



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Today's COVID Brief

To date, more than 34,000 people have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the state. Maryland announced today that more doses will be allocated to Prince George's County residents. Statewide hospitalizations are up a bit.

County Executive Alsobrooks will provide a COVID update at a press conference on Thursday morning.

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	4.59	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	16.01	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.96	Low risk range (<0.9)
Vaccinations		% of County Population
First doses	97,547	10.73%
Second doses	44,763	4.92%
Total doses	142,310	

Governor Announces Easing of COVID Restrictions but Will Keep Mask Mandate

Governor Hogan held a press conference on March 9 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.

Note: Throughout the pandemic, local Maryland jurisdictions have had the option of imposing more restrictive measures than those announced by Executive Order of the Governor and state agency heads. We expect to learn more about how the latest orders will affect local restrictions in the next few days.

The Governor announced the following changes **effective Friday, March 12 at 5 p.m.**

- **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.

Governor Hogan encouraged all jurisdictions to follow his Executive Order but acknowledged that local jurisdictions could choose to keep more restrictive measures in place. He 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](#) | [View press release](#)

CDC: When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [new guidance for people who have been fully vaccinated](#). People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Fully vaccinated people:

- Can visit indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask or keeping their distance.
- Can visit with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks or physical distancing, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Do not need to stay away from others or get tested after exposure to someone with COVID-19 unless they develop symptoms.

The CDC guidance says that everyone, even those fully vaccinated, should:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing

- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow [CDC travel requirements and recommendations](#)

More Appointments to be Set Aside for County Residents

Today the Governor's office announced that state and county officials are working together to bring more vaccinations to Prince George's County. Strategies include:

- Setting aside more appointments at Six Flags for county residents. The current weekly allocation of 500 appointments will increase to 2,100 per week. Names are being taken from the County's pre-registration list.
- Opening a vaccination clinic at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden, with a goal of doing up to 6,860 appointments per week there.
- Scheduling pop up clinics for underserved communities
- Working with retail pharmacies to do closed clinics for the disabled and other vulnerable residents.
- Continuing to provide vaccines to the Prince George's County Health Department for their vaccination clinics.

In total, these steps are expected to bring approximately 10,000 priority appointments per week to Prince George's County residents.

Mass Vaccination Sites Update

The new mass vaccination site in Waldorf is now open. Another will open in Salisbury on March 18 and in Hagerstown by March 25.

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

Vaccine data:
coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine



ALERTS

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

Email updates from
Governor Hogan:
bit.ly/GovHoganNewsletter



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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 will also be done 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 adds you to 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. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cunningham at 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
Today	1,412 (+2)	1,387 (+5)	1,611 (+0)	1,959 (+3)	6,369 (+10)	74,704 (+133)	389,566 (+900)
9-Mar	+3	+3	+3	+2	+11	+119	+631
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	1,395	1,367	1,588	1,939	6,289	73,834	384,765

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	495,178 (+1,021)	4.59%	8,160,986 (+23,412)	3.61%
9-Mar	+1,021	4.68%	+16,628	3.40%
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%

Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	16.01	13.26
9-Mar	16.68	12.99
8-Mar	16.32	12.60
7-Mar	15.82	12.33
6-Mar	15.96	12.61
5-Mar	15.77	12.39
4-Mar	16.43	12.52

Infection Rates		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
7-Mar	0.96	0.99
6-Mar	0.96	0.99
5-Mar	0.96	0.98
4-Mar	0.95	0.98
3-Mar	0.95	0.98
2-Mar	0.95	0.97
1-Mar	0.95	0.96
14-Day Weighted Average	0.95	0.96

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	801	8.1%
Acute Care:	585	1.3%
Intensive Care	216	0.4%
Ever Hospitalized	35,844	9.2%

ICU and Acute Hospital Beds for COVID-19, Currently in Use

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 3/15 – City Council meeting, 8 p.m.

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