



COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID Brief

The number of reported COVID infections in the US dropped to its lowest point in seven months. However world pandemic cases remain at the highest levels since the pandemic began, due in large part to the extremely high numbers in India and the rest of the South-East Asia region. In the past week, India reported 46% of the world's cases and 25% of the world's COVID deaths.

Since last summer, in the US, those in the 18- 34 age range have consistently had the highest number of new cases as compared to other age groups. The same is true in Maryland where 20-39 year-olds make up a growing percentage of new cases. All individuals, age 16+ are eligible to be vaccinated; however only one in three people under 30 in the US has received at least one dose of vaccine.

State and Local COVID-19 Data

	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	452,035 (+768)	83,714 (+116)	Cases: 7,275 (+10)
Deaths	8,833 (11)	1,477 (+7)	
Positivity Rate	3.53%	4.18%	20715: 1,602 (+4)
Case Rate Per 100K	10.95	11.77	20716: 1,596 (+1)
Currently Hospitalized	859 (-4.6%)	NA	20720: 1,843 (+3)
Total Hospitalized	41,999	8,446 (+0)	20721: 2,234 (+2)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	2,843,996 (47.04% pop.)	337,121 (37.07% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	2,054,397 (33.98% pop.)	232,567 (25.58% pop.)	
Single Dose	198,049 (3.28%)	19,493 (2.14% pop.)	

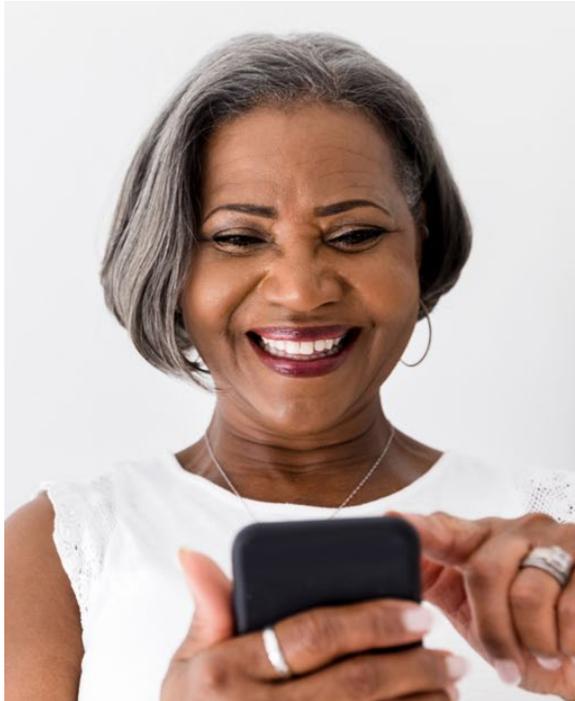
For more detailed data visit The CDC [COVID tracker](#), the Maryland [COVID dashboard](#), and the Prince George's County Health Department [COVID dashboard](#).

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 often 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/vax 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. We are also accepting appointment requests for second Pfizer doses, even if you received your first shot elsewhere.



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.**

Maryland Mass Vaccination Sites

All eligible Marylanders can now get vaccinated without an appointment at any of the state's 13 mass vaccination sites. Marylanders can also book appointments at mass vaccination sites by visiting 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.

Businesses can also schedule employees as a group at the State mass vaccinations. Please note, this applies to Maryland residents only. For more information email psector@maryland.gov.

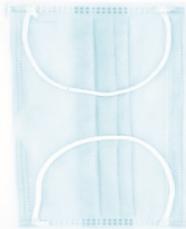
The M&T Bank Stadium Mass vaccination site is reserving a block of vaccination appointments to those who are affiliated with higher education and career training schools throughout the state between May 1 and May 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of its "University Days" campaign.

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.

Outdoor Mask Mandate Lifted Effective Immediately

Per CDC recommendations, individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to wear a mask when outdoors walking, running, hiking or biking, or in small gatherings with members of their household or other fully vaccinated people.



Masks are still required:

- In crowded outdoor venues like sports stadiums or outdoor concert venues.
- In all indoor venues and while on public transportation.

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

Unvaccinated residents are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and continue wearing their masks outdoors until they are fully vaccinated.

**All other
COVID-19
safety
guidelines
and
requirements
remain in
place at
this time.**

CDC Guidance

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](#).

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. Bring your vaccination card to your second dose appointment to ensure that you receive the correct vaccine. 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.

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](#)

The CDC has updated its guidance on the [Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Essential Workers](#).

Vaccine News

On May 12, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will meet to review Pfizer's application for Emergency Use Authorization to administer its vaccine to adolescents ages 12 to 15. In anticipation of FDA approval in the near future, Children's National Hospital has established a [vaccine waitlist](#) for children ages 12 and up. Only DC and Prince George's County residents are eligible to be added to the list. Plans are also underway to ship vaccines directly to pediatric practices around the country.

Other News

Bowie Field of Honor

Between May 28 and June 6, Sussex Lane Park will be transformed into a Field of Honor, featuring a display of US flags flying in solemn formation. The park will be filled with flags dedicated in honor of veterans, active military, workers that have kept us safe during the pandemic, other helpers, and loved ones lost.

Through a partnership with the Colonial Flag Foundation, anyone can participate in the tribute. Visit the [Field of Honor webpage](#) on the city website to order a flag for \$30 and dedicate it to a person or group of your choice. (Purchase deadline is May 26.) Purchased flags can be picked up at City Hall after the display concludes. For more information, contact Matt Corley, Special Events Manager at mcorley@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3078.

Sussex Lane Park is located across from Bowie High School, in the open area between Sussex Lane and Annapolis Road, located across from Bowie High School.

Prevention and Self-Care Strategies are Important to Mental Health

This week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Many of our children and teens continue to struggle as the pandemic continues. Self-care and other prevention strategies are more important than ever.

Some things to try:

- Plan regular fun activities, like a family game night or daily walks.
- Check out our website to find out how to join our Chalk Art project. (Rhonda is submitting a piece on this for the website today. I think that it is also on our calendar?)
- Download a meditation app on your phone (*Calm* and *Buddify* are two popular options) and practice mindful breathing, either alone or with a friend or family member.
- Exercise! Body movement releases natural endorphins that help us feel better.
- Don't sweat the small stuff. It's okay to let some things go.
- Take advantage of the warm weather to plan COVID-safe activities with friends and family.
- Seek help when you need it.

The City's Youth Service Bureau is available to provide outpatient counseling and support for all Bowie-area youth and their families. Contact them Monday-Friday at 513- 817-3158. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for more information on supporting your family through the pandemic.

Plant Sale

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. Be sure to order your plants by **TODAY**, May 7, 2021 at www.bcgardenclub.org/plantsale to 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 Blue Star
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

COVID-19 Relief Fund for Small Businesses

FSC First will be administering the VLT Flex Grant/Loan Matching Fund, also known as the Small Minority and Women Owned Business Account, COVID-19 RELIEF Program, as a 50/50 Matching grant/loan program. Loans will be matched with a grant up to 50% of the qualified loan amount or \$50,000, whichever is less. The grant will be disbursed once the loan proceeds are utilized for leasehold improvements, real estate purchase, furniture, machinery, equipment or inventory. All funds (loan and grant) must be fully disbursed by 6/30/2021. This program is available for existing businesses that can demonstrate an ongoing impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit www.fscfirst.com to apply.