



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Thursday, April 1, 2021**

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## Today's COVID Brief

Governor Larry Hogan announced that, according to CDC data, Maryland has surpassed 75% of Marylanders 65 and older receiving at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Yesterday, more than 70,000 COVID-19 vaccinations have been reported in a single day. In addition, the state is reporting a new record seven-day average of 55,074 shots per day.

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**39.9%**

% 18+ POPULATION  
W/ AT LEAST 1 SHOT

**75.1%**

% 65+ POPULATION  
W/ AT LEAST 1 SHOT

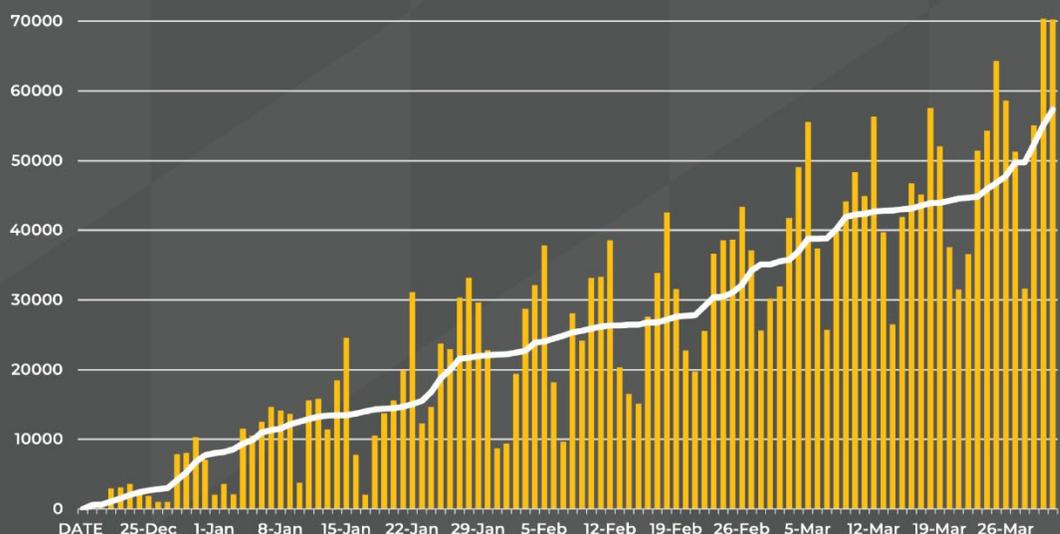
**2.76M**

TOTAL DOSES  
ADMINISTERED

**57,357**

DAILY DOSES  
ADMINISTERED  
(7-DAY AVERAGE)

## DAILY DOSES ADMINISTERED



## 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	5.47%	5.81%	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	19.81	20.30	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.09	1.06	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%
<b>Total doses</b>	<b>278,694</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.

## COVID Update from Governor Hogan

Governor Hogan provided an update on Maryland's efforts to combat COVID this afternoon. Here are some key points of the press conference:

### The state of COVID in Maryland

- State health officials are very concerned about the spread of the variants, especially the UK one which is very active in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.
- 677 variant cases have been detected so far in Maryland, 86% of the variants detected are the UK one.
- Cases are increasing around the state, but lately the greatest increases have been among younger residents in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

### Progress on vaccinations

- More than 2.7 million vaccines doses have been administered in the state.
- Current average is more than 57,000 per day
- Federal mobile vaccination units will be fanning out across the state, along with special FEMA strike teams, focusing on remote areas and zip codes that rank high on the CDC's social vulnerability index.
- Good progress is being seen in vulnerable areas of the state
- The Maryland Health Department is requiring all county health officers to submit finalized equity plans by Monday, April 5. The state will also provide each county with a targeted list of underserved zip codes and specific congregate facilities to focus on.
- Tomorrow only - Wicomico Civic Center mass vaccination site will provide walk in vaccinations to anyone, regardless of age or appointment. The state plans to add more no-appointment lines at other state mass vaccination sites in the coming weeks.

### Future plans

- In anticipation of more vaccine supplies, the Maryland pre-registration website is now open to all Marylanders, age 16 and up who want to get vaccinated at a mass vaccination site.
- The governor expects to accelerate the vaccine phasing timetable soon, but still plans to prioritize those in Phase 1 and 2A and 2B.
- On 4/7, a mass vax site will open in Prince George's County at the Greenbelt Metro Station in partnership with FEMA. This site will have the capacity to administer up to 3,000 shots per day and will primarily serve Prince Georgians in underserved zip codes.

- Other mass vaccination sites will be opening this month around the state.
- The Department of Aging is working on plans to reop en some senior centers.
- Prior to that, the state will be working with community partners to host closed vaccination clinics for seniors at some senior centers around the state. (Please note: The Bowie Senior Center will host be one of the sites for these closed vaccination clinics. More details to come soon on this.)

The governor said that we remain in a race between vaccinations and the variants. He urged all Marylanders to continue wearing masks and advised against travel to states with high rates. If you must travel to these states, he encouraged individuals to get tested upon return if you do travel.

[Press release](#)

### More Mass Vaccination Sites are Coming Soon

- Baltimore County – week of April 5
- Greenbelt Metro Station (FEMA) – April 7
- Anne Arundel and Frederick counties – week of April 12
- Harford and Howard counties – week of April 26.

### 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. See the [CDC website](#) for the will list of medical conditions.
- 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 16+ 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**



### 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, & Montgomery College. More sites are coming this month. 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.

**Note:** All COVID-19 vaccination appointments at the Sports and Learning Complex this week (March 29 – April 3rd) are being relocated to another County vaccination site and/or rescheduled to the nearest possible open appointment.

### 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.

## **COVID Test News**

### **FDA Authorizes Additional Over-the Counter COVID Tests**

On March 31, the FDA [authorized](#) several tests for over-the-counter use without a prescription when used for serial screening.

### **"Say Yes! Covid Test" Initiative**

The CDC and NIH have collaborated to launch "Say Yes! COVID Test", an innovative community health initiative called which will provide participating communities with free, rapid antigen tests that they can administer themselves to use three times a week for one month. [Press release](#)

## **Vaccine News**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Manufacturing in U.S. Races Ahead**

COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers are ramping up production, churning out far more doses a week than earlier in the year, progress that is accelerating mass vaccination campaigns in the U.S. After a slow start, Pfizer and Moderna have raised output by gaining experience, scaling up production lines and

taking other steps like making certain raw materials on their own. In sum, vaccine makers are expected to produce 132 million doses this month, nearly tripling last month's figure.

### COVID-19 Variant & Youth Vaccines

Johnson & Johnson is working on several next-generation versions of its COVID-19 vaccine that may be needed to bolster protection against some of the coronavirus variants that have emerged. Other companies also are taking steps to develop and test modified vaccines that may better target variants, through a booster shot or as part of a "multivalent" vaccine that also targets other strains.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine's Phase 3 trial in adolescents aged 12 to 15 years old demonstrated 100% efficacy and robust antibody responses, exceeding those recorded earlier in vaccinated participants aged 16 to 25 years old, and was well tolerated. Requests to extend the EUA to include this age group will be submitted as soon as possible.

### Pfizer Begins Human Trials of New Pill to Treat Coronavirus

Pfizer has begun human safety testing of a new pill to treat the coronavirus that could be used at the first sign of illness. The drug binds to an enzyme called a protease to keep the virus from replicating. Protease-inhibiting medicines have been successful in treating other types of viruses, include HIV and Hepatitis C. If it succeeds in trials, the pill could be prescribed early in an infection to block viral replication before patients get very sick.

### 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>1,481 (+2)</b>	<b>1,486 (+4)</b>	<b>1,704 (+5)</b>	<b>2,055 (+5)</b>	<b>6,726 (+16)</b>	<b>78,242 (+231)</b>	<b>412,928 (+1,584)</b>
31-Mar	+4	+11	+6	+6	+27	+191	+1366
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
<b>26-Mar</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>6,586</b>	<b>77,153</b>	<b>405,343</b>

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
<b>Today</b>	<b>516,788 (+1,129)</b>	<b>5.81%</b>	<b>8,800,105 (+33,396)</b>	<b>5.51%</b>
31-Mar	+1141	5.47%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
<b>Today</b>	<b>20.30</b>	<b>21.14</b>	<b>30-Mar</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>1.11</b>
31-Mar	19.81	20.66	29-Mar	1.06	1.11
30-Mar	19.37	20.21	28-Mar	1.06	1.11
29-Mar	19.17	19.78	27-Mar	1.06	1.11
28-Mar	18.90	18.95	26-Mar	1.06	1.11
27-Mar	18.44	18.18	25-Mar	1.05	1.11
26-Mar	17.77	17.59	24-Mar	1.05	1.11
			<b>14-Day Weighted Average</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1.10</b>

### Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,013	-1.6%
Acute Care:	777	-1.1%
Intensive Care	236	-3.2%
Ever Hospitalized	37,886	9.1%

### Other News

#### Stand Up & Deliver Meals and Groceries



#### Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. (Groceries)

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

#### 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](#).

### **Beware COVID-19 post-vaccine Survey Scam**

The federal government is investigating reports of fraudulent COVID-19 vaccine surveys enticing consumers to provide personal information with the promise of cash or prizes at the end of the survey. These fraudulent surveys are used to unlawfully capture consumers' personal information and potentially steal money from consumers. Currently, no post-vaccine surveys are being conducted by Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson. Do not open the messages or provide any personal information, including credit card and/or bank information.

### **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 6. 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.

### **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 are announced weekly and receive cash prizes. Voting opens each Monday and ends that Friday afternoon. Vote early and often!



# 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!

#DinePrinceGeorges