



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

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## Today's COVID Brief

The State of Maryland is now exceeding an average of 50,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses administered daily. The state is reporting 55,044 new vaccinations—a record high for a Monday—and a total of 2,619,551 to date. Today, Phase 2B of the state's vaccination plan officially begins, expanding eligibility to Marylanders age 16 and older with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 illness. For a list of qualified conditions, visit the [CDC website](#). Marylanders eligible in Phase 1, 2A, and 2B are all eligible to pre-register for an appointment at the state's mass vaccination sites.

## Prince George's County Metrics

Currently vaccinating **Phase 2B**. [Description of groups eligible for vaccination now.](#)

Key Metrics	Friday's stats	Today's stats*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.34	5.36	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	19.17	19.37	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.07	1.09	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	182,278		20.045%
Second doses	75,630		8.317%
Single doses	10,663		1.173%
<b>Total doses</b>	<b>268,571</b>		

Prince George's County has entered Phase 2B for vaccine distribution. Pre-registered individuals who live or work in the County and are eligible in Phase 2B will begin to receive appointments at County Health Department's vaccination clinics.

## More Mass Vaccination Sites are Coming Soon

- Timonium and Montgomery County – week of April 5
- Anne Arundel and Frederick counties – week of April 12
- Harford and Howard counties - by the end of April.

## Maryland Opens Phase 2B Eligibility

Effective immediately, any Marylander in Phase 1 or 2A or 2B can pre-register at one of the state's mass vax sites by visiting the [pre-registration website](#) or calling 1-855-MD-GOVAX.

Today, **March 30**, Phase 2B begins, opening eligibility to people with disabilities and residents ages 16 and older with certain [underlying health conditions](#) that make them more susceptible to COVID-19. In addition, the following groups of people with disabilities ages 16 and older are eligible: those receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits; people in the Maryland Medicaid Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) program; Maryland Medicaid Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) recipients; and Marylanders receiving Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) benefits. Finally, those with disabilities who receive long-term services and supports through the Medicaid waiver and state plan are also eligible.

The next state, Phase 2C is scheduled to begin April 13. That phase includes Marylanders ages 55 and older as well as workers in critical industries, including construction workers, food services, utilities, transportation, financial services, IT and other infrastructure. Phase 3, the final stage, is slated to begin April 27 and covers the general population ages 16 and up.

# 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

# 3

**WHO:** All Marylanders age 16 and older

**WHEN:** April 27

Issued March 18, 2021. Timeline may accelerate depending upon vaccine supply.

**PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR  
PHASES 1, 2A, AND 2B:**

**COVIDvax.maryland.gov**

**1-855-MD-GOVAX**

## Vaccine Appointment Scheduling

Not only are the numbers of vaccine shipments increasing, but so too are the number of locations in Maryland offering vaccine appointments. There are now more than 300 vaccine locations in the state.

### There are four major options for scheduling vaccine appointments:

1. **Mass vaccination sites** include Six Flags, M & T Bank, & Regency Stadium in Waldorf. More sites are coming in April Preregister at <https://onestop.md.gov/preregistration> or by calling the state's COVID-19 vaccination support center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829). Six Flags is administering approximately 4,000 shots per day. Up to 2,100 appointments per week are set aside for Prince George's County residents who have pre-registered through the County pre-registration list.
2. **Prince George's Health Department clinics** (see list below) [Preregister](#) or call 3-1-1 for assistance with pre-registration.
3. **Pharmacies** – [Giant](#), [Safeway](#), [CVS](#), [Rite Aid](#), [Walgreens](#) and [Walmart](#) and independently owned pharmacies under the EPIC pharmacies umbrella.
4. **Healthcare systems** – [Luminis](#) (Anne Arundel Hospital/Doctor's Hospital), [University of Maryland](#), (includes Prince George's Hospital ), [MedStar](#), [Holy Cross Hospital](#), [Johns Hopkins](#) and [Adventist](#). Appointments may be at hospitals or community clinics that the healthcare system are supporting, such as the Luminis-run clinic at Reid Temple in Glenn Dale or the University of Maryland Medical System clinic at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

Links to schedule appointments at pharmacies and health care systems can be found at [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) or you can visit each organization's website to see what is currently available. Some of the healthcare systems also have their own pre-registration processes.

You may also wish to join the [Vaccine Hunters Group on Facebook](#). Group members share information in real time about when appointments open up at various pharmacies, hospitals or other vaccination sites. They also provide tips such which days or what time of day a particular pharmacy chain updates their information.

### Prince George's County Health Department Vaccine Clinics

The Health Department currently operates five vaccination clinics:

- [Cedar Heights Community Center in Seat Pleasant](#)
- [Cheverly Health Center in Cheverly](#)
- [Kentland Community Center in Landover](#)
- [Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center in Laurel](#)
- [Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Center in Fort Washington](#)
- [Sports and Learning Complex in Landover](#) - \*temporarily closed

Complete the County [pre-registration](#) form to secure an appointment at one of these sites.

### FEMA Community Vaccination Center to Open April 7 at Greenbelt Metro Station

Governor Larry Hogan and Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks today announced that FEMA has agreed to open a community vaccination center in Prince George's County beginning next week.

The Federal Pilot Community Vaccination Center will be located at the Greenbelt Metro Station and open April 7. This will be the first federally-operated site in Maryland, and it will utilize direct vaccine allocations from the federal government. More details will be available in the upcoming week.

## **Maryland Launches Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Sites**

Governor Larry Hogan and FEMA announced that the nation's first [federal mobile COVID-19 vaccination units](#) will launch in the State of Maryland. The two mobile sites will provide access to COVID-19 vaccinations for thousands of residents who live in remote or otherwise underserved areas on the Eastern Shore. Appointments will be booked through the health department in individuals' county of residence.

The 32-foot trailers include cold storage for vaccine doses, storage for administrative materials, staff office space, and generators. Each mobile unit is designed to provide a minimum of 250 doses per day. Schedules will vary depending upon need; however, F-MVUs are expected to remain in one location for at least a few days at a time. The mobile units are funded and operated by FEMA and will use trained vaccinators and clinical staff from county, state, and federal agencies.

## **Consumer Advisory about Vaccines**

The Maryland Insurance Administration reminds all Marylanders that they should not have to pay for a COVID-19 vaccine. Doses of the vaccine have been purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars and are being provided at no cost. Vaccination providers **are** eligible to be reimbursed from an insurer or from the federal government when they administer the vaccine, **but they may not charge individuals.**

In addition to the above, the CDC has said all organizations and providers participating in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program:

- may not deny anyone vaccination based on the vaccine recipient's coverage status or network status
- may not charge an office visit or other fee if COVID-19 vaccination is the sole medical service provided
- may not require additional medical services to receive COVID-19 vaccination
- may not seek any reimbursement, including through balance billing, from the vaccine recipient

***If anyone attempts to charge you for a vaccination, please notify the Maryland Insurance Administration immediately at 800-492-6116 or file a complaint online at:***

<https://enterprise.insurance.maryland.gov/consumer/ConsumerPortalWelcomePage.aspx>.

## **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.

## **Vaccine Card Duplicates Available Through Maryland Immunization Information System**

Maryland residents who have lost or misplaced their vaccine card/document can request a duplicate through the Maryland's Immunization Information System, a confidential and secure database that is HIPAA compliant. Visit <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/IMMUN/Pages/immunet.aspx> to request a copy.

## **City of Bowie Museums are Open**

The City of Bowie Museums have reopened. The schedule is Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

All visitors will be expected to follow CDC and social distancing guidelines including:

- Submitting to a temperature check and health questionnaire upon entry to each museum.
- Signing a COVID-19 waiver form. (Parents/legal guardians must sign for individuals under the age of 18 and minors must be under adult supervision at all times).

- Wearing a mask at all times in all areas, both inside and outside.
- Abiding by all social distancing guidelines and remaining at least 6 feet apart.

### County Parks and Recreation Facilities Will Gradually Reopen

The Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) announced the safe reopening of select facilities beginning March 29. To learn more and for a complete list of facilities, please visit the [DPR website](#).



PERMITTED ATHLETIC FIELDS <sup>1</sup>



BOATING



GOLF COURSES



INDOOR POOLS



PLAYGROUNDS



OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS AND BUBBLES



TRAILS



TRAP AND SKEET



OLD MARYLAND FARM



ICE RINK



FACILITIES <sup>2</sup>



PORTABLE TOILETS & COMFORT STATIONS <sup>3</sup>



FITNESS ROOMS <sup>4</sup> AND GYM SPACE



CAMP GROUNDS



COOKOUTS



GATHERING OF 10+



NON-PERMITTED GROUP SPORTS

- 1 Select Permitted Athletic Fields
- 2 Brentwood Arts Exchange, Montpelier Arts Center, and College Park Aviation Museum
- 3 All portable toilets. Comfort stations at Cosca Park, Watkins Regional Park, and Lake Artemesia. Bathrooms at Bladensburg Waterfront Park and Patuxent River Park.
- 4 Select Fitness Rooms and Gyms

**Face coverings are required at all times.**

**For complete list, visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com).**

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### COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

FEMA will launch a new program in April to assist families who have lost a family member to COVID with funeral expenses. Implementation details for this program have not been released yet, but the program will be retroactive to January 20, 2020. [Read the FEMA announcement](#) for more information.

### 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>1,475 (+1)</b>	<b>1,471 (+3)</b>	<b>1,693 (+6)</b>	<b>2,044 (+5)</b>	<b>6,683 (+15)</b>	<b>77,820 (+119)</b>	<b>409,978 (+903)</b>
29-Mar	+4	+3	+4	+2	+13	+128	+1,031
28-Mar	+8	+9	+6	+9	+32	+203	+1,335
27-Mar	+6	+9	+3	+1	+19	+217	+1,366
26-Mar	+4	+5	+4	+5	+18	+203	+1,361
25-Mar	+10	+5	+2	+6	+23	+200	+1,382
<b>24-Mar</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>6,563</b>	<b>76,750</b>	<b>402,600</b>

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
<b>Today</b>	<b>514,518 (+705)</b>	<b>5.36%</b>	<b>8,738,914 (+11,905)</b>	<b>5.24%</b>
29-Mar	+751	5.34%	+17,562	4.99%
28-Mar	+1,178	5.07%	+34,462	4.70%
27-Mar	+1,384	5.05%	+41,760	4.58%
26-Mar	+102	5.21%	+41,841	4.64%
25-Mar	+1,220	5.30%	+41,127	4.59%
24-Mar	+1,059	5.40%	+25,310	4.59%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
<b>Today</b>	<b>19.37</b>	<b>20.21</b>	<b>29-Mar</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>1.13</b>
29-Mar	19.17	19.78	28-Mar	1.09	1.13
28-Mar	18.90	18.95	27-Mar	1.08	1.13
27-Mar	18.44	18.18	26-Mar	1.08	1.12
26-Mar	17.77	17.59	25-Mar	1.08	1.12
25-Mar	17.33	17.10	24-Mar	1.07	1.12
24-Mar	16.20	16.46	23-Mar	1.07	1.12
			<b>14-Day Weighted Average</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>1.11</b>

### Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,029	-0.9%
Acute Care:	784	-0.8%
Intensive Care	245	-1.2%
Ever Hospitalized	37,575	9.1%

## Other News

### Eviction Moratorium Extended

The Maryland Department of Labor's Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation [announced](#) the extension of the moratorium on new residential foreclosures to May 3, 2021.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has signed an extension to the eviction moratorium further preventing the eviction of tenants who are unable to make rental payments. The moratorium that was scheduled to expire on March 31, 2021 is now extended through June 30, 2021. For more information about the moratorium and who is covered, visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](#).

### South Lake Stakeholders Meeting April 6

Developers of the large South Lake project on US 301, south of Central Avenue, have submitted two Detailed Site Plans to the City for review.

1. **South Lake Multi-Family (Detailed Site Plan #DSP-21002)** This project proposes the construction of 325 multi-family dwelling units in five 4-story buildings; 589 on-site parking spaces, some within garage buildings; and, a 1-story, 8,363 sq. ft. clubhouse with in-ground swimming pool on 15.86 acres.
2. **South Lake Retail/Commercial/Office (Detailed Site Plan #DSP-19021)** This project proposes the construction of 902,064 sq. ft. retail/commercial/office development, including: three hotels, with a total of 394 rooms; a 207,770 sq. ft. sports complex; a 66,500 sq. ft. grocery store; gas station/convenience store; a 5-story office building; and, several retail/restaurant pad sites on 59.83 acres.

Residents and other interested parties can learn more about these projects at a virtual Stakeholders Meeting on April 6 at 7 p.m. For information about this meeting, please contact the Planning Department at 301-809-3047. **Stakeholders Meeting Zoom link:** <http://bowie.fyi/stakeholdersmtg4-6>