



COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID Brief

Most jurisdictions in the National Capital Region are seeing an uptick in new cases and the county's positivity rate is above 6% today. Maryland is reporting that 80% of seniors age 65+ are now vaccinated.

Even with the pause of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, federal officials say there are enough supplies of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to continue the current pace of vaccinating 3 million people per day.

The city is now accepting vaccine pre-registrations for Bowie area residents age 16 and up. Pre-register at www.cityofbowie.org/shotbowie.

State and Local COVID-19 Data

Covid-19 Data			
	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	430,351 (+1,552)	80,598 (+228)	Cases: 6,977 (+30)
Deaths	8,493 (+9)	1,415 (+3)	
Positivity Rate	5.69%	6.08%	20715: 1,532 (+1)
Case Rate Per 100K	23.22	20.61	20716: 1,541 (+13)
Currently Hospitalized	1,236 (-0.5)	NA	20720: 1,768 (+6)
Total Hospitalized	39,587	8,099 (+11)	20721: 2,136 (+10)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland		PG County
1st of 2 Dose Received	2,143,584 (35.46% pop.)		249,638 (27.45% pop.)
2nd of 2 Dose Received	1,285,478 (21.26% pop.)		133,478 (14.68% pop.)
Single Dose	176,161 (2.91%)		17,372 (1.91% pop.)

For more detailed data visit The CDC [COVID tracker](#), the Maryland [COVID dashboard](#), and the Prince George's County Health Department [COVID dashboard](#).

Senior Center Vaccine Clinic Now Accepting Pre-registrations from those 16+

The City of Bowie's vaccine clinic at the Bowie Senior Center launched on April 11. Approximately 300 individuals (age 50+) were vaccinated. Moving forward, the clinic will operate on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesdays for the next several weeks.

Several City staff members are calling pre-registrants to schedule appointments for next week. The calls may come from a number you don't recognize. Please be sure to take the call or check your voicemail so you don't miss your scheduling opportunity. **During the week of April 18, all appointments will be for the Pfizer vaccine.**

We expect to be able to do almost 800 vaccinations per week at Senior Center Clinic. Pre-registration is now open to Bowie area residents age 16 and up; seniors will continue to receive priority in appointment scheduling. Pre-register at www.cityofbowie.org/shotbowie.

The City of Bowie is hosting a COVID vaccine clinic at the Bowie Senior Center.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR AGES 16+

WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/SENIORCENTERVAX

Appointments available for Pfizer vaccines (2 doses)



CDC and FDA Recommend Pausing Johnson & Johnson Vaccinations

On April 13, the CDC and FDA issued a [joint statement](#) recommending a pause in administering the Johnson & Johnson. Officials took this step after reports that six individuals in the US had experienced severe reactions to the shot. The reactions have occurred in women age 18-49 and involve an unusual type of blood clot and also affected their blood platelet counts.

The pause will allow the CDC and FDA scientists and the CDC's independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to review the findings and assess their significance. It will also provide

healthcare providers time to become informed about how to recognize the severe symptoms and how to treat them. There is the possibility that educating healthcare providers about these symptoms may result in more reactions being identified.

These severe reactions to the Johnson & Johnson shot had some similarities to reactions to the Astra Zeneca vaccine that have been reported in a small number of cases in Europe. Health officials in Europe briefly paused administration of that vaccine to assess those reactions but have since resumed using it there.

More than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine have been administered since Emergency Use Authorization was granted on February 28, 2021. In the six individuals, the reactions occurred between 6 and 21 days after vaccination. Warning signs that may indicate the severe reaction to the Johnson & Johnson shot include severe headache, leg or abdomen pain, or shortness of breath.

The White House has said that the Johnson & Johnson pause will not have a significant impact on the country's vaccination program. The J&J vaccine makes up less than 5% of the more than 190 million recorded shots administered in the U.S. The country has enough supply of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to continue the current pace of about 3 million shots per day.

Get the Vax!

Vaccine appointments are becoming more widely available at a variety of locations.

Mass Vaccination Sites

If you are interested in getting vaccinated at a mass vaccination site in Maryland, please pre-register at <https://onestop.md.gov/preregistration> or call the state's COVID-19 vaccination support center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829). Pre-registration at the Maryland mass vaccination sites is now open to those age 16 and up.

Now open

- Bowie - Six Flags (drive-through)
- Baltimore - M & T Bank
- Greenbelt - FEMA site at Greenbelt Metro
- Germantown – Montgomery College Campus
- Hagerstown – Premium Outlets
- Timonium - Maryland State Fairgrounds
- Waldorf – Regency Furniture Blue Crab Stadium

Week of April 12:

- Frederick County - Fredrick Community College
- Annapolis - Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

Later in April:

- Harford County - Ripken Stadium
- Columbia - The Mall in Columbia

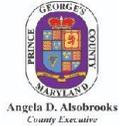
Walk up (no appointment) shots are now available at Salisbury, M&T Bank, and Hagerstown mass vaccination sites. However, pre-registration continues to be the best, easiest, and fastest way to reserve an appointment and to ensure that a vaccine is available to you.

At the mass vaccination sites operated by the state of Maryland, individuals who are unable to provide identification will be asked to sign an affidavit certifying eligibility to receive a vaccine. Providers may inquire about insurance or other documentation requirements, but insurance is not required to get a vaccine.

Other Ways to Get Vaccinated

1. **Prince George's Health Department is hosting clinics at several locations.** Complete the County [pre-registration form](#) to secure an appointment at one of these sites or call 3-1-1 for assistance with pre-registration.
2. **Pharmacies** – [Giant](#), [Safeway](#), [CVS](#), [Rite Aid](#), [Walgreens](#) and [Walmart](#) and independently owned pharmacies under the EPIC pharmacies umbrella.
3. **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](#).

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.



Prince George's County enters Phase 3 for COVID-19 vaccine distribution on Monday, April 12, 2021



All County residents ages 16 and older are now eligible.

- Individuals who live or work in Prince George's County must pre-register in order to receive a vaccine appointment with the Prince George's County Health Department. No walk-ups are being accepted.
- Beginning Monday, April 12, any resident that is 16 or older and has pre-registered will be eligible to receive an appointment at County Health Department vaccination clinics.
- You only need to pre-register once with the County to be placed on the list to receive a vaccination appointment.
- The County will continue to prioritize seniors, essential workers and other vulnerable populations in previous phases of vaccine distribution.

PRE-REGISTER TODAY: mypgc.us/ProudtobeProtected

A Message from Your Bowie COVID Team

The Daily COVID Update has a new look. We have scaled back the data provided to just a few key metrics. The CDC [COVID tracker](#), the Maryland [COVID dashboard](#), and the Prince George's County Health Department [COVID dashboard](#) have detailed data if you want to delve into the numbers further.

There will be more changes to the update over the coming weeks as we all shift our focus toward getting the population vaccinated and returning to a semblance of what life was like before the pandemic began.

For more than a year, the City of Bowie's COVID team has produced a daily COVID update for the Bowie community. We have worked to provide you with important information about the spread of the virus, how to protect yourself, programs to help those affected by the pandemic, and federal, state, and county actions, directives, and guidance. We have also tried to keep you up to date about city services and programs.

We will continue to keep you informed, but the updates will be briefer and more directed toward vaccinations, reopening, and answering the questions that you are posing to us. As always, we welcome your feedback on the content of the updates. Please email the Communications Director at ucooper@cityofbowie.org.

Other News

Virtual Job Fair May 6 for Young Adults 16 - 24

The City of Bowie is hosting a virtual employment fair (on Zoom) for young adults, ages 16-24, on Thursday May 6, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The goal of the fair is to connect local employers with young adults who are looking for both seasonal and year-round positions. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair or email Rhonda Simon at rsimon@cityofbowie.org for more information.

New Lawn Mower Rebate Program

Buying a new mower? Let us help! City residents who purchase a new mulching, electric, or manual reel mower are eligible to receive a \$50 rebate from the City of Bowie. To obtain your cash rebate, bring proof of municipal residency* and the receipt for a mulching, electric, or manual reel mower to the Finance Department at City Hall, 15901 Excalibur Road. If the receipt does not specify that the mower is one of these three types, please also bring a manual or other documentation for the mower. Finance Department hours are Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rebates are limited to one per household. If you have questions, please call 301-809-3020.

**Only those who live within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie are eligible to receive this rebate.*

Security Camera Rebate Program

The City of Bowie has a Security Camera Rebate Program. The program offers a \$50 rebate for the purchase and installation of any one outdoor video camera. The camera must be installed on a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie. The camera must have been purchased and installed on the residential property on or after November 17, 2020. The camera must be installed on the exterior of the home or residential property fence/shed/garage, etc. (You are eligible as long as the camera is installed outdoors and within the residential property). For more information on the Police Department's Security Camera Rebate Program, visit www.cityofbowie.org/camerarebates.

Join the Bowie Youth Council

The Bowie Youth Council will give local students the chance to learn about local government and have a voice in city affairs. The Council will consist of 11 City of Bowie students from grades 6 to 12, who will have the opportunity to influence policy, provide positive leadership and service, and engage the community. The City Council is seeking representation from each of the four Bowie districts. Two volunteer adult advisors are also being recruited to help guide the students. If you might be interested in serving, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/youthcouncil to learn more. **Application deadline is April 30 for students and May 11 for adult advisors.**

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