



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

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## COVID Brief

Maryland and Prince George's case rates and COVID hospitalizations are showing encouraging declines over the last several days.

Prince George's County has modified its mask order to bring it more in line with the latest CDC guidance. However, indoor and outdoor capacity limits at restaurants, retail establishments, and other businesses have not changed. Nor have indoor or outdoor gathering limits changed.

## State and Local COVID-19 Data

Covid-19 Data			
	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	449,509 (+2,108*)	83,310 (+345*)	<b>Cases: 7,238 (+29*)</b>
Deaths	8,797 (+53*)	1,460 (+6*)	
Positivity Rate	3.72%	4.64%	20715: 1,590 (+13*)
Case Rate Per 100K	13.46	14.22	20716: 1,587 (+4*)
Currently Hospitalized	953 (-8.5%*)	NA	20720: 1,835 (+4*)
Total Hospitalized	41,698	8,416 (+58*)	20721: 2,226 (+8*)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland		PG County
1st of 2 Dose Received	2,778,814 (45.96% pop.)		326,879 (35.95% pop.)
2nd of 2 Dose Received	1,932,884 (31.97% pop.)		215,028 (23.65% pop.)
Single Dose	190,827 (3.16%)		18,677 (2.05% pop.)
*Addt Cases Since Friday April 30th, 2021			

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

### Prince George's County Mask Requirement Eased for Vaccinated Individuals

On April 30, Prince George's County modified its mask order to align more closely with new face coverings guidance issued recently by the CDC.

In Prince George's County, vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks when outdoors walking, running, hiking, or biking or in small gatherings with members of their household or other fully vaccinated people. Unvaccinated people are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and to continue wearing masks outdoors until they are fully vaccinated.

Masks are still required at outdoor ticketed events and in all indoor venues, including retail establishments, and while on public transportation.

Despite Maryland lifting some capacity restrictions, Prince George's County capacity limits have not changed. The following restrictions remain in place in Prince George's County:

- **Indoor gatherings** are limited to a maximum of 20 persons and outdoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 50 persons.
- **Restaurants:** Indoor and outdoor dining is allowed at 50% of maximum capacity. Restaurants must ensure social distancing and mask-wearing is observed.
- **Theaters:** Open at 50% of maximum capacity.
- **Gyms/Fitness Centers:** Open at 50% of maximum capacity. Face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth when working out.
- **Banquet Halls, Receptions and Meeting Rooms:** Open at 50% of maximum capacity, applicable to the specific room where the event will be held.
- **Houses of Worship:** Indoor services are authorized up to 50% of maximum capacity, with social distancing requirements in place. Outdoor services are allowed up to 50% maximum capacity of the outdoor area, with social distancing and access to hand washing or hand sanitizers in place. Masks must be worn.
- **Personal Services:** Open up to 50% of maximum capacity. These establishments must operate by appointment only.
- **Retail:** Open up to 50% of maximum capacity.
- **Businesses and other establishments** must continue following all other safety guidelines, including the enforcement of wearing masks and social distancing.

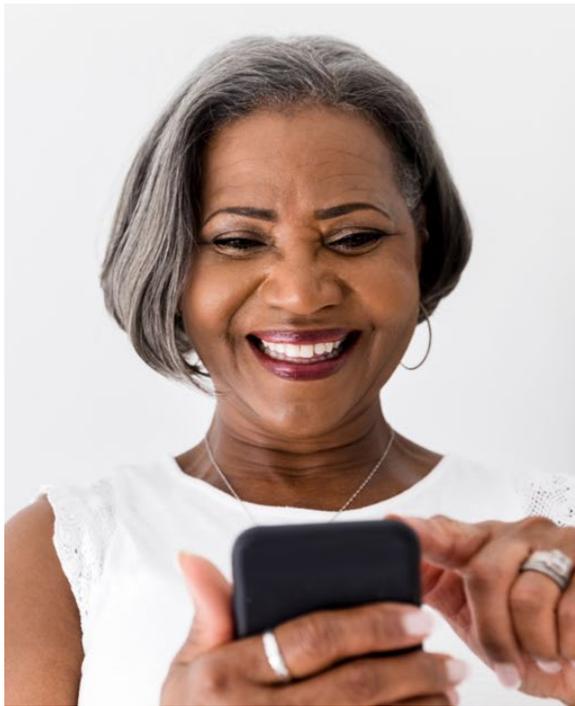
### Anyone Age 16+ Can Get Vaccinated at Bowie's Vaccination Clinic

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 also 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](https://CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/VAX)  
OR 301-262-6200

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

## Maryland Mass Vaccination Sites

Marylanders can now book appointments at mass vaccination sites by visiting [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) or by calling the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center at 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829). The support center is available seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The closest mass vaccination sites to Bowie are Six Flags on Central Avenue, the Greenbelt Metro Station, and the Navy Stadium in Annapolis.

## Prince George's County Vax Clinics

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 US Vaccination Locator

A new update to the online tool [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) allows individuals to input their zip code and see which pharmacies and other providers have COVID-19 vaccines in stock. Previously, the website just offered general guidance about vaccines such as how they worked and why they are important.

## New CDC Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated

On April 27, 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 says unvaccinated people should still wear a mask at such gatherings. [Learn more](#) about CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people. [Choosing Safer Activities Graphic](#)

## TSA Keeps Mask Requirement for Traveling

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has extended the face mask requirement for individuals across all US transportation networks, including at airports, onboard commercial aircraft, on over-the-road buses, and on commuter bus and rail systems through September 13.

### US Moves to Limit Travelers from India as World Cases Climb

The rate of new world COVID cases increased for the ninth consecutive week, with nearly 5.7 million new cases reported in the last week, surpassing previous peaks. The number of new deaths increased for the sixth consecutive week, with over 87,000 COVID-19 related fatalities. These sharp increases are fueled by uncontrolled spread of the virus in India, Brazil and some other countries.

The US government has announced that effective May 4, most non-immigrant travel from India will be suspended. Lawful permanent residents and immigrants are not subject to the order, nor will it apply to spouses or unmarried children (under 21) of US citizens or permanent residents.

### Prince George's County Tele-Town Hall Community Update – POSTPONED

**Tele-Town Hall - COVID-19 Vaccine**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 2021 ~ 6:00 pm**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**POSTPONED**  
**NEW DATE COMING SOON**

County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks will host a town hall meeting to provide the latest updates on COVID-19 vaccinations in Prince George's County, as well as answer any questions or concerns the community may have about COVID-19 vaccines.

To register, or submit your questions or concerns, visit: <http://bit.ly/PGCTownHallMay4>

*Proud to be PROTECTED*

Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

### 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 last week's Weekly Review on the CDC [website](#).

## Other News

### Upcoming Virtual Meetings/Events

- [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.

### 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](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 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 yellow-bordered box contains the text 'LIVE PRESENTATIONS | ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS | VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS'. At the bottom are 'REGISTER' and 'INFO' with their respective website and email addresses.

### 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!

### 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](http://www.bcgardenclub.org/plantsale). 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](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!

**GREEN BOWIE**

**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

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Bowie

**BOWIE, MARYLAND**

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  
Korean Tassel Fern  
Creeping Phlox

### Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Spring hydrant flushing wraps up tomorrow in Rockledge.