



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, April 29, 2021

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COVID Brief

As Maryland surpasses 4.5 million vaccinations, the state's positivity rate has declined to 3.77%. The state case rate fell again, and total COVID-19 hospitalizations have decreased as well.

Today is the last day to pre-register for a mass vaccination site appointment: covidvax.maryland.gov. Starting May 1, individuals can go to the state mass vax site to book their appointments directly.

MARYLAND COVID-19 UPDATE: APRIL 29, 2021

VACCINATIONS 4,548,318 ↑ 59,417	POSITIVITY RATE 3.77% ↓ 0.12
CASE RATE PER 100K 15.3 ↓ 0.5	HOSPITALIZATIONS 1,080 ↓ 13

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Governor Hogan Provides Vaccine Update

Wednesday 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.

Beginning Saturday, May 1, all eligible Marylanders can go online to 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.

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.

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.

Prince George’s County Vaccination Rate Lags Behind Other Jurisdictions

According to the Maryland vaccine data webpage, Prince George’s County has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the state. State and county officials have been working to improve County vaccination rate through education and by making clinics more accessible to a majority of county residents.

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	446,459 (+966)	82,809 (+146)	Cases: 7,195 (+12)
Deaths	8,718 (+9)	1,450 (+8)	
Positivity Rate	3.18%	4.45%	20715: 1,577 (+3)
Case Rate Per 100K	15.28	14.85	20716: 1,580 (+3)
Currently Hospitalized	1,080 (-1.1%)	NA	20720: 1,825 (+2)
Total Hospitalized	41,328	8,347 (+18)	20721: 2,213 (+4)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	2,606,777 (43.12% pop.)	316,264 (34.78% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	1,758,310 (29.08% pop.)	198,632 (21.84% pop.)	
Single Dose	183,231 (3.0%)	18,111 (1.99% pop.)	

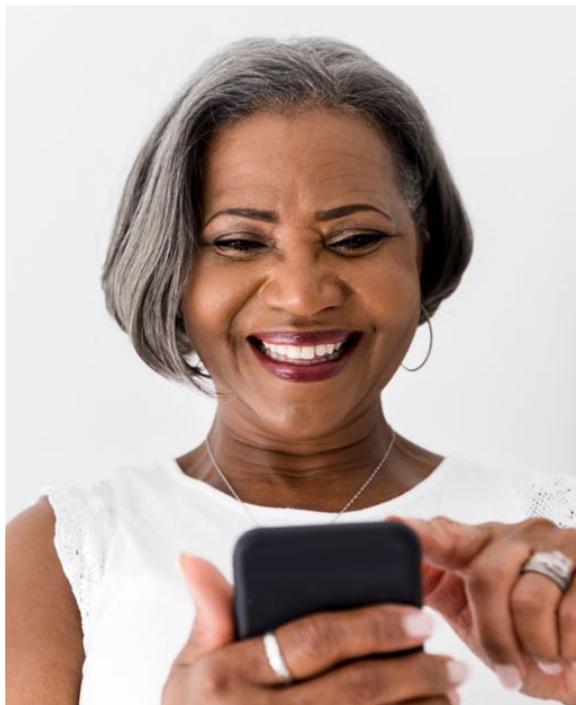
For more detailed data visit The CDC [COVID tracker](#), the Maryland [COVID dashboard](#), and the Prince George's County Health Department [COVID dashboard](#).

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 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 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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Update on the Status of the Bowie Senior Center

The Bowie Senior Center is currently being used as a critical vaccine clinic two days a week. That operation will continue for several more weeks. If you are not vaccinated yet, please take advantage of this convenient opportunity to get protected. (Visit www.cityofbowie.org/vax or call 301-262-6200.)

Maryland is taking steps to begin reopening some senior centers across the state. They will be opening a few centers soon and will watch them closely to make sure they are operating safely and not causing outbreaks. Gradually they will allow more centers to open. We await guidance from the Maryland Department of Aging about how that will occur.

To prepare for that day, staff has developed a re-opening plan, which we will implement when we are able. When the Bowie Senior Center does reopen, the Center will operate with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. That means we will require temperature checks and will ask health screening questions. Participants will be required to wear a face mask at all times, maintain six feet of social distancing between others, and wash hands frequently. Reservations will be required for many programs and activities and the group activities that do occur will be very limited in size.

For now, the Senior Center continues to provide services through on-line classes and programs, responding to phone calls for assistance, Food Pantry and County meal delivery, drive-thru and Grab-N-Go events, monthly Newsletter, and sharing information on social media.

Other News

Upcoming Virtual Meetings/Events

- [How to Have a Health Yard for Birds, Bees, Pets & People Webinar](#) – 4/29, 6:30 p.m. **TONIGHT**
- [Bowie Youth Council youth application deadline](#) – 4/30
- [Job Fair for Young Adults 16 – 24](#) – 5/6, 6 to 8 p.m.

Youth Council Application Deadline is 4/30

Bowie students: are you in grades 6 to 12? Do you have an interest in City of Bowie affairs? Would you like to make sure that the City Council and the City government are getting a youthful perspective on local issues and needs?

The Youth Council provides Bowie students in grades 6-12 with the opportunity to have a voice in City government, express their views and engage with local elected officials. Learn more and apply by **TODAY**, April 30 at www.cityofbowie.org/youthcouncil.

Bowie students in grades 6-12, learn about local government and make **your** voice heard in city affairs by applying for the

THE CITY OF BOWIE

YOUTH COUNCIL

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2021



 www.cityofbowie.org/youthcouncil

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.

The poster features a dark blue background with a green border. At the top left is the City of Bowie logo, which includes an American flag and the text 'CITY OF BOWIE MARYLAND'. To the right of the logo, the text '2021 VIRTUAL YOUNG ADULT JOB FAIR' is displayed in large, bold letters. Further right are icons of a person at a computer and a laptop with various symbols. Below the title, two boxes contain the dates 'May 6TH' and '6-8 PM'. Underneath these is the text 'AGES 16-24'. A horizontal bar contains the text 'LIVE PRESENTATIONS | ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS | VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS'. At the bottom, there are two columns: 'REGISTER' with the website 'www.cityofbowie.org/jobfair' and 'INFO' with the email '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.

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](#). 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. Until May 7, 2021 you may order plants at 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

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

Some Smithsonian Museums Reopen May 5

Beginning Wednesday, May 5, the Smithsonian will reopen seven museums and the National Zoo with added health and safety measures. Visitors will need to reserve free timed entry passes for all locations. Visit the Smithsonian Museums [website](#) for more details.

April is Fair Housing Month

Learn more about your rights to fair housing and what leasing agents, realtors, etc. should know about the subject at a virtual Fair Housing Symposium held this Friday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Be sure to register for the virtual presentation at bowie.fyi/2021FairHousing. Questions? Visit www.cityofbowie.org/fairhousing or contact Kay Starr at bowiehsg@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3009.

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



THIS WEEK APR 26 – APR 30



APR 29TH 12-1:30PM

ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT CREATING DIGITAL CONTENT FOR YOUR BUSINESS

BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR 1-ON-1 SESSION



APR 29TH 4-5PM

ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO PIVOT YOUR BUSINESS

BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR 1-ON-1 SESSION



APR 29TH 5-6PM

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

BUSINESS EDUCATION & RESILIENCE WEBINAR