



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

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## Today's COVID Brief

Governor Hogan announced today that the state is accelerating its vaccination plan. Starting April 6, all Marylanders, age 16+ can get vaccinated at state mass vaccination sites. Note: those under 18 are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Maryland's 7-day positivity rate is almost 6% and hospitalizations are up more than 11%.

## Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Friday's stats	Today's stats*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.88%	5.66	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	20.25	19.59	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.05	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	202,245 22.571%
Second does	96,131 10.572%
Single doses	12,414 1.365
<b>Total doses</b>	<b>310,790</b>

## Governor Provides COVID Update Today

Governor Hogan held a press conference this afternoon to provide a COVID update. Here are the key points:

### Vaccination Milestones

- The state is now averaging over 61,000 shots per day.
- Across the state, 76% of those 65 and up are vaccinated and 42% of age 18 and up are vaccinated.

- Maryland now has more than 3 million people vaccinated, with 1 million of them being done in the last 19 days.
- Almost 500 Maryland pharmacies are now offering vaccine appointments.

### **Vaccine Eligibility**

- Because of increased supply of vaccines and the fact that more younger people are contracting COVID-19, Maryland is accelerating its vaccination plan.
- Effective April 6, all Marylanders age 16+ can get vaccinated **at the state's mass vaccination sites**.
- Note: Marylanders 16 or 17 years of age will only be able to utilize clinics that are providing the Pfizer vaccine, as it is the only vaccine that is currently approved by the FDA for ages 16 and older.

### **New Mass Vaccination Sites Opening**

Week of April 5:

- FEMA site at the Greenbelt Metro Station (Prince George's)
- Maryland State Fairgrounds (Baltimore County)
- Montgomery College Campus in Germantown (Montgomery)

Week of April 12:

- Fredrick Community College (Fredrick Co)
- Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (Anne Arundel)

Later in April:

- Ripken Stadium (Harford)
- The Mall in Columbia (Howard)

### **Access to Vaccines**

- Appointments are still recommended, but some mass vaccination sites will soon be offering walk up shots. Salisbury has a no-appointment walk up line, and no appointment lines will open at Hagerstown and M & T Bank sites soon. More details to come on this.
- Pre-registration continues to be the best, easiest, and fastest way to reserve an appointment and to ensure that a vaccine is available to you.

### **COVID Precautions:**

To combat the growing impact of the variants, it is still very important to

- Wash hands frequently
- Wear a tight-fitting mask covering nose and mouth.
- Keep a safe distance from others.
- Get vaccinated as soon as possible.

[View slides from today's press conference](#)



**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.

**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.

### 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.

### 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	1,490 (+1)	1,502 (+2)	1,727 (+7)	2,086 (+2)	6,805 (+12)	78,948 (+108)	418,188 (+859)
4-Apr	+3	+4	+4	+10	+21	+207	+1,669
3-Apr	+3	+4	+6	+8	+21	+191	+1,275
2-Apr	+2	+6	+6	+11	+25	+200	+1,457
1-Apr	+2	+4	+5	+5	+16	+231	+1,584
31-Mar	+4	+11	+6	+6	+27	+191	+1366
30-Mar	1,475	1,471	1,693	2,044	6,683	77,820	409,978

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	520,685 (+751)	5.66%	8,920,479 (+17,079)	5.79%
4-Apr	+1,113	6.04%	+39,030	5.90%
3-Apr	+980	6.18%	+26,760	5.82%
2-Apr	+1,053	5.88%	+37,505	5.60%
1-Apr	+1,129	5.81%	+33,396	5.51%
31-Mar	+1141	5.47%	+27,795	5.30%
30-Mar	+705	5.36%	+11,905	5.24%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	19.59	21.53	3-Apr	1.06	1.13
4-Apr	19.90	21.94	2-Apr	1.06	1.13
3-Apr	19.84	21.15	1-Apr	1.06	1.13
2-Apr	20.25	21.37	31-Mar	1.06	1.12
1-Apr	20.30	21.14	30-Mar	1.05	1.12
31-Mar	19.81	20.66	29-Mar	1.05	1.12
30-Mar	19.37	20.21	28-Mar	1.04	1.12
			14-Day Weighted Average	1.04	1.12

### Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,165	11.4%*
Acute Care:	905	13.9%*
Intensive Care	260	3.5%*
Ever Hospitalized	38,425	9.1%

Weekly Summary of Hospitalizations and Deaths					
	Prince George's Hospitalizations to Date	Maryland Hospitalizations to Date	Currently Hospitalized in Maryland	Prince George's County Deaths	Maryland Deaths
Today	7,949 (+43)	38,425 (+129)	1,165 (+3.0%)	1,394 (+0)	8,363 (+13)
4-Apr	+0	+140	1,131 (+6.2%)	+1	+8
3-Apr	+26	+140	1,064 (+1.8%)	+1	+23
2-Apr	+21	+130	1,045 (+3.1%)	+1	+16
1-Apr	+31	+153	1,013 (-1.6%)	+3	+17
31-Mar	+0	+158	1,030 (+0.1%)	+2	+13
30-Mar	7,828	37,575	1,029	1,386	8,273

## Other News

### City Council Meeting – April 5, 8 p.m.

Details at [www.cityofbowie/agendas](http://www.cityofbowie/agendas).

### Maryland Health Connection Special Enrollment Period Extended with Reductions in Plan Costs

The Maryland Health Connection has extended its COVID-19 special enrollment period. If you need health coverage for yourself or your family, you now have until May 15 to sign up. Sign up to get covered on the Maryland Health connection [website](#). As part of this extension, health plan costs have been reduced to reflect additional financial help available through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

### 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 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.

## Hydrant Flushing Schedule

# Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will take place in areas served by Bowie Water, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., according to the schedule below:

<b>DATES</b>	<b>NEIGHBORHOODS</b>
<b>APRIL 5 &amp; 6</b>	Buckingham, Derbyshire, & Forest Dr
<b>APRIL 7 &amp; 8</b>	Somerset & Bowie Forest
<b>APRIL 9 &amp; 12</b>	Tulip Grove
<b>APRIL 13 &amp; 14</b>	Foxhill & Long Ridge
<b>APRIL 15, 16 &amp; 19</b>	Kenilworth
<b>APRIL 20</b>	Heather Hills
<b>APRIL 21, 22 &amp; 23</b>	Meadowbrook
<b>APRIL 26</b>	Gradys Walk & Glenridge
<b>APRIL 27</b>	Chapel Forge
<b>APRIL 28</b>	Victoria Heights & Race Track Rd Townhouses
<b>APRIL 29</b>	Idlewild
<b>APRIL 30</b>	Yorktown & Overbrook
<b>MAY 3</b>	Whitehall
<b>MAY 4</b>	Rockledge

Flushing may cause some discoloration of the water for up to 24 hours.

Clothes washing should be avoided during this time.

**Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/flushing](http://www.cityofbowie.org/flushing) for more information**