



COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID Brief

This morning Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford visited the vaccine clinic at the Bowie Senior Center. He spoke of the many benefits of community clinics like ours that are quick, easy to access, relatively small, and close to home.

If you are age 16+ and live in Prince George's County, you're eligible to get vaccinated. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/vax to pre-register. You will receive a scheduling call, usually within 24 hours. Or call 301-262-6200 if you need assistance with the process.

State and Local COVID-19 Data

Covid-19 Data			
	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	438,789 (+1,205)	81,701 (+178)	Cases: 7,099 (+19)
Deaths	8,605 (+13)	1,428 (+0)	
Positivity Rate	5.28%	5.71%	20715: 1,559 (+7)
Case Rate Per 100K	19.94	17.33	20716: 1,561 (+3)
Currently Hospitalized	1,279 (-0.2%)	NA	20720: 1,799 (+7)
Total Hospitalized	40,487	8,251 (+39)	20721: 2,180 (+2)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	2,379,702 (39.36% pop.)	285,189 (31.36% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	1,509,633 (24.97% pop.)	165,049 (18.15% pop.)	
Single Dose	180,007 (2.98%)	17,785 (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](#).

Governor Hogan Provides COVID Update Today

Governor Hogan held a press conference this afternoon to report progress on Maryland's COVID-19 plan.

Vaccine Progress

- Maryland has now administered more than 4 million vaccines. As of today, more than 82% of all Marylanders over the age of 65, and more than 55% of all Marylanders 18 and older have received a vaccination.
- Other mass vax milestones include Six Flags reaching 250,00 vaccinations given, the Waldorf site administering 100,000 shots, and M&T Bank Stadium hitting a new record of 1,000 vaccinations given in a single hour yesterday.
- Harford County's mass vaccination site will open at Ripken Stadium in Harford County on April 22. Next week, the Howard County site at the Mall in Columbia will open.
- More walk-up lines are available at mass vaccination sites.
- Vaccines are also now being administered at 509 pharmacies and 104 doctors' offices around the state.

No Arm Left Behind Initiative

- The state is introducing a new all-hands-on-deck effort to make sure that every Marylander who wants a vaccine can get access to one as quickly as possible.
- The state will be doing direct outreach to seniors and Medicaid recipients and offering clinics at senior centers. *(Note: The City of Bowie Senior Center clinic was the first of these in Maryland)*
- Vaccines will also be available on some college campuses and some mass vax sites will reserve blocks of appointments for college students
- Partnerships are being established with major employers in Maryland to make sure workforces are vaccinated and that vaccines are available to manufacturing and agricultural workers.
- The state vaccine call center hotline is open seven days a week from 7 am to 10 p.m. and can now take scheduling calls in over 200 languages. The number is 1-855-GOVAX.

Governor Hogan encouraged Marylanders to get vaccinated as soon as possible and to encourage others to do so too. "Next to getting vaccinated, the most important thing you can do is to encourage all of your neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family to get vaccinated as well."

The Governor also mentioned that Senior Centers could begin reopening soon. The City will be seeking clarification on when that can happen and what restrictions may be required.

Updated Guidance for Social Gatherings

The CDC has issued updated guidance about social gatherings. The following message was posted on the CDC website yesterday:

"COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths [are extremely high across the United States](#). To decrease your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19, CDC recommends that you [do not gather with people who do not live with you](#) at this time. Attending events and gatherings increases your risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. Stay home to [protect yourself and others](#) from COVID-19."

To decrease your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19, CDC recommends that you do not gather with people who do not live with you. Whether you have been vaccinated or not, attending social gatherings increases the risk of being exposed to the coronavirus. Visit the [CDC's Personal and Social Activities page](#) for guidance on gathering in a variety of settings.

Consistently wearing a mask in public spaces, maintaining 6 feet of physical distance, and self-isolating if sick remain the best ways to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Vaccine Clinic at the Bowie Senior Center Vaccine for County Residents Age 16+

Vaccines are administered at the Bowie Senior Center on Sundays, Monday, and Wednesdays, by appointment only. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/vax for details and the pre-registration link.

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.** Spread the word!

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/VAX

Appointments available for Pfizer vaccines (2 doses)

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

Later in April:

- Harford County - Ripken Stadium – (4/22)
- Columbia - The Mall in Columbia

Walk up (no appointment) shots are now available at the following mass vaccination sites: Baltimore Convention Center, Greenbelt, Hagerstown Navy Stadium in Annapolis, M&T Bank, and Salisbury.

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.

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.

Pfizer Requests Permission to Expand Vaccine to Adolescents

On April 9, Pfizer requested an expansion of its Emergency Use Authorization of the COVID-19 Vaccine to include adolescents 12 to 15 years of age. There is no word yet on when a decision by the CDC and FDA is expected.

Study on Long COVID Syndrome (also known as COVID Long Haulers)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) reported the results of a new study of relatively young, healthy adult healthcare workers in Sweden on the frequency of Long COVID Syndrome. The study found that just over 1 in 10 healthcare workers, who had what at first seemed to be a relatively mild bout of COVID-19, were still coping with at least one moderate to severe symptom eight months later. Those symptoms, most commonly included loss of smell and taste, fatigue, and breathing problems. Symptoms also negatively affected the work and/or personal lives of these individuals.

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



THIS WEEK APR 19 – APR 23



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 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	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