



COVID-19 UPDATE

Friday, April 30, 2021

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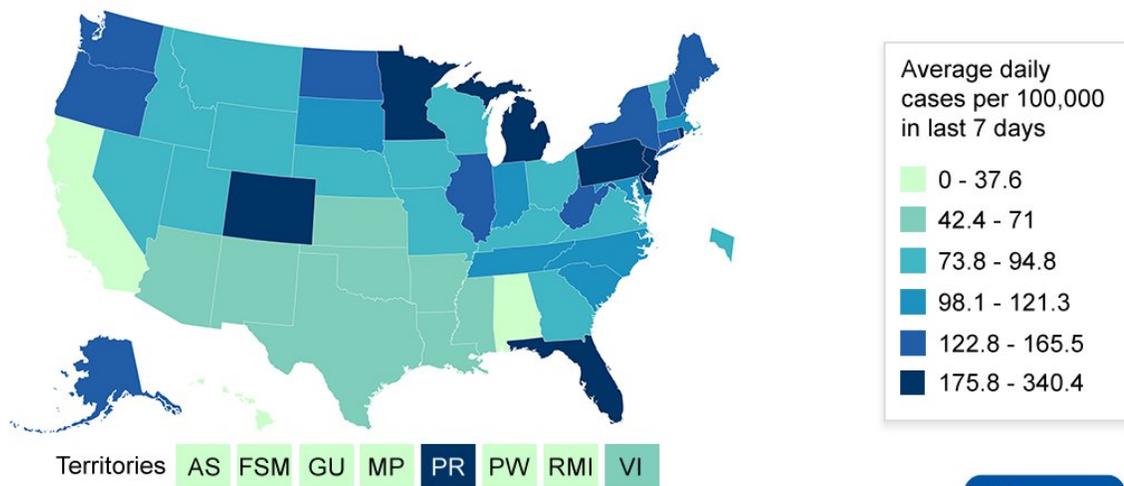
COVID Brief

COVID-19 rates are falling. The current 7-day average of new daily cases is 53,934, a 16% decrease from the previous week. Average daily cases per 100,000 in the last 7 days.

Starting May 1, individuals can go to the state mass vax site at covidvax.maryland.gov to book their appointments directly.

COVID DATA TRACKER

U.S. COVID-19 Cases in the Last 7 Days by State and Territory



Find the latest data on
CDC's COVID Data Tracker

Data as of April 27, 2021
Source: COVID Data Tracker – Cases and Deaths



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.

State and Local COVID-19 Data

	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	447,401 (+942)	82,965 (+156)	Cases: 7,209 (+14)
Deaths	8,744 (+26)	1,454 (+4)	
Positivity Rate	3.72%	4.30%	20715: 1,577 (+0)
Case Rate Per 100K	14.76	14.7	20716: 1,583 (+3)
Currently Hospitalized	1,042 (-3.5%)	NA	20720: 1,831 (+6)
Total Hospitalized	41,434	8,358 (+11)	20721: 2,218 (+5)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	2,634,389 (43.58% pop.)	319,998 (35.19% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	1,798,247 (29.74% pop.)	203,959 (22.43% pop.)	
Single Dose	185,714 (3.07%)	18,465 (2.03% pop.)	

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

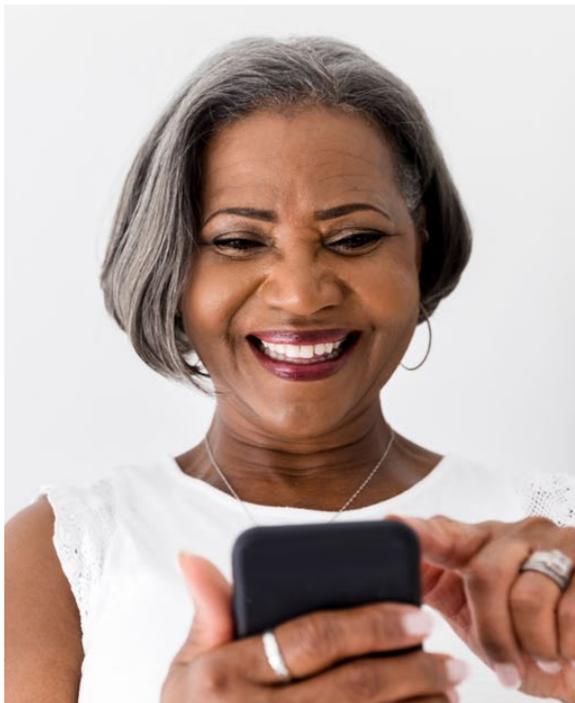
Anyone Age 16+ Can Get Vaccinated at Bowie’s Vaccination Clinic

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.

Prince George's County Tele-Town Hall Community Update

On Tuesday, May 4 at 6 p.m., Prince George's County will host a Tele-Town Hall to provide the latest updates on COVID-19 vaccinations in the County, as well as answers questions and concerns from the community. To register, or submit questions or concerns, visit: <https://bit.ly/PGCTownHallMay4>

CDC Emphasizes Importance of Second Dose

The CDC's updated guidance highlights the need for everyone who has received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines to [get a second shot](#) for the most protection. The vaccines are not interchangeable, so the manufacturer of the second dose should be the same as the first. Anyone who experienced side effects from the first dose should still get their second dose unless otherwise advised by a vaccine provider or health care provider.

Timing of the second dose varies between manufacturers, with some flexibility about how long after the first dose was administered, but neither vaccine should be administered early. Everyone should receive a vaccination card when they receive their first dose of vaccine. Bring your vaccination card to your second dose appointment to ensure that you receive the correct vaccine. Regardless of the manufacturer, or whether your vaccine requires one or two doses, everyone is considered fully vaccinated with maximum protection two weeks after their final dose.

COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review

Every Friday the CDC publishes a Weekly COVID review, summarizing the COVID stats and news for the week. Read this week's Weekly Review on the CDC [website](#).

UMD School of Medicine Study on Moderna Efficacy in Children

More than 6,700 children, ranging from 6 months to 11 years of age, from across the U.S. and Canada are taking part in a University of Maryland School of Medicine [study](#) on the efficacy of the Moderna vaccine in children.

Other News

Upcoming Virtual Meetings/Events

- [Bowie Youth Council youth application deadline](#) – 4/30 **TODAY**
- [Council Meeting: Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing](#) – 5/3
- [Job Fair for Young Adults 16 – 24](#) – 5/6, 6 to 8 p.m.

Jobs

The City of Bowie is seeking applicants for the following positions:

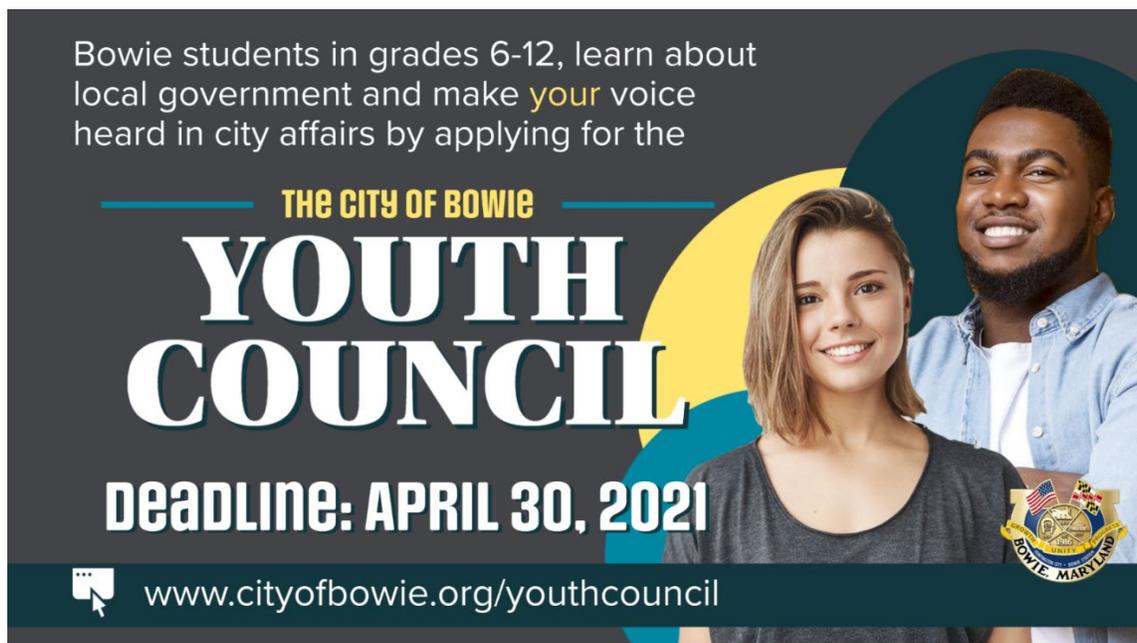
- Temporary Laborer - Parks and Grounds (Open until 4/30) **TODAY**
- Part Time Museum Aide (Open until 5/14)
- Communications Specialist II (Open until 12/31)
- Entry Level Police Officer (Open until 12/31)
- Public Health Officer (Open until 12/31)

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

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

The advertisement features a dark background with a large yellow and blue circular graphic. It includes a photograph of a young woman and a young man smiling. A small seal of the City of Bowie, Maryland, is visible in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

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.

Virtual Job Fair May 6 for Young Adults 16 - 24

The City of Bowie is hosting a virtual employment fair 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. On the left is the City of Bowie, Maryland seal. The main text reads '2021 VIRTUAL YOUNG ADULT JOB FAIR' in large, bold 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 horizontal bar contains 'LIVE PRESENTATIONS | ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS | VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS'. At the bottom are 'REGISTER' with the website and 'INFO' with the email address.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

The Bowie City Council will be issuing a proclamation next week in recognition of **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**. As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, it is more important than ever to be aware of the signs that your child-- or another family member or friend --may be struggling with a mental health issue.

Signs include :

- Increased worrying,
- Avoiding friends or usual activities,
- Changes in sleep or eating habits,
- Consistent irritability or anger,
- Abuse of alcohol or other drugs.

If you or someone you care about is in danger of self-harm, call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room. Help is also available 24/7 through the Prince George's County Hotline at 301-864-7161.

The City's Youth Service Bureau is here to provide outpatient counseling and support for all Bowie-area youth and their families. We can be reached Monday-Friday at **(513) 817-3158**. You are not alone!

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.

GREEN BOWIE

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

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

Cardinal Flower
Beardtongue
Red Columbine
Blue Ice-Bluestar
Thread-leaf Coreopsis
Bee Balm
Catmint
Korean Tassel Fern
Creeping Phlox
Smooth Ox-Eye Daisy
Limelight Lady Fern
Coral Bells
Tussock Sedge
Yarrow

BOWIE, MARYLAND

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Bowie

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