



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Today's COVID Brief

Almost every jurisdiction in the National Capital Region has seen its COVID case numbers increase in the last week. Cases in Prince George's County are up 18% in the last seven days; Montgomery County's increase is 20% and DC's is 22%. Fortunately, vaccine supplies and the number of vaccination sites continue grow as well, including a new site at the Greenbelt Metro station, which will open on April 7.

Prince George's County Metrics

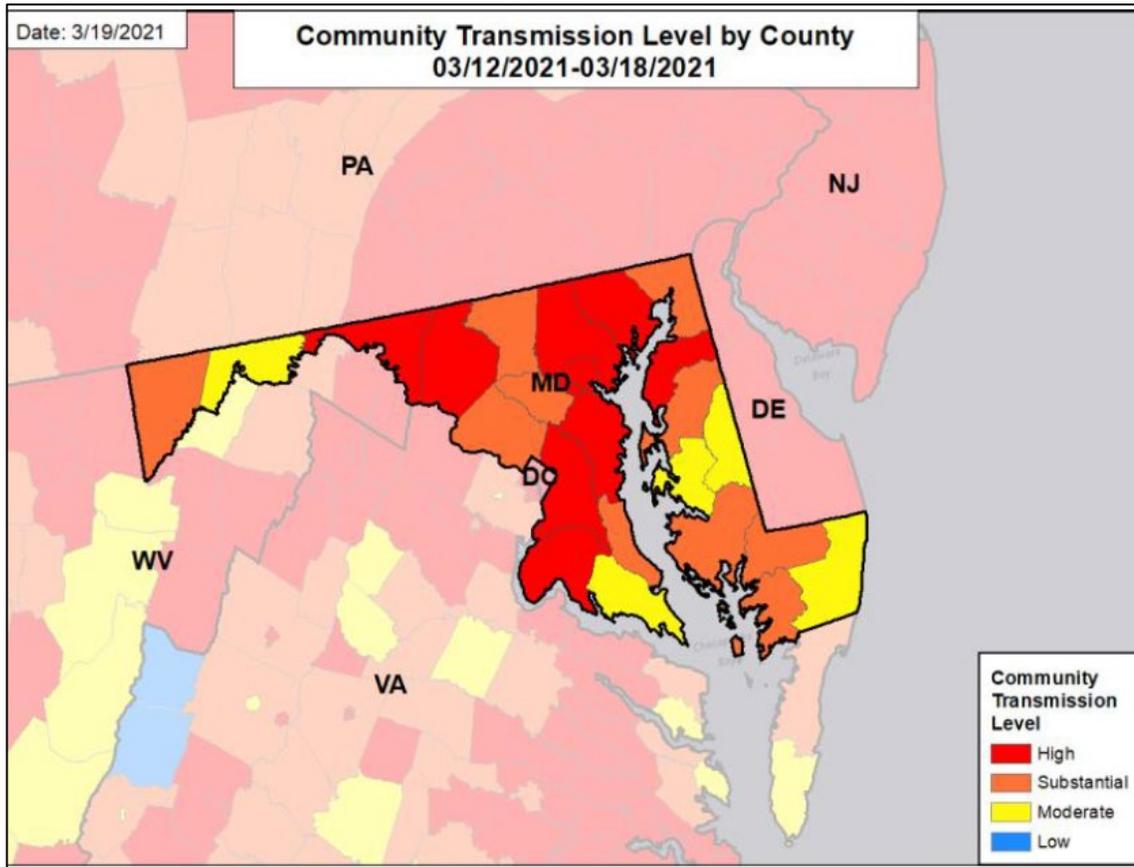
Currently vaccinating **Phase 2B**. [Description of groups eligible for vaccination now.](#)

Key Metrics	Yesterday's stats	Today's stats*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.36%	5.47	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	19.37	19.81	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.09	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	187,711	20.64%	
Second does	80,150	8.814%	
Single doses	10,833	1.191%	
Total doses	278,694		

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.

Community Transmission is Up

According to the latest CDC State Profile Report for Maryland, nine Maryland jurisdictions are currently in the "red zone" for community transmission rates, which is a measure of how easily the virus is spreading. Despite substantial improvement since January, Prince George's County still has the highest number of new cases in the state.



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

As of March 30, Maryland is in Vaccination Phase 2B. Eligible individuals in Phase 2B include:

- Residents 16 and older with medical conditions that increase their risk for severe COVID-19 illness, including:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Chronic lung diseases, including COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension
 - Dementia or other neurological conditions
 - Diabetes (Type 1 or 2)
 - Down Syndrome
 - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension
 - HIV infection
 - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
 - Liver disease
 - Overweight/Obesity (BMI of 25 kg/m² or higher)
 - Pregnancy

- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorders
- Residents 16 and older with disabilities who are receiving SSI or SSDI benefits, Maryland Medicaid EID individuals, Maryland Medicaid REM recipients, and Marylanders receiving TDAP benefits.

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.

Phase 2C is scheduled to begin April 13. That phase will include 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

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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 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](#)

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

FEMA will open a community vaccination center in Prince George's County. The Federal Pilot Community Vaccination Center will be located at the Greenbelt Metro Station and will open April 7. This will be the first federally-operated site in Maryland, and the vaccines will come directly from the federal government and will not be part of the state's allocation. More details are expected soon.

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, the units 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.

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.

Real World Data Shows Pfizer and Moderna Vaccines are 90% Effective

Earlier this week, the CDC released a study showing that both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are nearly as effective in real-world conditions as the clinical trial data showed. The study, conducted with almost 4,000 health care personnel, first responders, and other essential and frontline workers, showed that the vaccines offer significant protection in conditions with real exposure to COVID-19 in actual workplaces. The CDC monitored participants between December 2020 and March 2021, in eight cities across the U.S. with weekly COVID-19 testing. Results indicate that Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 infection for fully vaccinated workers.

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	1,479 (+4)	1,482 (+11)	1,699 (+6)	2,050 (+6)	6,710 (+27)	78,011 (+191)	411,344 (+1,366)
30-Mar	+1	+3	+6	+5	+15	+119	+903
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	1,452	1,442	1,670	2,022	6,586	76,950	403,982

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	515,659 (+1,141)	5.47%	8,766,709 (+27,795)	5.30%
30-Mar	+705	5.36%	+11,905	5.24%
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%

Infection Rates			Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate		County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
29-Mar	1.09	1.13	Today	19.81	20.66
28-Mar	1.09	1.13	30-Mar	19.37	20.21
27-Mar	1.08	1.13	29-Mar	19.17	19.78
26-Mar	1.08	1.12	28-Mar	18.90	18.95
25-Mar	1.08	1.12	27-Mar	18.44	18.18
24-Mar	1.07	1.12	26-Mar	17.77	17.59
23-Mar	1.07	1.12	25-Mar	17.33	17.10
14-Day Weighted Average	1.06	1.11			

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,030	0.1%
Acute Care:	786	0.2%
Intensive Care	244	-0.4%
Ever Hospitalized	37,733	9.1%

Other News

Bans on Evictions and Foreclosures 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. It was due to expire today.

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>

Assistance for Businesses

The Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Grant Program is accepting applications through April 06. The grant offers working capital to assist eligible small businesses with disrupted operations due to COVID-19. Also, the US Small Business Administration announced that the application deadline for the Payroll Protection Plan is extended to May 31.

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.