does not pre-register you for appointments at retail pharmacies or at hospital system facilities.*

### 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.

*(Can assist with scheduling an appointment at a state mass vaccination location)*

**Prince George’s County COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-registration Hotline:**

Dial 311 (press # after the call is answered)

This hotline will assist with the pre-registration process for seniors and others without internet access.

**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.

<b>COVID-19 New Case Tracking</b>							
	<b>20715</b>	<b>20716</b>	<b>20720</b>	<b>20721</b>	<b>Bowie Cases</b>	<b>Prince George's Cases</b>	<b>Maryland Cases</b>
<b>Today</b>	<b>1,407 (+1)</b>	<b>1,379 (+2)</b>	<b>1,608 (+5)</b>	<b>1,954 (+5)</b>	<b>6,348 (+13)</b>	<b>74,452 (+125)</b>	<b>388,035 (+716)</b>
7-Mar	+5	+3	+8	+7	+23	+162	+709
6-Mar	+6	+6	+1	+1	+14	+171	+932
5-Mar	+0	+1	+6	+2	+9	+160	+913
4-Mar	+1	+3	+4	+5	+13	+149	+809
3-Mar	+2	+3	+0	+10	+15	+176	+786
<b>2-Mar</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>6,261</b>	<b>73,509</b>	<b>383,170</b>

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	493,136 (+939)	4.47%	8,120,946 (+23,356)	3.36%
7-Mar	+827	4.49%	+33,128	3.36%
6-Mar	+1,270	4.32%	+40,384	3.35%
5-Mar	+1,106	4.24%	+41,728	3.28%
4-Mar	+930	4.28%	+33,723	3.24%
3-Mar	+1,231	4.33%	+31,296	3.28%
2-Mar	+659	4.58%	+11,040	3.35%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	16.32	12.60	7-Mar	0.96	0.99
7-Mar	15.82	12.33	6-Mar	0.96	0.99
6-Mar	15.96	12.61	5-Mar	0.96	0.98
5-Mar	15.77	12.39	4-Mar	0.95	0.98
4-Mar	16.43	12.52	3-Mar	0.95	0.98
3-Mar	16.90	12.92	2-Mar	0.95	0.97
2-Mar	17.17	13.10	1-Mar	0.95	0.96
			14-Day Weighted Average	0.95	0.96

### Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	792	-6.7%*
Acute Care:	577	-6.9%*
Intensive Care	215	-6.1%*
Ever Hospitalized	35,709	9.2%

### 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.

### **Maryland State Arts Council Opens Emergency Grant Applications for Artists and Arts Organizations**

The Maryland State Arts Council's (MSAC) Emergency Grant Program will provide funding to arts organizations and artists for losses sustained because of COVID-19. MSAC Emergency Grant funding is available to independent artists, arts organizations, County Arts Agencies, and Arts & Entertainment District management entities. Apply [online](#) by 5 p.m. on April 1, 2021 to be considered for funding.

Register to take part in an informational [webinar](#) on Wednesday, March 10th, at 2 p.m. providing an overview of the grant, its process, and how to apply.