



COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID Brief

Maryland providers have now administered nearly 4 million COVID-19 vaccines, and 82% of Marylanders age 65 and older have been vaccinated. The county positivity rate has dropped below 6% and the case rate per 100 declined significantly to 18 per 100k. Bowie cases are slightly elevated, averaging 18 new cases per day over the past seven days.

The city is scheduling vaccine appointments for all county residents ages 16+. Priority will be given to seniors and those with health issues that put them at risk of severe illness if they contract the disease. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/vax for details and the pre-registration link.

State and Local COVID-19 Data

| | Maryland | PG County | Bowie |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Cases | 437,584 (+952) | 81,523 (+141) | Cases: 7,080 (+18) |
| Deaths | 8,592 (+18) | 1,428 (+3) | |
| Positivity Rate | 5.40% | 5.75% | 20715: 1,552 (+2) |
| Case Rate Per 100K | 20.76 | 18.11 | 20716: 1,558 (+3) |
| Currently Hospitalized | 1,282 (+1.8%) | NA | 20720: 1,792 (+6) |
| Total Hospitalized | 40,358 | 8,212 (+23) | 20721: 2,178 (+7) |
| Vaccine Progress | Maryland | | PG County |
| 1st of 2 Dose Received | 2,340,897 (38.72% pop.) | | 281,599 (30.97% pop.) |
| 2nd of 2 Dose Received | 1,470,414 (24.32% pop.) | | 160,574 (17.66% pop.) |
| Single Dose | 179,758 (2.97%) | | 17,775 (1.96% pop.) |

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

Vaccine Clinic at the Bowie Senior Center Vaccine for County Residents Age 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 vaccine appointments. 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. **Scheduling is underway for the week of April 25. All appointments will be for the Pfizer vaccine.** Visit www.cityofboiwe.org/vax for details and the pre-registration link.



COVID-19 Vaccination Site for Men and Boys 16+ and Single Mothers

In partnership with Prince George's County Government, Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E Church (1001 Old Mitchellville Road, Bowie) will host a vaccination site on April 24th, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for men and boys ages 16+. This date and time have been specifically designated for men and boys age 16 and up. Single mothers are also allowed to register ahead of time to receive a vaccine. Register for a vaccine [here](#). Questions? Contact Andre Christian at achristian@gmnebo.org.

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 – now accepting [walk-ups](#) based on availability
- Germantown – Montgomery College Campus

- Hagerstown – Premium Outlets
- Timonium - Maryland State Fairgrounds
- Waldorf – Regency Furniture Blue Crab Stadium
- Annapolis - Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
- Frederick - Fredrick Community College

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.

Rumor Control – COVID Vaccines Will Not Change Your DNA

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, addresses a rumor that has been circulating in communities that COVID-19 vaccines will change your DNA. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

COVID-19 Vaccines Highly Recommended for People at Increased Risk for Severe Illness

Everyone 16 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. Adults of any age with [certain underlying medical conditions](#) are at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for and can be administered to most people with underlying medical conditions.

The CDC has updated the list of [underlying medical conditions](#) with the most potential impact for severe illness for patients infected with COVID-19. Age is the biggest risk factor to severe illness, with more than 80% of COVID-19 related deaths in the U.S. occurring in patients ages 65 and older. The

more chronic medical conditions a person has, the more likely they are to become severely ill if they become infected with COVID-19. High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and chronic pulmonary disease were the most common comorbidities. While underlying medical conditions play a significant role in the severity of illness, nearly 30% of inpatients and almost 75% of outpatients diagnosed with COVID-19 had no comorbidities as defined in the study conducted.

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. The committee will reconvene on April 23 to review additional data.

Updated Travel and Cruise Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued updated guidance regarding travel to other countries and travelers on cruise ships and river cruises. An [interactive map shows the level of risk](#) of exposure to COVID-19 by country, ranging from level unknown, to level four. The CDC recommends avoiding countries rated as unknown and level 4. The CDC has assessed [cruise ships at a level four risk level](#), and recommends that all travelers avoid cruise ships and river cruises, due to the high risk of exposure in crowded and close quarters onboard. The CDC provides guidance to [Travelers Returning to Cruise Ships and River Cruise Voyages](#), including steps vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers should take if considering cruise travel.

Prince George's County Now Providing Vaccination Cards

When the County Health Department initially opened its vaccination clinics, the department did not provide CDC vaccination cards, instead providing residents with electronic records after their vaccination. They have since changed that policy and are now providing vaccination cards at Health Department sites as residents get vaccinated.

If you did not receive a CDC vaccination card and would like one, please email the Health Department at COVID19_VaxCard@co.pg.md.us providing your name, address, date of birth, contact information, and the date and location of your vaccination. It may take several days to process the request, but once your vaccination card is ready, Health Department staff will follow up via email.

CVS Now Offering Over-the-Counter COVID Tests

In an effort to expand access to home testing, CVS Health Corp will now offer three [over-the-counter COVID-19 tests](#) in drugstores and online. The tests have received FDA Emergency Use Authorization and do not require a prescription and are intended for use by individuals with or without symptoms.

Other News

Upcoming Virtual Meetings/Events

- [Capital Area Solar Co-op Information Session](#) – 4/22, 6:30 p.m.
- Prescription Drug Takeback Day – 4/24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Budget Worksession #3 (Community Services Department – 4/26, 8 p.m.
- [Bowie Advisory Planning Board Meeting on South Lake Development](#) – 4/27, 7 p.m.

- Budget Worksession #4 (City Manager’s Office, Police, Finance & Non-dept) – 4/28, 8 p.m.
- [How to Have a Health Yard for Birds, Bees, Pets & People Webinar](#) – 4/29, 6:30 p.m.
- [Bowie Youth Council youth application deadline](#) – 4/30
- [Job Fair for Young Adults 16 – 24](#) – 5/6, 6 to 8 p.m.

Senior Grab & Go Meal Giveaway

County Council Member Todd Turner will partner with the City of Bowie to host a drive-through “Senior Grab & Go” meal giveaway for residents (age 60+) on April 30, 2021. Hours are 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, located at 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie.

To be eligible for the giveaway, you must first [register](#) by April 26. Registration can also be done by phone. Please call Evelyn Archie in County Council Member Turner’s Office at 240-619-9775.

Stand Up & Deliver Grab & Go Meals

Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. (Groceries)

- Maryland Shiloh Apostolic Church – 5021 Temple Hill Rd., Temple Hills

Drug Takeback Day – April 24

The Bowie Police Department will a collection site for the Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Safely dispose of old and unused drugs including prescription and over-the-counter medications, as well as veterinary medications. The collection takes place on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Police Department parking lot (behind City Hall).

Reminders:

- NO sharps (needles/lancets) or aerosols will be accepted.
- This event is drive-thru only.
- Thank you for wearing a mask!



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.

Happy Earth Month!

Here's some suggestions on how to live a greener, more sustainable life:

- [Everyday tips](#)
- [100 Acts of Green](#)

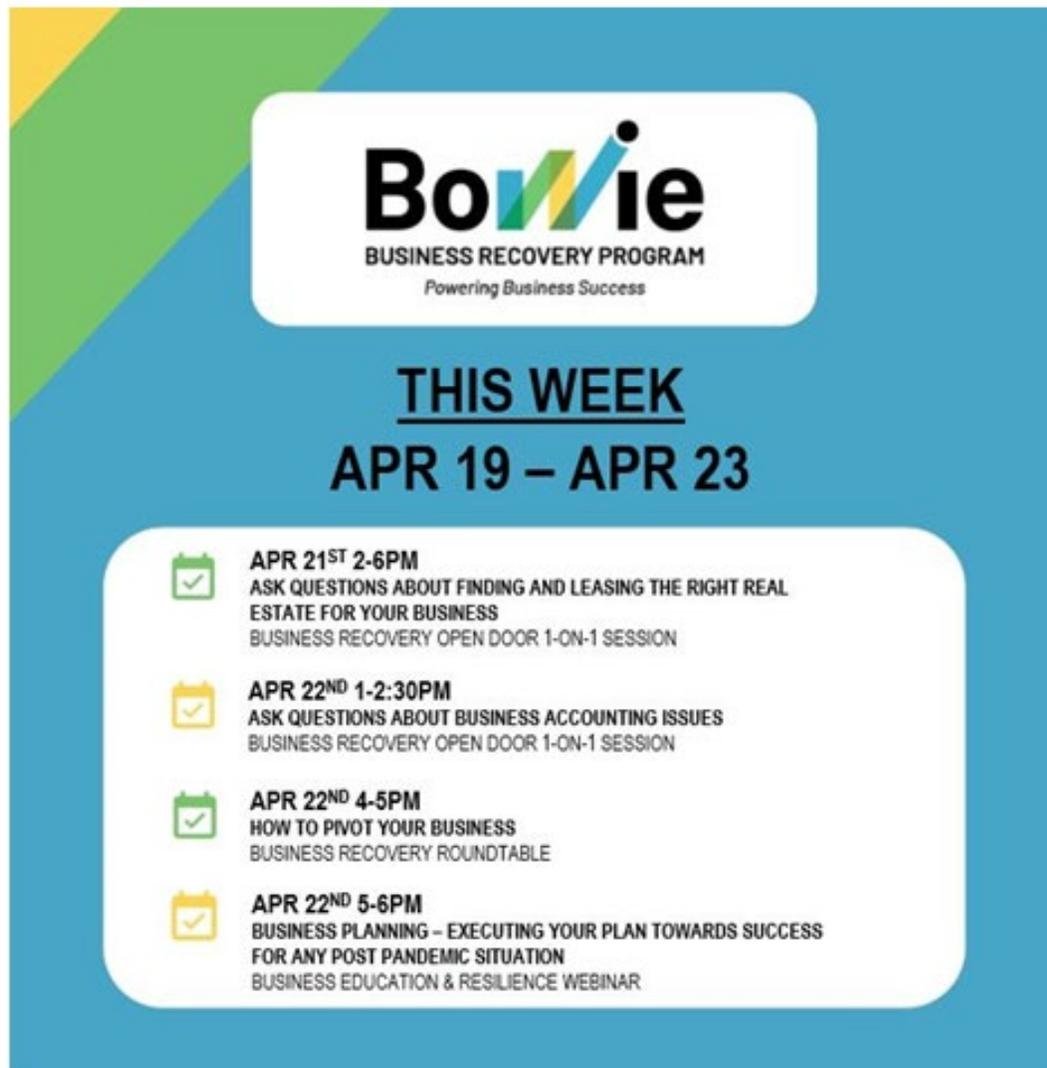
And don't forget – flowers, shrubs, and trees are all great for the environment. Shop the annual [Bowie Garden Club Plant Sale](#) (co-sponsored by the City of Bowie). Order online and pick up your plants on May 16 in the parking lot at the Bowie Library.

Learn more about the many ways that Bowie is working to protect the environment and encourage sustainable practices at www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie.

Dine Prince George's Contest: Two Weeks Left!

Only 2 weeks left in the Dine Prince George's contest, and the nomination portal is now reopened for the remainder of the contest! If your favorite restaurant isn't entered, tell them to enter NOW, and then make sure to vote. Submit nominations and vote at www.pgcedc.com/dineprincegeorges.

Bowie Business Recovery Program Offerings



The graphic features the Bowie Business Recovery Program logo at the top, which includes the text "Bowie BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM" and the tagline "Powering Business Success". Below the logo, the text "THIS WEEK" is underlined, followed by "APR 19 – APR 23". A list of four events is provided, each with a calendar icon and a checkmark:

- APR 21ST 2-6PM**
ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT FINDING AND LEASING THE RIGHT REAL ESTATE FOR YOUR BUSINESS
BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR 1-ON-1 SESSION
- APR 22ND 1-2:30PM**
ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT BUSINESS ACCOUNTING ISSUES
BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR 1-ON-1 SESSION
- APR 22ND 4-5PM**
HOW TO PIVOT YOUR BUSINESS
BUSINESS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE
- APR 22ND 5-6PM**
BUSINESS PLANNING – EXECUTING YOUR PLAN TOWARDS SUCCESS FOR ANY POST PANDEMIC SITUATION
BUSINESS EDUCATION & RESILIENCE WEBINAR

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 | No Flushing in Heather Hills Due to Construction |
| 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