



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

Maryland providers have administered a total of 3,192,805 COVID-19 vaccines and are averaging 61,804 shots per day. 45% of Maryland's population age 18 and older has received a vaccine, including 78% of Marylanders 65 and older.

Senior Center Vaccine Clinic

The City of Bowie has partnered with the State of Maryland and Safeway to bring a vaccine clinic to the Bowie Senior Center. It begins with a soft launch on Sunday, April 11 and then will operate regularly on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesdays for the next several weeks. Appointments at this clinic will be prioritized for area seniors.

All slots for April 11 are filled. Residents, age 50 and up, who are interested in getting vaccinated at the Senior Center during the week of April 18, can pre-register for an appointment at www.cityofbowie.org/shotbowie.

The tentative schedule for that week is as follows:

- **April 18 and 19:** Johnson & Johnson
- **April 21:** Pfizer

As soon as vaccine supplies are confirmed, we will begin scheduling appointments. Appointment confirmations will be sent by email. The email will be from Albertsons (Safeway).

Those who need assistance with pre-registration may call 301-262-6200.

UK Variant Now Dominant Strain of COVID in US

The CDC confirmed yesterday that B.1.1.7 (UK variant) is the dominant form of COVID-19 in the US. The variant has been shown to be 50% more transmissible and more infectious among younger people. [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. 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	5.87	5.62	Remain below 3%
Cases per 100K	20.03	19.03	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.01	1.00	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.



More information on the FEMA vaccination site at Greenbelt Metro Station

The FEMA-operated Community Vaccination Center at the Greenbelt Metro Station opened 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.

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.

Pfizer Says COVID-19 Vaccine 91.3% Effective Through At Least 6 Months

Pfizer and BioNTech announced Thursday in a press release that their COVID-19 vaccine was 91.3% effective at protecting against symptomatic disease up to six months after the second dose, with no serious safety concerns, according to an updated analysis of clinical trial results. Of the trial's 46,307 participants, 927 symptomatic COVID-19 cases were detected - 850 from the placebo group and 77 from the vaccine group. The study found 33 cases of severe disease in the placebo group, and zero in the vaccinated group. The full study is not available yet.

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	1,504 (+2)	1,510 (+2)	1,738 (+5)	2,094 (+4)	6,846 (+13)	79,453 (+167)	421,823 (+1,297)
7-Apr	+3	+5	+5	+2	+15	+199	+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	1,483	1,492	1,710	2,066	6,751	78,442	414,388

7-Day Positivity Rates

	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	523,522 (+1,047)	5.62%	9,001,970 (+35,961)	5.56%
7-Apr	+1,197	5.87%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons

	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	19.03	21.02
7-Apr	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

Infection Rates

	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
7-Apr	1.00	1.04
6-Apr	1.01	1.05
5-Apr	1.01	1.05
4-Apr	1.02	1.06
3-Apr	1.02	1.06
2-Apr	1.03	1.07
1-Apr	1.03	1.07
14-Day Weighted Average	1.04	1.08

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations

Currently Hospitalized:	1,216	1.3%
Acute Care:	935	1.3%
Intensive Care	281	1.4%
Ever Hospitalized	38,827	9.2%

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

Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. (Groceries/Meals)

- Kingdom Fellowship @High Point High School – 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705
- New Home Baptist Church – 8320 Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785

Saturday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. (Groceries/Meals)

- United Baptist Church – 7701 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, MD 20784

Sunday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. (Groceries/Meals)

- Community of Hope AME Church – 3701 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, MD 20747

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



Don't Wait. Get Tested.

Even as more people get vaccinated, the COVID-19 virus is still among us. If you are feeling ill or think you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, don't wait to get tested.

Get tested right away to make sure you get proper medical treatment and do not accidentally expose your family and friends to COVID-19.

Call your doctor for a test or use the Prince George's County COVID-19 Testing Site Locator to find a free testing site near you.

Learn more about COVID-19 symptoms and find a testing site at: health.mypgc.us/COVIDTesting

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