



# COVID-19 UPDATE

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## COVID Brief

The CDC now recommends loosening mask restrictions for those fully vaccinated (with some exceptions). The guidance says, "fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

Today, Prince George's County announced it will lift all capacity and social distancing restrictions for indoor and outdoor venues, effective 5/17 at 5 p.m. However, the county mask requirement will remain for indoor establishments and crowded outdoor venues despite CDC recommendations.

A limited number of Pfizer walk-in doses will be available at the Bowie Senior Center Vaccination Clinic on Sunday, 5/16 from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Open to all age 12+

Links: [CDC Guidance](#) | [Maryland Order](#) | [Prince George's County Press Release](#)

## State and Local COVID-19 Data

	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	455,257 (+512)	84,257 (+108)	Cases: 7,312 (+9)
Deaths	8,908 (+12)	1,485 (+0)	
Positivity Rate	1.91%	3.06%	20715: 1,608 (+0)
Case Rate Per 100K	7.61	8.53	20716: 1,600 (+1)
Currently Hospitalized	680 (-6.8%)	NA	20720: 1,860 (+3)
Total Hospitalized	42,469	8,524 (+15)	20721: 2,244 (+5)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	2,947,768 (48.76% pop.)	354,607 (39.0% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	2,291,363 (37.9% pop.)	267,218 (29.39% pop.)	
Single Dose	210,610 (3.48%)	21,179 (2.33% pop.)	

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

### Governor's Press Conference

Governor Hogan just concluded a press conference on COVID. He announced the following changes:

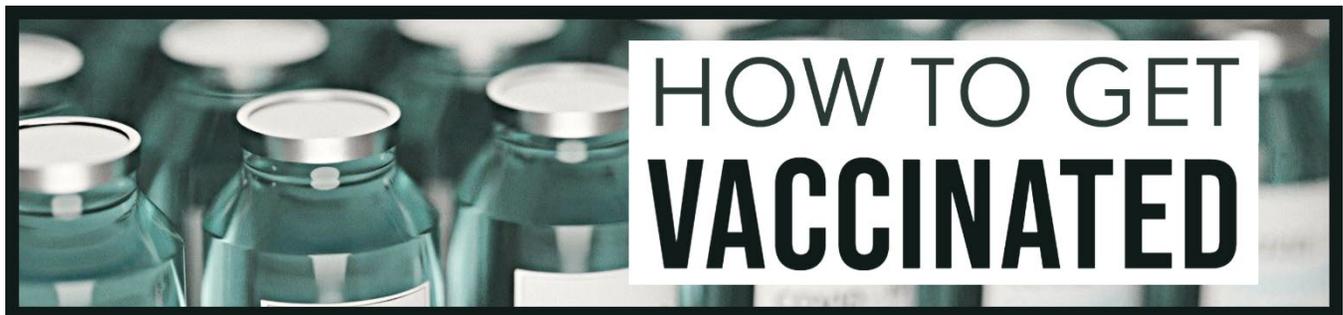
- Following CDC guidance, the Maryland mask mandate is lifted effective May 15.
- The only places where masks will still be required by state law is on public transportation, in schools, and in healthcare settings.
- Businesses and workplaces across the state or Maryland are free to set their own more restrictive mask policies.
- For anyone who is unvaccinated, masks are still strongly recommended in most situations.
- Vaccines are widely available. Those who have not yet been vaccinated should immediately do so to protect themselves and others.

The Governor also announced that the statewide case rate per 100K has dropped 68% over the past 4 weeks, hospitalizations are below 700 (680) for first time since November; and today's daily positivity rate is the second lowest daily positivity rate on record (1.91%). [State Order](#)

### Prince George's County Reopening Updates

Effective Monday May 17 at 5 p.m., Prince George's County will align with the State of Maryland and lift capacity and distancing restrictions for all indoor and outdoor venues. [County Order](#)

- All indoor and outdoor venues in Prince George's County may resume normal operations.
- Face masks are still required for all indoor venues, while on public transportation, and at crowded outdoor venues including concert venues and ticketed sporting events
- The County will consider future changes to mask requirements based on key COVID-19 metrics and vaccination rates among County residents.



City of Bowie	
<b>Who:</b>	Open to all age 12+ *
<b>What:</b>	First & second dose vaccinations (Pfizer)
<b>When:</b>	Clinic days: Sundays & Wednesdays
<b>Where:</b>	Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive
<b>How:</b>	<p><b>Appointments:</b> Call 301-262-6200 or sign up at <a href="http://www.cityofbowie.org/vax">www.cityofbowie.org/vax</a></p> <p><b>Walk-ins:</b> A limited number of Pfizer walk-in doses will be available at the Bowie Senior Center Vaccination Clinic on Sunday, 5/16 from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Follow @CityofBowie on <a href="#">Facebook</a> or Twitter for availability or sign up for Alert Bowie at <a href="http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts">http://www.cityofbowie.org/alerts</a></p>
Prince George's County Health Department	
<b>Who:</b>	Open to all age 16+. Will be changing to include 12-15 year olds at sites offering Pfizer*
<b>What:</b>	First & second dose vaccinations (Pfizer, Moderna, & Johnson & Johnson)

<b>When:</b>	Dates/times vary
<b>Where:</b>	Health Department clinics in Landover, Oxon Hill & Laurel
<b>How:</b>	<p><b>Appointments:</b> Schedule at <a href="http://mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine">http://mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine</a> or call 3-1-1</p> <p><b>Walk-ins:</b> None</p>
<b>Other options:</b>	The County is deploying mobile vax units and hosting no appointment pop up events. Pharmacies and hospitals in the county are also offering vaccinations. Use the <a href="#">Prince George's County Vaccine Locator tool</a> to find a location near you.
<b>State of Maryland</b>	
<b>Who:</b>	Open to all age 12+ *
<b>What:</b>	First & second dose vaccinations (Most state sites offer Pfizer vaccines)
<b>When:</b>	Dates/times vary
<b>Where:</b>	13 MD mass vax sites. Nearest sites to Bowie are Six Flags (Bowie), Navy Stadium (Annapolis), & Greenbelt Metro
<b>How:</b>	<p><b>Appointments:</b> Schedule at <a href="https://covidvax.maryland.gov">covidvax.maryland.gov</a> or call 1-855-634-6829</p> <p><b>Drive-ups (no appointment needed):</b> <i>Six Flags, Regency Stadium (Waldorf), &amp; Ripken Stadium (Aberdeen)</i></p> <p><b>Walk-ins:</b> Available at other mass vax sites Drive-up and walk-in hours vary by site. Check before going. Greenbelt Metro - Johnson &amp; Johnson (18+) &amp; Pfizer second doses. All other mass vax sites offering Pfizer vaccines.</p>
<b>Other options:</b>	Pharmacies and healthcare providers are also offering vaccinations throughout MD. Visit <a href="https://covidvax.maryland.gov">covidvax.maryland.gov</a> for locations.

(\* ) Pfizer is the only vaccine authorized for teens ages 12-17.

## CDC News

The CDC now recommends loosening mask restrictions for those fully vaccinated (with some exceptions). The [guidance](#) states fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. The county mask requirement will remain for indoor establishments and crowded outdoor venues despite the new CDC recommendation.

- [CDC prevention measures for all travelers](#)
- [Information about COVID-19 Vaccines for People who Are Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)
- [Living in or Visiting Retirement Communities or Independent Living Facilities](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)

## Vaccine Updates

### **Pfizer Vaccine for 12 to 15 year-olds**

The CDC endorsed the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and its use in 12-15 year old adolescents. CDC now recommends that this vaccine be used among this population, and providers may begin vaccinations right away. Today, COVID-19 vaccine eligibility for adolescents 12-15 years of age will begin in the state of Maryland. Eleven of the state's mass vaccination sites and hundreds of pharmacy locations will administer the Pfizer vaccine to individuals in this age group. Marylanders will be able to search for providers vaccinating adolescents at [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov).

## Prince George's County Vaccination News

Prince George's County's Vaccine-a-thon is underway now at the Wayne Curry Sports & Learning Complex. The event is open to those ages 16 and over and will feature prizes, special guests, snacks, and give-a-ways. It runs until midnight tonight. Beginning at 6 p.m., the County will allow 12 to 15-year-olds to be vaccinated at the Sports & Learning Complex. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who will be required to sign a consent form.

The County has also launched an outreach initiative in certain targeted communities inside the beltway that had high COVID rates or have other factors that may make them vulnerable to the effects of the pandemic. The County's Vaccine Outreach Team is traveling door-to-door in several communities in the County, reaching out face to face, via phone and text to residents to address vaccine concerns, schedule appointments, and share important information about government resources such as rental assistance. While Bowie is not a target of this effort, some local residents are receiving text messages about county services related to COVID as part of this outreach campaign.

### **Free Rides to Vaccination Sites**

Ride-sharing companies Uber Inc and Lyft Inc will provide free rides to and from COVID-19 vaccination sites until Sunday, July 4. Rides will be promoted to and from tens of thousands of vaccination sites through their apps, which will launch on both apps in the coming weeks. Both companies were providing free/discounted rides in some circumstances prior to the announcement.

## **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](mailto: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.*

### **Bowie Police Family Fun Ride and Cookout – May 16**

Join the Bowie Police Department at the next Family Fun Ride on May 16 at 10 a.m. This free event is open to cyclists of all ages. Afterwards, participants are invited to join Police Officers for a community cookout. Social distancing & masks required (when not cycling).

Check in will begin at 9 a.m. This event is open to cyclists of all ages! The BeechTree Pedalers will be joining in the fun, so bring the whole family! To register, visit [here!](#)

This ride begins and ends at the Bowie Police Department, 15901 Excalibur Road. For more information, contact 240-544-5792 or [COPS@cityofbowie.org](mailto:COPS@cityofbowie.org)



### May Chief Chat

Family Fun Ride, Touch Run, RAD classes, and more! Chief Nesky discusses upcoming Police Department events and more in this month's Chief Chat. [View the Chief Chat on YouTube.](#)

### Jobs

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

- Part Time Museum Aide (Open until 5/14) **TODAY**
- Administrative Assistant for Records (Open until 5/17)
- Part Time Ice Arena Supervisor (Open until 6/4)
- Part Time Ice Arena Attendant (Open until 6/4)
- Entry Level Police Officer (Open until 12/31)
- Public Health Officer (Open until 12/31)
- Communications Specialist II (Open until 12/31)

For more information or to apply, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).

### Police Warn of Kidnapping Scam

The Prince George's County Police Department is warning county residents about a kidnapping scam. Scammers call their victims and indicate a loved one has been kidnapped and demand a ransom for their safe return.

In the past month, they have received six reports of this scam. In some cases, the victim has paid the ransom. The ransoms are usually more than \$1,000. Ransom payments are to be wired internationally. In five of the reported cases, the scammer has spoken Spanish and has targeted Spanish-speaking victims. The department believes there are likely additional victims who have not yet reported the incident to police.

It appears the scammers are learning personal information about a victim on social media - for example, whether they have children. During the scam call, the suspect will often give specific information about a loved one to include a nickname or clothing the alleged victim owns.

If you have received a call like this or have been a victim of this scam, please report it to the Police Department.

### **The State Highway Administration Wants Feedback on Pedestrian Safety Issues**

The Maryland State Highway Administration is working on its Pedestrian Action Safety Plan. The SHA is asking residents to identify areas where there are pedestrian safety issues. If you have a concern about a particular location or segment of state road that has pedestrian safety issues, you can use their online map to pinpoint the location and offer feedback to the SHA. [Share your thoughts here](#).

### **Virtual Meeting on Temporary Closure of Church Road**

Prince George's County plans to close a section of Church Road from Mary Bowie Parkway to Dormansville Boulevard from June 2021 through December 2021 to complete needed repairs and enhancements to the roadway and supporting infrastructure.

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 7 p.m. to discuss the plans for the closure and detour. Join the virtual meeting [online](#) or by phone at 301-715-8592. The Meeting ID is 921 2729 2629, and the password is 032971. Questions? Contact Elizabeth F. Miller at 301-883-5642.

### **Expired MVA Products Must be Renewed**

The Executive Order that has covered all expired driver's and business licenses, identification cards, permits (including disability parking permits) is expiring. The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration [announced](#) that customers with expired MDOT MVA products from March 12, 2020 must take care of these transactions by the dates below:

- Expired vehicle registrations, business licenses, disability parking permits, and other vehicle-related products must be renewed by June 30, 2021.
- Expired driver's license, CDL, and identification cards must be renewed by August 15, 2021.

### **Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Offers Aid to Eligible Households**

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application. Learn more about eligibility and enrollment information at [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) or by calling 833-511-0311.

### **Stand Up and Deliver Meals and Groceries**



## Grab & Go Meals

Prince George's County will be distributing meals to go at the following locations. Meals will be distributed Saturday, while supplies last. One (1) box per car. Please remain in your car.

### ~ Saturday, May 15 Locations ~

Time: 9:00am



Kingdom Fellowship  
@ High Point High School  
3601 Powder Mill Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705

Time: 10:00am



United Baptist Church  
7701 Riverdale Road  
New Carrollton, MD 20784



New Home Baptist Church  
8320 Landover Road  
Landover, MD 20785

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