



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, March 18, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

Governor Hogan held a press conference this afternoon to provide an update on vaccine distribution and to provide a timetable for expanding eligibility for vaccinations.

Maryland has officially surpassed the milestone of 2 million Covid-19 vaccines administered. In total, 2,037,695 vaccines have been administered and the state is averaging 43,034 shots per day. 25% of Marylanders have received one shot, including two thirds of those over the age of 65.

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	4.65%	4.70%	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	15.95	15.65	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.94	0.94	Low risk range (<0.9)
(*) Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase. Black signifies no change.			
Vaccines Administered		% of County Population	
First doses	128,375	14.118%	
Second does	54,468	5.99%	
Single doses	8,548	0.94%	
Total doses	191,391		

Prince George's County has entered Phase 1C for vaccine distribution. Pre-registered individuals who live or work in the County and are eligible in Phase 1C will begin to receive appointments at County Health Department's vaccination clinics.

Governor Announces Move to Vaccination Phase 2

Governor Hogan held a press conference this afternoon to provide an update on vaccine distribution and to provide a timetable for expanding eligibility for vaccinations.

Here are the highlights of his remarks:

Eligibility timetable

Federal officials have told states to expect more vaccine supplies by 3/29. In anticipation of those increases, Maryland will move to Phase 2 of its vaccination plan.

Vaccine availability is expanded as follows:

- On March 23, all Marylanders aged 60+ will be eligible to receive a Covid-19 vaccine. **(Phase 2A)**
- Effective immediately, any Marylander 60+ can pre-register at one of the state's mass vax sites by visiting www.covidvax.maryland.gov or calling 1-855-MD-GOVAX
- On March 30, all Marylanders aged 16+ with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 illness can start getting vaccinated. (Phase 2B)
- On April 13, all Marylanders aged 55+, as well as essential workers in critical industries (construction, food services, utilities, financial services, IT and other infrastructure) will become eligible. **(Phase 2C)**
- No later than April 27, the State of Maryland will enter Phase 3 of its COVID-19 vaccine plan, when eligibility will open to every single Marylander over the age of 16. **(Phase 3)**
- Even though the state is moving into Phase 2, all individuals who are currently eligible in Phase 1 but have not yet been vaccinated will continue to be prioritized for appointments at state mass vax sites.

Governor Hogan did caution that while supplies will be ramping up, they expect demand to continue outpacing supply for at least the next several weeks.

2A

WHO: Marylanders age 60 and older

WHEN: March 23

2B

WHO: Marylanders age 16 and older with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 illness

WHEN: March 30

2C

WHO: Marylanders age 55 and older, as well as essential workers in critical industries

WHEN: April 13

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WHO: All Marylanders age 16 and older

WHEN: April 27

Progress to date

- As of today, more than 2 million shots have been administered in Maryland.
- The daily average is now up to 43,000 shots.
- 25% of Marylanders have received one shot, including two thirds of those over the age of 65.
- Six Flags has administered more than 100,000 shots since it opened.
- The Salisbury mass vax site opened today and the Hagerstown site opens on March 25. More mass vaccination sites are planned throughout the state.

Other efforts to expand vaccines and address access and equity issues

- The state is launching a pilot program to provide vaccines to primary care practices throughout Maryland in order to administer vaccines directly to vulnerable populations they serve.
- This pilot program will begin with 37 practices chosen based on their connection to largely African American and Hispanic communities and areas with less geographic access to vax sites.
- The state has established a Community Vax Grant Program to support hospital efforts to engage in community-based vaccination efforts.
- The program will provide \$12 million for community-based vaccination initiatives led by hospitals.
- The Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force will launch mobile clinics in hard-to-reach areas, utilizing mobile units provided by the University of Maryland School of Nursing.
- These units will be deployed and staffed by the Maryland National Guard and will have the capability of administering between 60 and 160 vaccines per mission.

The above information applies to Maryland mass vaccination sites, pharmacies, and hospital systems. We await information from the Prince George's County Health Department as to when the new timetable will be implemented at Health Department locations.

Federal COVID Data for Maryland

The governor's announcements are a welcome response to federal reports showing Maryland's vaccination progress for vulnerable populations to be mixed compared to other states and at a time when some case metrics are on the rise. The latest weekly report for Maryland showed cases per 100K up 11%, deaths up 9% and hospitalizations up 2% for the week ending March 12. And as of March 1, a Health and Human Services study ranked Maryland third from the bottom in vaccinating vulnerable populations.

Eligible Health Professionals Needed to Assist with Vaccination Efforts

Over the next few weeks vaccine supplies are expected to increase substantially both locally and across the country. As the volume of vaccines grows, so too will the need for vaccinators and other support personnel.

The federal government is expanding the groups of people eligible to administer to vaccines to include dentists, EMTs, midwives, optometrists, paramedics, physician assistants, podiatrists, respiratory therapists, and veterinarians. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has launched a web portal to help eligible health professionals sign up to become vaccinators in their state. Newly eligible vaccinators are required to meet certain training requirements before participating.

Non-medical personal can volunteer to help at a clinic. Join the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps to support vaccination clinics across the state. [Sign up to volunteer](#) at a vaccination clinic.



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COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Prince George's County Updated Phase 2 Guidelines



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

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

For additional information, please visit: 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.

State and County Vaccine Pre-Registration

Maryland has 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 under the current phase can pre-register online at covidvax.maryland.gov or by calling the state's COVID-19 vaccination support center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

The Prince George's County [pre-registration](#) list is an important tool for all county residents to use in securing vaccinations. 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.

Visit the [Maryland Vaccination Locator site](#) for links to the more than 270 vaccination sites in the state.

CDC: When You've Been Fully Vaccinated

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [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.

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.

Maryland Department of Health Hosting Virtual Town Halls on Vaccines

The Maryland Department of Health is conducting a series of virtual town halls to encourage all Marylanders to protect themselves, their families and communities by getting vaccinated against COVID-19 when they become eligible. The town halls will offer interactive, live opportunities for Marylanders to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines and Maryland's vaccination plan.

- March 18 at 6:30 p.m. – Radio One Town Hall. Listen on [PraiseDC](#), [KYSDC](#), [MyMajicDC](#)
- March 30 at 6:30 p.m. – Radio One Town Hall Event access: <https://www.facebook.com/MDHealthDept>

First Baptist Church of Glenarden Vaccination Clinic Seeks Volunteers

There is a new community vaccination site located at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden. The site is facilitated by a partnership between the Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force and the University of Maryland (UM) Capital Region Health. This new location is seeking additional medical and nonmedical volunteers. Interested individuals can visit www.fbcglenarden.org/vaccine-volunteer.

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	1,426 (+2)	1,410 (+3)	1,647 (+3)	1,991 (+5)	6,474 (+13)	75,847 (+128)	396,746 (+1,113)
17-Mar	+2	+4	+3	+2	+11	+178	+917
16-Mar	+0	+3	+5	+5	+13	+114	+658
15-Mar	+0	+1	+1	+2	+4	+102	+617
14-Mar	+3	+3	+7	+7	+20	+145	+860
13-Mar	+0	+6	+4	+2	+12	+189	+1,101
12-Mar	1,419	1,390	1,624	1,968	6,401	74,991	391,480

7-Day Positivity Rates

	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	503,458 (+1,067)	4.70%	8,394,319 (+32,867)	4.07%
17-Mar	+1,294	4.65%	+24,615	3.96%
16-Mar	+675	4.49%	+12,199	3.96%
15-Mar	+681	4.50%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons

	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	15.65	14.78
17-Mar	15.95	14.34
16-Mar	15.24	14.30
15-Mar	15.32	14.23
14-Mar	15.68	14.47
13-Mar	15.95	14.11
12-Mar	15.66	13.70

Infection Rates

	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
15-Mar	0.94	1.02
14-Mar	0.95	1.02
13-Mar	0.95	1.02
12-Mar	0.95	1.02
11-Mar	0.95	1.02
10-Mar	0.95	1.02
9-Mar	0.95	1.02
14-Day Weighted Average	0.95	1.02

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations

Currently Hospitalized:	798	-0.8%
Acute Care:	575	-0.6%
Intensive Care	223	-1.3%
Ever Hospitalized	36,489	9.1%

Other News



Spring Crafts

VIEW THE MARCH 20 BROADCAST AT 9 A.M ON:

- ✿ FIOS 10
- ✿ Xfinity 71 or 996
- ✿ www.cityofbowie.org/viewevents
- ✿ YouTube @cityofbowieMD

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. For more information, please contact Kay Starr, program coordinator, at 301-809-3009 or email worktraining@cityofbowie.org.

Senior Grab & Go Meal Giveaway

County Council Member Todd Turner will partner with the City of Bowie to host a "Senior Grab & Go" Meal Giveaway for residents (age 60+) on March 26, 2021. Hours are 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, located at 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie.

To be eligible for the giveaway, you must first [register](#). **The registration deadline is March 19.** Registration can also be taken by phone by calling Evelyn Archie in Council Member Turner's Office at 240-619-9775.

Stand Up and Deliver Meals and Groceries



Friday, March 19 at 12:30 p.m. (Groceries)

- Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church – 1220 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705
- Ebenezer AME Church – 7707 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Saturday, March 20 at 10 a.m. (Groceries/Meals)

- Ebenezer Church of God – 7550 Landover Hills, MD 20784
- First Baptist Church of Highland Park – 6801 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785

Dine Prince George's

For the next several weeks, the Prince George's Economic Development Corporation will promote local restaurants through a restaurant contest. [Vote for your favorite restaurant](#). Winners will be announced weekly and will receive cash prizes. Each week's voting opens on Monday and ends on Friday afternoon. Vote early and often!

Dine
Prince George's

Vote For Your Favorite County Restaurant

Voting Rules

1. Voting opens each Monday at 12am EST and closes Friday at 3pm EST
2. Winners Will Be Announced Friday at 4pm EST
3. Restaurants can only win once
4. Vote Early and Vote Often!

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