



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Today's COVID Brief

Over the last 14 days, new case rates are highest in the following US states: Florida, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The total number of new cases in the US today is over 61,000.

Across the nation, 41% of the 18+ population has received at least one vaccine shot. In Maryland, 44% of that group have had at least one shot.

UK Variant Now Dominant Strain of COVID in US

CDC Director Walensky said today that the UK variant has become the most common form of the COVID virus spreading in the US. The strain is more easily spread, especially among young people. She urged everyone not to let their guard down and to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Walensky also encouraged communities and states with high levels of transmission to curtail or suspend sports activities for younger participants to contain the spread of the new strain. She also said large events in affected communities need to be curtailed.

The UK variant is one of several variants of concern circulating in the US. [Learn more about these variants](#) on the CDC website.

To help combat the growing spread of the variants, beginning April 19, every adult in the US will be eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. The original eligibility date of May 1 was moved up based on the progress of vaccinations across the nation. While eligibility will expand, seniors are still being prioritized, since 25% of those age 65 and up have not yet been vaccinated.

In Maryland, all individuals age 16 and up can now get vaccinated **at state mass vaccination sites**. By April 12, all providers can schedule anyone age 16+. Note: Marylanders 16 or 17 years of age will only be able to go to clinics that are providing the Pfizer vaccine, as it is the only vaccine currently approved by the FDA for ages 16 and older.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Yesterday's stats	Today's stats*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.98	5.87	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	19.90	20.03	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.09	1.04	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	213,651	23.496%	
Second does	103,647	11.398%	
Single doses	13,097	14.4%	
Total doses	330,395		

New Mass Vaccination Sites Opening

Week of April 5:

- FEMA site at the Greenbelt Metro Station (Prince George's) – **now open**
- 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.

**PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN
NOW FOR ALL MARYLANDERS:
COVIDvax.maryland.gov
1-855-MD-GOVAX**

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.

Updated CDC Guidance

The **CDC updated its school guidance** and is no longer recommending daily disinfection of schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The guidance stated that disinfecting chemicals like ammonia and bleach need be used only within 24 hours after an infected person has been there.

The [domestic travel](#) guidance for fully vaccinated people has been updated, 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](#))

The CDC also 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.

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.

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	1,502 (+3)	1,508 (+5)	1,733 (+5)	2,090 (+2)	6,833 (+15)	79,286 (+199)	420,526 (+1,471)
6-Apr	+9	+1	+1	+2	+13	+139	+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	1,481	1,486	1,704	2,055	6,726	78,242	412,928

7-Day Positivity Rates

	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	522,475 (+1,197)	5.87%	8,966,009 (+33,465)	5.71%
6-Apr	+593	5.98%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons

	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	20.03	21.70
6-Apr	19.90	21.45
5-Apr	19.59	21.53
4-Apr	19.90	21.94
3-Apr	19.84	21.15
2-Apr	20.25	21.37
1-Apr	20.30	21.14

Infection Rates

	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
5-Apr	1.04	1.09
4-Apr	1.04	1.09
3-Apr	1.05	1.09
2-Apr	1.05	1.09
1-Apr	1.05	1.10
31-Mar	1.06	1.10
30-Mar	1.06	1.10
14-Day Weighted Average	1.06	1.10

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations

Currently Hospitalized:	1,200	-0.3%
Acute Care:	923	-1.7%
Intensive Care	277	4.5%
Ever Hospitalized	38,682	9.1%

Other News

Stand Up and Deliver Meals and Groceries

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

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

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