



COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

U.S. cases have risen for four straight weeks, fueled in part by increasing numbers of variant cases. People under 60 are accounting for the majority of new COVID-19 cases across the country — likely a testament to the success of the vaccines that have been administered to primarily older, more vulnerable Americans.

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.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Friday's stats	Today's stats*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.66%	5.98	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	19.59	19.90	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.06	1.09	Low risk range (<0.9)
<i>(*) Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase. Black signifies no change.</i>			
Vaccines Administered		% of County Population	
First doses	208,873	22.97%	
Second doses	99,488	10.941%	
Single doses	12,687	1.395%	
Total doses	321,048		

Governor COVID Update

Governor Hogan held a press conference Monday to provide a COVID update. Effective today, April 6, all Marylanders age 16+ can get vaccinated at state mass vaccination sites. By April 12, all Marylanders 16 and older will be eligible to schedule appointments and get vaccinated through all providers. 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:

- **Wednesday, April 7** - 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)

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. 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.

To combat the growing impact of variants, it is still very important to wash hands frequently, wear a tight-fitting mask covering nose and mouth, maintain distance from others, and get vaccinated as soon as possible.

[View Slides from April 5 press conference](#)



More information on the FEMA vaccination site at Greenbelt Metro Station

The upcoming FEMA-operated Community Vaccination Center at the Greenbelt Metro Station is scheduled to open April 7, 2021. If you have not yet preregistered with the State of Maryland and would like to get vaccinated at this new location in Greenbelt, please pre-register online at covidvax.maryland.gov, which will give an option to select the Greenbelt Metro Station as a preferred site. Another option to pre-register is through the State's Vaccination Support Center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

Residents who have already pre-registered with the State and live in nearby zip codes **do not** need to pre-register again with the State to receive an appointment. The Community Vaccination Center will be a walk-up

site, available by appointment only. Those who receive appointments at this site are encouraged to use public transportation to access the site. Those with vehicles can drive to the site, park, and walk up to their appointment. [Press Release](#)

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 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.

Testing sites: The state has opened a new [state-run community COVID-19 testing site](#) on the campus of the City of Praise Family Ministries in Landover. The City of Praise Family Ministries location replaces the former testing site at Six Flags, which was converted to a mass vaccination site in February.

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 Updates US Travel Guidance

The CDC has updated its [domestic travel](#) guidance for fully vaccinated people, lifting certain testing and self-quarantine requirements and recommending precautions like wearing a mask and avoiding crowds. But health officials continue to discourage nonessential travel, citing a sustained rise in cases and hospitalizations. (CDC: [International Travel During COVID-19](#))

CDC: When You've Been Fully Vaccinated

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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.

CDC: Cleaning and Disinfecting Homes and Facilities

The CDC updated its [guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting homes and facilities](#) to protect against COVID-19. Data has shown that regular cleaning of surfaces with soap and detergent is enough to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 via surface transmission.

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	1,499 (+9)	1,503 (+1)	1,728 (+1)	2,088 (+2)	6,818 (+13)	79,087 (+139)	419,055 (+867)
5-Mar	+1	+2	+7	+2	+12	+108	+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	1,479	1,482	1,699	2,050	6,710	78,011	411,344

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	521,278 (+593)	5.98%	8,932,544 (+12,065)	5.80%
5-Apr	+751	5.66%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	19.90	21.45	4-Apr	1.09	1.14
5-Apr	19.59	21.53	3-Apr	1.09	1.14
4-Apr	19.90	21.94	2-Apr	1.09	1.14
3-Apr	19.84	21.15	1-Apr	1.09	1.14
2-Apr	20.25	21.37	31-Mar	1.09	1.14
1-Apr	20.30	21.14	30-Mar	1.09	1.13
31-Mar	19.81	20.66	29-Mar	1.09	1.13
			14-Day Weighted Average	1.08	1.13

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		
Currently Hospitalized:	1,204	3.3%
Acute Care:	939	3.7%
Intensive Care	265	1.9%
Ever Hospitalized	38,548	9.1%

Other News

Stand Up and Deliver Meals and Groceries



Wednesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. (Groceries)

- Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church – 6307 Riggs Road, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Friday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. (Groceries)

- Mt. Ennon Baptist Church – 9832 Piscataway Road, Clinton, MD 20735

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](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/).

South Lake Stakeholders Meeting Tonight 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, **tonight**, 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>

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:

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