



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

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## Today's COVID Brief

Maryland's case rate per 100,000 has dropped to 12.9%, and its positivity rate has declined to 3.4%. The state has completed more than 1.6 million vaccines, including more than 250,000 in the last 7 days. Maryland is averaging 36,258 shots per day. Based on these metrics, the Governor announced some state restrictions would be lifted on Friday. Counties may choose **not** to follow the state's lead.

## 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>4.68</b>	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	<b>16.68</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	94,791	10.42%
Second doses	43,322	4.76%
<b>Total doses</b>	<b>138,113</b>	

## Governor Hogan Announces Plans to Ease Some COVID Restrictions but Will Keep Mask Mandate

Governor Hogan held a press conference this afternoon to report on the state's progress in managing the COVID-19 crisis and to announce the lifting of certain mitigation measures that have been in place for several months.

Based on current COVID metrics, the Governor announced that the following changes will **go into effect on Friday, March 12 at 5 p.m.**

**Please Note: Individual counties can choose not to follow the Governor's orders and keep current restrictions in place.** Prince George's County officials will likely make their own announcement sometime later this week.

- **Capacity limits** will be lifted on outdoor and indoor dining. Restaurants and bars will still be limited to seated and distanced service only.
- **Capacity limits** will also be lifted on retail businesses, religious facilities, fitness centers, personal services, and indoor recreational establishments, (casinos, bingo halls, bowling alley, and skating rinks).
- **Large indoor and outdoor venues** will be permitted to operate at 50% capacity. This includes conference and wedding venues, concert venues, conventions, theaters, racing facilities, and sporting venues, such as Camden Yards and Pimlico.
- **Masking, physical distancing, and other safety protocols will remain** in place for all indoor and outdoor business and establishments.
- **Out of state travel** restrictions and quarantine requirements will also be lifted.
- **The Maryland Department of Health Travel Advisory** will remain in place and will continue to encourage Marylanders to get tested when they return from travel.
- **Medical Adult Daycare Centers** will also reopen if the facilities are able to manage appropriate restrictions and safety measures.
- **Telework should continue.** With contact tracing continuing to show transmission among individuals working in office settings, employers are encouraged to continue supporting telework when possible.

Vaccine supplies are expected to remain at current levels for the next couple of weeks, but then should be more plentiful as production ramps up. Current Maryland COVID case and vaccination data can be found at [www.coronavirus.maryland.gov](http://www.coronavirus.maryland.gov).

The Governor concluded his remarks by saying “the statewide masking order in Maryland remains in full force and effect.” He urged continued vigilance: “Let's continue to be smart. We can't afford to undo all the tremendous progress that we have made together.”

[View the press conference](#) | [View slides from March 9 press conference](#)

### **CDC: When You've Been Fully Vaccinated**

The CDC issued its first set of [recommendations](#) on activities that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can safely resume. According to guidance, a person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine. This information, based on the latest science, includes recommendations for how and when a fully vaccinated individual can visit with other people who are fully vaccinated and with people who are not vaccinated.

### **County Executive's COVID Bulletin**

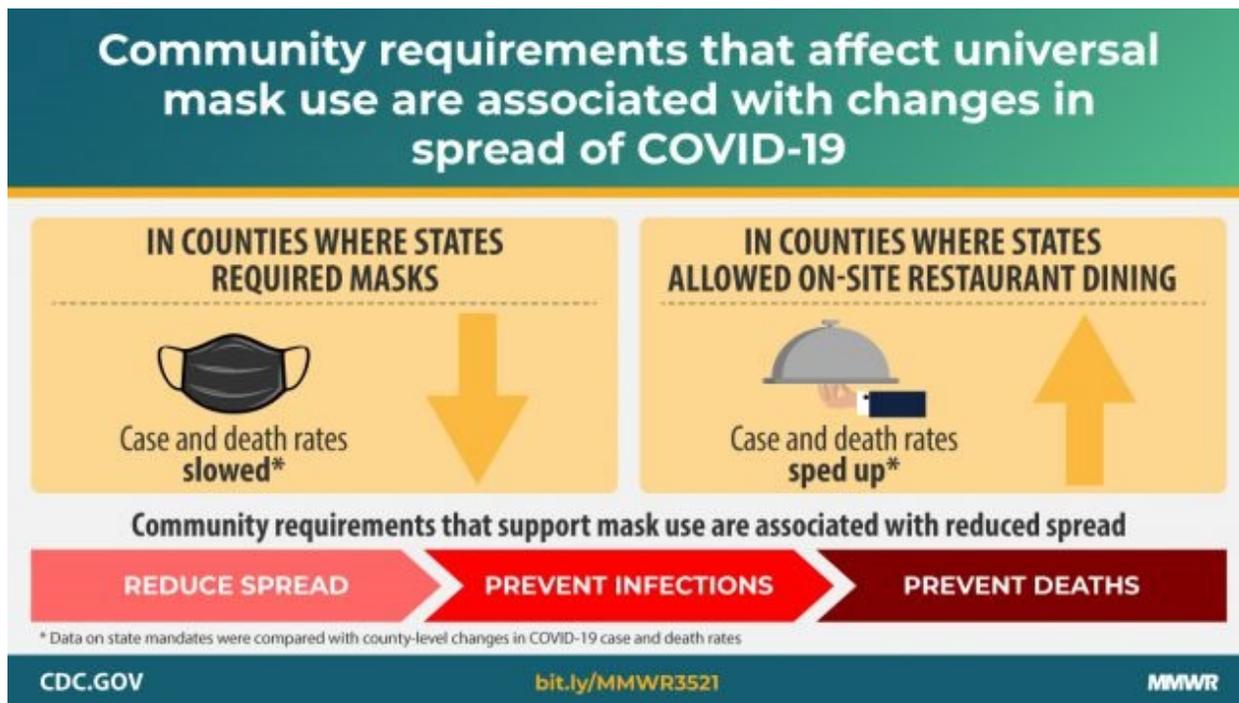
Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks shared the latest [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin](#) on Friday, March 5. It contains detailed information about vaccination rates and includes an update on progress toward vaccination goals. As of Friday, almost 144,000 people remain on the County's pre-registration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

### **CDC Director Urges Caution as Case Rates Plateau**

At a White House press briefing, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky spoke about the ongoing need to wear masks and remain cautious. 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, 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](#))



### 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 by texting MDReady to 898-211 to register for Maryland vaccine alerts. You can also check appointment availability at <https://massvax.maryland.gov>.

# 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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@CDCGov @MDMEMA  
@GovLarryHogan

## 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.

COVID-19 New Case Tracking							
	20715	20716	20720	20721	Bowie Cases	Prince George's Cases	Maryland Cases
<b>Today</b>	<b>1,410 (+3)</b>	<b>1,382 (+3)</b>	<b>1,611 (+3)</b>	<b>1,956 (+2)</b>	<b>6,359 (+11)</b>	<b>74,571 (+119)</b>	<b>388,666 (+631)</b>
8-Mar	+1	+2	+5	+5	+13	+125	+716
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
<b>3-Mar</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>6,276</b>	<b>73,685</b>	<b>383,956</b>

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
<b>Today</b>	<b>494,157 (+1,021)</b>	<b>4.68%</b>	<b>8,137,574 (+16,628)</b>	<b>3.40%</b>
8-Mar	+939	4.47%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
<b>Today</b>	<b>16.68</b>	<b>12.99</b>	<b>7-Mar</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.99</b>
8-Mar	16.32	12.60	6-Mar	0.96	0.99
7-Mar	15.82	12.33	5-Mar	0.96	0.98
6-Mar	15.96	12.61	4-Mar	0.95	0.98
5-Mar	15.77	12.39	3-Mar	0.95	0.98
4-Mar	16.43	12.52	2-Mar	0.95	0.97
3-Mar	16.90	12.92	1-Mar	0.95	0.96
			<b>14-Day Weighted Average</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>0.96</b>

### Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	792	0.0%
Acute Care:	577	0.0%
Intensive Care	215	0.0%
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.

### Stand Up and Deliver Meals and Groceries

#### Friday, March 12 at 12:30 PM

- Faith Temple No. 2 Free Will Baptist Church – 211 Maryland Park Drive, Capitol Heights, MD (Groceries)

- First Baptist Church of District Heights – 7234 Lansdale Street, District Heights, MD (Groceries)
- Turner AME Church – 7201 16th Place, Hyattsville, MD (Meals)

**Saturday, March 13 (Groceries)**

- New Home Baptist Church (10:00 AM) – 8320 Landover Road, Landover, MD
- Kingdom Fellowship at High Point High School (10:00 AM) – 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD
- United Baptist Church (11:30 AM) – 7701 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, MD

**Bowie Business Recovery Program Offerings**



**THIS WEEK**

**MAR. 8th-12th**



**MAR. 8TH 1PM-3PM**  
**BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR ONE-ON-ONE SESSION:**  
TIPS FOR BASIC BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



**MAR. 11TH 4PM-5:30PM**  
**BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR ONE-ON-ONE SESSION:**  
QUESTIONS ABOUT SBA'S UPDATED PPP, EIDL, AND SVOG PROGRAMS



**MAR. 11TH 5-6PM**  
**BUSINESS EDUCATION AND RESILIENCE WEBINAR:**  
NEED CLIENTS? NEED A FEW GOOD IDEAS ON HOW TO ATTRACT THESE PROSPECTS?

Learn more at <https://bowiebusinessrecovery.com>.