



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

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## COVID Brief

The rate of COVID vaccinations in the U.S. has continued to slide in recent days. The seven-day average of daily shots reported administered fell to 2.7 million on Monday, the lowest level since late March.

In a press conference held Wednesday afternoon, Governor Hogan lifted the masking order mandating masks outside and provided other information about the state of the pandemic in Maryland.

## Governor Hogan Provides Vaccine Update

This afternoon, the governor lifted the Maryland outside masking order and provided other information about the state of the pandemic in Maryland.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MASKING ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL SPECIFIC ACTION IS TAKEN TO LIFT IT. THE COUNTY ORDER STILL REQUIRES THAT MASKS BE WORN ANY TIME YOU LEAVE HOME.**

Below is a summary of the governor's comments:

## Vaccinations

- More than 4.5 million vaccines have been administered in Maryland.
- Nearly 85% of Marylanders over 65 have been vaccinated; and over 60% of Marylanders 18 and older have been vaccinated.
- Beginning Saturday, May 1, all eligible Marylanders can go online to [www.covidvax.maryland.gov](http://www.covidvax.maryland.gov) or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX and immediately book an appointment at any of the state's mass vax sites.
- Mass vax site pre-registration will end tomorrow, in preparation for direct scheduling.
- Walk-up or drive-thru options are now available at nine mass vaccination sites.
- If you require additional assistance with getting vaccinated, especially if you are homebound or need transportation, call the state hotline at 1-855-MD-GOVAX to be connected to a vaccinator.
- Large blocks of appointments are being set aside at mass vax sites for university students and major employers.

- All college students in Maryland are encouraged to begin the vaccination process here, even if they may end up getting their second shot in their home state.

### COVID conditions in Maryland

- The case rate per 100,000 has dropped by 33% over the past 2 weeks
- The state positivity rate has dropped to 3.89%.
- Hospitalizations are down 44% from the winter peak.

### Other Restrictions

- Effective Saturday, May 1, all restrictions will be lifted for outdoor dining.
- Standing service may resume outdoors at bars and restaurants, and all capacity and distancing restrictions related to outdoor dining will be lifted.
- Seated service and physical distancing requirements will remain in place indoors at bars and restaurants, and individuals who are not vaccinated should continue to be cautious.

### Mask Restrictions

- Effective immediately, the state mask order is lifted. Mask and face coverings are no longer required outdoors.
- Masks or face coverings are still required at all large, ticketed venues, as well as indoors at all public and private businesses, and when using public transportation.
- Marylanders who have not yet been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks, especially when physical distancing is not possible.

The governor encouraged all Marylanders to get vaccinated, saying “The fastest way to put this pandemic behind us once and for all is for every single eligible Marylander to get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

### Prince George’s County Vaccination Rate Lags Behind Other Jurisdictions

According to the Maryland vaccine data webpage, the current vaccination rate for Prince George’s County is 23.15%, one of the lowest rates in the state.

State and county officials have been working to improve the vaccination rate through education and by making clinics more accessible to a majority of county residents, both in terms of their locations and hours of operation. Mobile clinics are visiting areas that had high COVID case rates and clinics have opened at houses of worship and community gathering places. Mass vax sites and other clinics are offering walk-in vaccinations to make it as easy as possible for people to get shots.

Please join us in being a vaccine ambassador about our vaccine clinic and join us in spreading the word about how important it is for all of us to get vaccinated.

### State and Local COVID-19 Data

	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	445,493 (+1,002)	82,663 (+148)	Cases: 7,183 (+15)
Deaths	8,709 (+21)	1,442 (+6)	
Positivity Rate	3.89%	4.54%	20715: 1,574 (+5)
Case Rate Per 100K	15.84	15.11	20716: 1,577 (+4)
Currently Hospitalized	1,093 (-3.2%)	NA	20720: 1,823 (+1)
Total Hospitalized	41,220	8,329 (+2)	20721: 2,209 (+5)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland	PG County	

<b>1st of 2 Dose Received</b>	2,282,101 (42.71% pop.)	312,942 (34.42% pop.)
<b>2nd of 2 Dose Received</b>	1,725,218 (28.54% pop.)	192,515 (21.17% pop.)
<b>Single Dose</b>	181,582 (3.0%)	17,993 (1.98% pop.)

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

### Anyone Age 16+ Can Get Vaccinated at Bowie's Vaccination Clinic

The City of Bowie's vaccination clinic at the Bowie Senior Center is quick and convenient. Any individual age 16 and up is eligible to get vaccinated there. Appointments are now being scheduled on Sundays and Wednesdays. **Depending on the number of booked appointments and cancellations and no-shows, walk-in appointments are sometimes available.** Sign up for Alert Bowie or follow the City of Bowie on social media to receive the latest information on walk-in vaccination availability.

Pre-register now at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) and you'll receive a call to schedule your appointment, usually within 24 hours. 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.

The Bowie Senior Center Vaccine Clinic is now accepting appointment requests for second doses, even if you received your first shot elsewhere. You must have received the Pfizer vaccine as your first dose and must provide proof of that vaccine. Second dose Pfizer vaccines should be received 21 days after the first dose, but not earlier than the three-week interval. If you have had problems scheduling a second dose in a timely manner, the CDC says a second dose may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if absolutely necessary. [Read the CDC guidance](#)



# COVID VACCINE CLINIC

FOR AGES 16+  
BOWIE SENIOR CENTER

NOW SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS

**CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/VAX**  
**OR 301-262-6200**

THIS CLINIC IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF BOWIE AND SAFEWAY.

### Mass Vaccination Sites

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

The closest mass vaccination sites to Bowie are Six Flags on Central Avenue, the Greenbelt Metro Station, and the Navy Stadium in Annapolis. Maryland has begun drive-thru, no-appointment

vaccinations at the Six Flags America, Regency Furniture Stadium, and Ripken Stadium mass vaccination sites. [Details](#)

County vaccination clinics are now open registration. Those who live or work in the County can now schedule first-dose appointments directly, no pre-registration is required. Second-dose appointments are scheduled during your first appointment. Residents can search for county vaccination clinics at [COVID-19 Vaccine Locator](#). Visit <http://mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine> to schedule an appointment online.

**New CDC Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated**

The CDC issued [new guidance](#) on outdoor mask use for fully vaccinated people. They can now unmask at small outdoor gatherings, or when dining outside with friends from multiple households. The CDC is telling unvaccinated people that they still need to wear a mask at such gatherings. [Learn more](#) about CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people. [Choosing Safer Activities Graphic](#)

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## Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
Less Safe		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	

**COVID-19 Rapid Tests Now Available Over-the-Counter at Pharmacies**

Three COVID-19 tests are now available over the counter at CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart pharmacies. Each test is easy to administer at home. Two of the tests, Ellume and Abbott’s BinaxNOW, are rapid antigen tests which deliver results in 15 minutes. The third, LabCorp’s Pixel, is a PCR test, which requires a remote evaluation by lab clinicians that takes 1-2 days.

## Other News

**Upcoming Virtual Meetings/Events**

- 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.

**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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair) or email Rhonda Simon at [rsimon@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rsimon@cityofbowie.org) for more information.



The poster features a dark blue background with a green border. On the left is the City of Bowie logo. The main title '2021 VIRTUAL YOUNG ADULT JOB FAIR' is in large green and yellow letters. To the right are icons of a person at a computer and a laptop with social media icons. Below the title are two boxes: 'May 6TH' and '6-8 PM'. Underneath is 'AGES 16-24'. A white box contains the text 'LIVE PRESENTATIONS | ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS | VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS'. At the bottom are 'REGISTER' and 'INFO' with their respective website and email addresses.

**2021 VIRTUAL YOUNG ADULT JOB FAIR**

**May 6TH** **6-8 PM**

**AGES 16-24**

LIVE PRESENTATIONS | ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS | VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS

**REGISTER** **INFO**

[www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair) [rsimon@cityofbowie.org](mailto:rsimon@cityofbowie.org)

### Happy Earth Month!

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

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

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

### Plant Sale

And don't forget – flowers, shrubs, and trees are all great for the environment. Be sure to shop the annual [Bowie Garden Club Plant Sale](#) (co-sponsored by the City of Bowie). The annual spring plant sale, co-sponsored by the City of Bowie and hosted by the Bowie-Crofton Garden Club, is going virtual this year. Between April 6 and May 7, 2021 you may order plants at [www.bcgardenclub.org/plantsale](http://www.bcgardenclub.org/plantsale) and enter for a chance to win the Cicada Survival Kit in the raffle. Pickups will be on May 16th at the Bowie Library on Annapolis Road.



The Annual Bowie-Crofton Garden Club Spring Plant Sale is...Virtual!



Cardinal Flower



Beardtongue



Red Columbine



Blue Ice-Bluestar



Thread-leaf Coreopsis



Bee Balm



Catmint



Smooth Ox-Eye Daisy



Limelight Lady Fern



Coral Bells



Tussock Sedge



Yarrow

**Bowie-Crofton Garden Club  
Spring 2021 Virtual Plant Sale**

For detailed plant information,  
order form, and  
Cicada Survival Kit Raffle  
go to

[www.bcgardenclub.org/plantsale](http://www.bcgardenclub.org/plantsale)

Order and Pay by  
May 7



Pick up at  
Bowie Library on  
May 16



Korean Tassel Fern



Creeping Phlox



This event is co-sponsored by the City of Bowie

**Prince George's County Library Phased Reopening April 28**

Select Prince George's County Memorial Library System locations (Bowie, Laurel, New Carrollton, Oxon Hill, South Bowie, and Spaldings) will resume limited branch services April 28. Book an appointment for a computer, limited display browsing, or curbside service up to 7 days in advance. Visit <http://pgcmls.info/reopening> for more information.

**APRIL 28  
2021**

**PHASED REOPENING  
PHASE 2 - LIMITED BRANCH SERVICES**



CURBSIDE SERVICE



COMPUTER RESERVATIONS



LIMITED BROWSING



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[PGCMLS.INFO/REOPENING](http://PGCMLS.INFO/REOPENING)

Participating Branches: Bowie, Laurel, New Carrollton, Oxon Hill, South Bowie, and Spaldings

**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:

<b>DATES</b>	<b>NEIGHBORHOODS</b>
<b>APRIL 5 &amp; 6</b>	Buckingham, Derbyshire, & Forest Dr
<b>APRIL 7 &amp; 8</b>	Somerset & Bowie Forest
<b>APRIL 9 &amp; 12</b>	Tulip Grove
<b>APRIL 13 &amp; 14</b>	Foxhill & Long Ridge
<b>APRIL 15, 16 &amp; 19</b>	Kenilworth
<b>APRIL 20</b>	No Flushing in Heather Hills Due to Construction
<b>APRIL 21, 22 &amp; 23</b>	Meadowbrook
<b>APRIL 26</b>	Gradys Walk & Glenridge
<b>APRIL 27</b>	Chapel Forge
<b>APRIL 28</b>	Victoria Heights & Race Track Rd Townhouses
<b>APRIL 29</b>	Idlewild
<b>APRIL 30</b>	Yorktown & Overbrook
<b>MAY 3</b>	Whitehall
<b>MAY 4</b>	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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/flushing) for more information**



## THIS WEEK APR 26 – APR 30



**APR 29<sup>TH</sup> 12-1:30PM**

**ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT CREATING DIGITAL CONTENT FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR 1-ON-1 SESSION



**APR 29<sup>TH</sup> 4-5PM**

**ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO PIVOT YOUR BUSINESS**

BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR 1-ON-1 SESSION



**APR 29<sup>TH</sup> 5-6PM**

**WHAT THEY DIDN'T TEACH IN HIGH SCHOOL-POST PANDEMIC FINANCIAL LITERACY**

BUSINESS EDUCATION & RESILIENCE WEBINAR