



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

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## Today's COVID Brief

This weekend, Maryland launched a pre-registration website for the mass vaccination sites. Those in Phase 1 can register at [www.covidvax.maryland.gov](http://www.covidvax.maryland.gov). Prince George's County announced today that it is now ready to move to Phase 1C appointments at Health Department locations.

Case numbers in Maryland were up for a few days but are now on the decline again. To date, 10.714% of Marylanders have received two doses of Moderna or Pfizer and 0.82% have been vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson shot.

## Prince George's County Metrics

Current vaccination **Phase 1C**. [Description of groups eligible for vaccination now](#).

| Key Metrics   | Yesterday's stats | Today's stats*         | Goal                                  |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Positivity rate   | 4.25%             | 4.5%                   | Remain below 3%                       |
| Cases per 100K  | 15.68%            | 15.32%                 | New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk) |
| Infection rate  | 0.98              | 0.98                   | Low risk range (<0.9)                 |
| <i>(*) Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase. Black signifies no change.</i> |                   |                        |                                       |
| Vaccines Administered   |                   | % of County Population |                                       |
| First doses   | 114,810           |                        | 12.62%                                |
| Second does   | 50,100            |                        | 5.51%                                 |
| Single doses  | 8,121             |                        | 0.893%                                |
| <b>Total doses</b>  | <b>173,031</b>    |                        |                                       |

## Prince George's County Reopening Status

Under the County's updated Phase 2 guidelines, businesses and other establishments can reopen or expand current capacity limits, including:

- **Restaurants:** Indoor and outdoor dining is allowed at 50% of maximum capacity. Restaurants must ensure social distancing and mask-wearing is observed.
- **Theaters:** May reopen at 50% of maximum capacity.
- **Gyms/Fitness Centers:** May expand to 50% of maximum capacity. Face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth when working out.
- **Banquet Halls, Receptions & Meeting Rooms:** May expand to 50% of maximum capacity, applicable to the specific room where the event will be held.
- **Houses of Worship:** Indoor services may expand to 50% of maximum capacity, with social distancing requirements in place. Outdoor services are allowed up to 50% maximum capacity of the outdoor area, with social distancing and access to hand washing or hand sanitizers in place. Masks must be worn.
- **Personal Services:** May expand to 50% of maximum capacity. These establishments must operate by appointment only.
- **Retail:** May expand to 50% of maximum capacity.

Businesses and other establishments must continue following all other safety guidelines, including the enforcement of wearing masks and social distancing. In addition, unless otherwise expressed in the Executive Order, indoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 20 persons and outdoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 50 persons. A full list of updated guidelines, as well as a copy of the Executive Order, will be available at [mypgc.us/reopen](http://mypgc.us/reopen).

#### **About Face Coverings:**

- The County Face Covering Order remains in place.
- Masks must be worn by those age five and up whenever they leave home.
- The order applies both indoors and outdoors. The only exception is that masks need not be worn outdoors during rigorous exercise.
- Masks must cover the nose **and** mouth.



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# COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



## Prince George's County Updated Phase 2 Guidelines

Effective Friday, March 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM

|   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
|    | <b>Banquet Halls, Receptions &amp; Meeting Rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity, applicable to the specific room where the event will be held</li> </ul>   |    | <b>Personal Services (beauty salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, etc.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> <li>• Appointment only</li> </ul>  |
|    | <b>Bingo Halls, Bowling Alleys &amp; Pool Halls</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> </ul>  |    | <b>Professional &amp; Collegiate Sporting Events, Concert Venues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of the venue's maximum occupancy</li> </ul>   |
|    | <b>Casinos &amp; Gaming Facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> </ul>   |    | <b>Recreation Facilities (Indoor)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% maximum capacity</li> </ul>  |
|   | <b>Cigar Bars, Hookah Bars, Vape Shops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> <li>• Open for retail sales only</li> </ul>   |   | <b>Restaurants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor and outdoor dining limited to 50% of maximum capacity</li> </ul>   |
|  | <b>Gyms, Fitness Centers, &amp; Other Indoor Physical Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> <li>• Face coverings must be worn when working out</li> </ul>   |  | <b>Retail</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> </ul>   |
|  | <b>Houses of Worship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor services limited to 50% of maximum capacity, with social distancing requirements</li> <li>• Outdoor services limited to 50% maximum capacity of outdoor area, with social distancing, masks and access to hand washing or hand sanitizer</li> </ul> |  | <b>Social &amp; Fraternal Clubs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity, depending on activity</li> </ul>  |
|  | <b>Indoor &amp; Outdoor Pools (public and private)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open up to 50% maximum capacity</li> </ul>   |  | <b>Theaters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> </ul>   |
|  | <b>Indoor Skating Rinks (roller and ice skating)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of maximum capacity</li> </ul>   |  | <b>Youth &amp; Amateur Sports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low and medium risk sports allowed in small groups, no more than 22 team members</li> <li>• Spectators limited to no more than 50 persons</li> </ul> |

For additional information, please visit: [mypgc.us/reopen](https://mypgc.us/reopen)

Unless otherwise expressed in our Executive Order, indoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 20 persons. Outdoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 50 persons.

### **Are You Pre-Registered to be Vaccinated?**

The Prince George's County pre-registration list is an important tool for all county residents to use in securing vaccinations. No matter what phase you fall in for vaccinations, it's time to get on Prince Georges County's pre-registration list. Not only is the list being used to schedule appointments at health department clinics, it is now being used as well to schedule priority appointments at the state's Six Flags mass vax site, and at some of the closed clinics that retail pharmacies and other community partners are conducting to help get Prince Georgians vaccinated. [Pre-registration link](#)

Some hospital systems also have their own pre-registration lists. For now, it makes sense to pre-register wherever you can. Remember pre-registration and scheduling appointments are different processes and you are not gaming the system by using multiple approaches to securing an appointment. You should take whatever appointment opportunity you receive first and decline all other appointment offers in the future and then remove your name from other pre-registration lists.

### **Maryland's New Vaccination Pre-Registration System**

Maryland has just launched its own pre-registration website for those interested in getting vaccinated at one of the state's mass vaccination sites. Once pre-registered, Marylanders will be notified when an appointment is available, and will be able to verify their pre-registration status and reserve an appointment. Those eligible in [Phase 1](#) are now able to pre-register online at [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) or by calling the state's COVID-19 vaccination support center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

Residents will be able to provide their preferred method of contact and appointment scheduling: digital (text message or email), or by phone. This method will be used to initiate the mass vaccination appointment scheduling process with the constituent. When scheduling an appointment, the individual will be told which vaccine they will be receiving.

Pre-registration eligibility is expected to expand in the coming weeks as vaccine supplies increase. An announcement will be made when pre-registration opens for Phase 2. Pre-registration does not prevent anyone from getting their vaccine elsewhere. When contacted, you can indicate that you have already have received the vaccine or are scheduled to receive one.

The new mass vaccination site in Waldorf is now open. Another will open in Salisbury on March 18 and in Hagerstown by March 25. To keep up with vaccine appointment availability, text MDReady to 898-211 to receive vaccine alerts from the State of Maryland.

## REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR PRE-REGISTRATION

- Full name and date of birth
- Contact information (phone, email, address)
- Demographic details (gender, race, ethnicity)
- Self-certification of eligibility
- Selection of at least one and up to two preferred mass vaccination sites
- Selection of necessary accommodations (language services, assistive technology, transportation assistance, etc.)
- Information regarding previous COVID-19 illness or vaccination (if applicable)

### 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](#)

### 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.
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 or at pop-up clinics in the county.

The [Maryland Vaccination Locator website](#) provides links to each of the vaccination appointment options listed above. 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](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 |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Today  | 1,422 (+0) | 1,400 (+1) | 1,636 (+1) | 1,979 (+2) | 6,437 (+4)  | 75,427 (+102)         | 394,058 (+617) |
| 14-Mar | +3         | +3         | +7         | +7         | +20         | +145                  | +860           |
| 13-Mar | +0         | +6         | +4         | +2         | +12         | +189                  | +1,101         |
| 12-Mar | +3         | +3         | +5         | +3         | +14         | +140                  | +990           |
| 11-Mar | +4         | +0         | +8         | +6         | +18         | +147                  | +924           |
| 10-Mar | +2         | +5         | +0         | +3         | +10         | +133                  | +900           |
| 9-Mar  | 1,410      | 1,382      | 1,611      | 1,956      | 6,359       | 74,571                | 388,666        |

## 7-Day Positivity Rates

|        | County Tests Completed | County % | State Tests Completed | State % |
|--------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|
| Today  | 500,422 (+681)         | 4.50%    | 8,324,638 (+15,358)   | 3.85%   |
| 14-Mar | +1,048                 | 4.25%    | +36,653               | 3.73%   |
| 13-Mar | +1,268                 | 4.46%    | +36,423               | 3.72%   |
| 12-Mar | +1,135                 | 4.43%    | +39,438               | 3.61%   |
| 11-Mar | +1,112                 | 4.49%    | +35,780               | 3.58%   |
| 10-Mar | +1,021                 | 4.59%    | +23,412               | 3.61%   |
| 9-Mar  | +1,021                 | 4.68%    | +16,628               | 3.40%   |

## Cases per 100K Persons

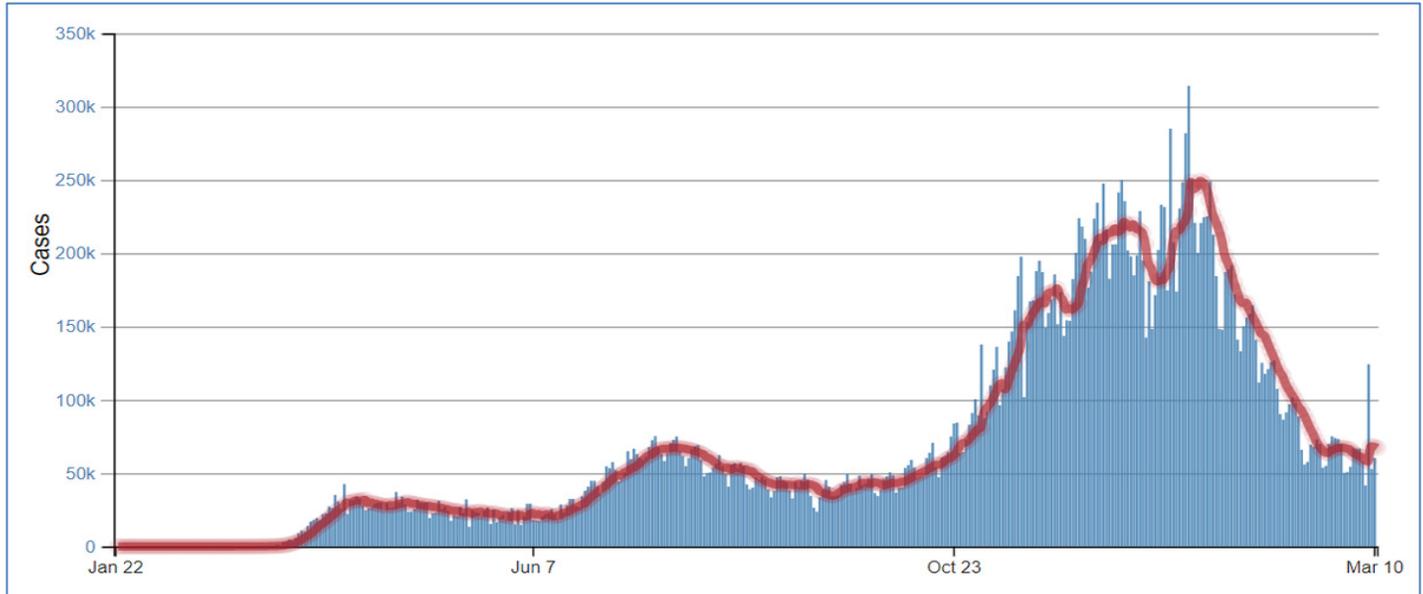
|        | County Cases per 100K | State Cases per 100K |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Today  | 15.32                 | 14.23                |
| 14-Mar | 15.68                 | 14.47                |
| 13-Mar | 15.95                 | 14.11                |
| 12-Mar | 15.66                 | 13.70                |
| 11-Mar | 15.98                 | 13.53                |
| 10-Mar | 16.01                 | 13.26                |
| 9-Mar  | 16.68                 | 12.99                |

## Infection Rates

|                         | County Infection Rate | State Infection Rate |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 14-Mar                  | 0.98                  | 1.08                 |
| 13-Mar                  | 0.98                  | 1.07                 |
| 12-Mar                  | 0.98                  | 1.07                 |
| 11-Mar                  | 0.98                  | 1.06                 |
| 10-Mar                  | 0.97                  | 1.06                 |
| 9-Mar                   | 0.97                  | 1.05                 |
| 8-Mar                   | 0.97                  | 1.05                 |
| 14-Day Weighted Average | 0.96                  | 1.04                 |

From January 11 through February 26, the 7-day average of newly reported cases declined daily. It went up briefly between February 27 through March 1, 2021; but has declined since then.

Since the highest 7-day average of 249,378 on January 11, 2021, the 7-day moving average of new cases has decreased 78.1%. Despite this encouraging decline, the 56,586 cases reported on March 10, 2021, is higher than the 42,597 cases reported during the first peak in the pandemic in April 2020.



Source: CDC Data Tracker

### Maryland Hospitalizations

| Hospitalizations        |        |       |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| Currently Hospitalized: | 777    | 1.5%* |
| Acute Care:             | 576    | 1.0%* |
| Intensive Care          | 201    | 3.0%* |
| Ever Hospitalized       | 36,235 | 9.1%  |

### Other News

#### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 3/15 – City Council meeting, 8 p.m.

#### Applications Open for Teen & Young Adult Workforce Development Program

Bowie residents between the ages of 15 and 25, are you looking to learn more about the skills and to get ahead in your career? Apply now for the City of Bowie’s 2021 Workforce Development & Life Skills Training Program. This program will cover life skills topics such as effective communication, stress management, and decision-making, as well as highlighting careers in STEM industries such as cyber security, IT, and healthcare.

Applications are open from now until March 26 at [www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining](http://www.cityofbowie.org/worktraining). For more information, please contact Kay Starr, program coordinator, at 301-809-3009 or email [worktraining@cityofbowie.org](mailto:worktraining@cityofbowie.org).

AVAILABLE TO  
BOWIE RESIDENTS,  
AGES 15-25

**City of Bowie**  
**Workforce Development & Life Skills Training Program**

**APPLICATIONS**  
**OPEN**

**from now until March 19, 2021**

**APPLY NOW!**

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