



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Monday, May 24, 2021**

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## COVID Brief

Maryland COVID hospitalizations dropped below 500 yesterday, for the first time since late October 2020. Hospitalizations have declined by 62% over the last month. More than half of Bowie residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

## State and Local COVID-19 Data (Three Day Case Totals)

| Covid-19 Data                      |                         |                       |                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                                    | Maryland                | PG County             | Bowie              |
| Cases                              | 458,520 (+993*)         | 84,813 (+124*)        | Cases: 7,351 (+8*) |
| Deaths                             | 9,022 (+49*)            | 1,496 (+1*)           |                    |
| Positivity Rate                    | 2.04%                   | 2.09%                 | 20715: 1,616 (+3*) |
| Case Rate Per 100K                 | 5.44                    | 5.55                  | 20716: 1,607 (+1*) |
| Currently Hospitalized             | 448 (-14.0%*)           | NA                    | 20720: 1,871 (+2*) |
| Total Hospitalized                 | 42,043                  | 8,629 (+6*)           | 20721: 2,257 (+2*) |
| Vaccine Progress                   | Maryland                | PG County             |                    |
| 1st of 2 Dose Received             | 3,137,444 (51.9% pop.)  | 378,699 (41.65% pop.) |                    |
| 2nd of 2 Dose Received             | 2,549,104 (41.16% pop.) | 301,270 (33.13% pop.) |                    |
| Single Dose                        | 226,518 (3.75%)         | 23,784 (2.62% pop.)   |                    |
| *Addt Cases Since Friday, May 21st |                         |                       |                    |

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

## Vaccination Rates for Bowie

The State of Maryland is reporting weekly vaccination data by zip code. Here's how the four Bowie zip codes are doing so far:

| Zip   | Fully vaccinated | At least 1 dose |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| 20715 | 49.50%           | 54.49%          |
| 20716 | 42.45%           | 51.62%          |
| 20720 | 47.25%           | 56.44%          |
| 20721 | 46.54%           | 55.34%          |

Source: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine>

## Prince George's County Vaccination Data as Reported by the CDC

The CDC reports vaccination data by county, which allows for county level comparisons across the US. The data is broken down differently than vaccination rates on the [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov) website in that the CDC data presents percentage of the **eligible** population, rather than percentage of **total population** as the Maryland site uses.

| Prince George's County Fully Vaccinated Residents<br>(as of 5/24, 6 a.m.) |         |
|---|---------|
| Total #   | 360,503 |
| % of Total Population   | 39.60%  |
| # of Age 12+  | 360,492 |
| % of Age 12+ Population   | 46.70%  |
| # of Age 18+  | 355,774 |
| % of Age 18+ Population   | 50.20%  |
| # of Age 65+  | 93,983  |
| % of Age 65 + Population  | 74.40%  |

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

## A Message from the CDC

“As you look ahead to summer, consider how COVID-19 is spreading in [your community](#) when [choosing activities](#). Outdoor activities and visits are safer than those indoors, but [fully vaccinated](#) people can participate in most indoor activities without much risk. If you are not yet vaccinated, you should continue to practice [prevention strategies](#) such as wearing a well-fitted mask, practicing physical distancing, avoiding crowds, and washing your hands.

For more than a year, many people have focused on staying safe from COVID-19. While this continues to be important, returning to regular activities when you are fully vaccinated, such as travel, events, and other social gatherings, can provide hope for the days ahead. In addition, taking [simple actions](#) such as deep breathing, physical activity, healthy eating, practicing good sleep habits, and safely connecting with family, friends, and neighbors can improve your well-being. “

[View the latest COVID Tracker update from the CDC.](#)

## Other Vaccine News

**Effective today, the US has a new tool to help Americans locate a vaccination site.** Individuals seeking a COVID-19 vaccination can send a text to 438829 and they will receive a response showing where the nearest vaccines are available, and they will also be offered a free ride to and from that facility.

## At the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

**Technical (VaST) session on May 17,** the committee reviewed reports of myocarditis following mRNA (Moderna and Pfizer) vaccines. The committee concluded that there are relatively few reports of myocarditis to date and that these cases seem to occur:

- Predominantly in adolescents and young adults, more often in males than females; more often following dose 2 than dose 1, and typically within four days after vaccination.
- Most cases appear to be mild, and follow-up of cases is ongoing. However, VaST members felt that information about reports of myocarditis should be communicated to providers.

**A study in the United Kingdom found the Pfizer vaccine to be effective against the strain of the virus found in India.** The study also found the Astra Zeneca vaccine, which is licensed for use in the UK, (but not the US), was also effective in preventing the India strain.

## Prince George's County COVID Vaccination News

The Health Department announced Friday that that it would no longer be providing vaccinations at the Cheverly Health Department clinic as of 5/21 and that the Laurel – Beltsville Senior Activity Center will cease vaccination operations as of 5/28. Vaccinations are still available through the Health Department at the Sports and Learning Complex in Landover or at the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex in Oxon Hill. Any vaccination appointments scheduled at the Cheverly or Laurel clinics will be rescheduled for the Sports and Learning Complex and patients will be notified by phone.

The latest [weekly COVID Vaccine Bulletin](#) was published by Prince George's County on May 21.

## Metrics Continue to Improve as Re-openings Increase

Tremendous progress has been made over the last few months in the battle against COVID-19. While the virus still poses a serious health threat to those who contract it, thanks to the growing numbers of vaccinated residents, transmission is slowing, and life is slowly getting back to normal across the US and locally.

There are still reasons for caution and concern, as more than 70 Marylanders lost their lives to COVID last week and the CDC rates the threat of community transmission in Prince George's County to be MODERATE at this time. But overall the news is very encouraging, which has allowed for restrictions to be eased and re-openings to occur.

## In Prince George's County:

Social distancing and capacity limits have been lifted. **MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED IN INDOORS SETTINGS** such as retail, businesses, houses of worship, theaters, schools and daycare settings, on public transportation, and outdoors at crowded outdoor venues and ticketed events.

## In Bowie:

- Full practices and competitions can resume on city ballfields and at the Bowie Gymnasium.
- Parks are open and picnic areas at Allen Pond Park and Whitemarsh Park can be reserved at their full capacity
- Outdoor basketball hoops have returned to city parks.
- **On June 1, the Bowie Senior Center reopens for limited activities.** Members will be able to schedule appointments to use the fitness center and billiard room at the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Masks will be required. Other activities will resume gradually if new case rates remain low.
- Temperature taking, health screening questions, waivers and masks are still required inside all City facilities.
- City Hall offices remain closed to the public however, the service windows in the lobby are open for animal control, code enforcement, rental licenses, and water bill payments. The Police Department lobby will also be open for obtaining police reports, paying speed cameras, and conducting other police business.

### **Park & Planning Opens More Facilities**

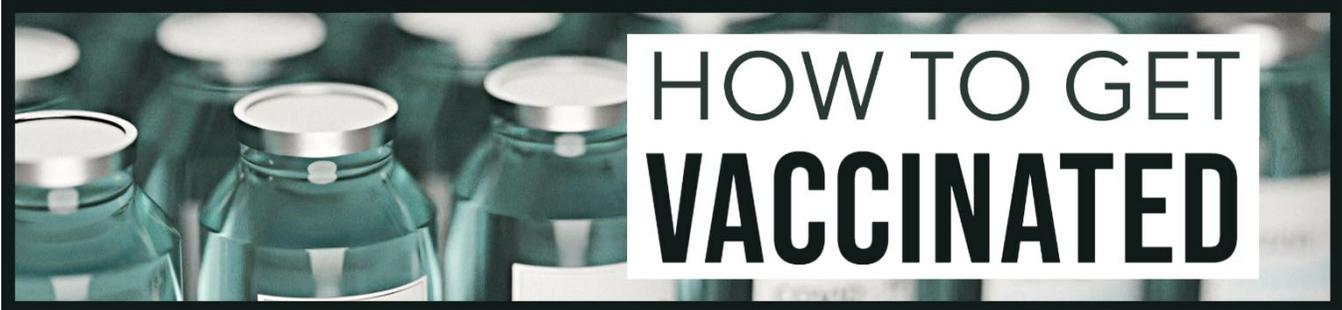
Today, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission reopened additional facilities and amenities, including:

- **Community Centers** – Kentland, Deerfield Run, Langley Park, Good Luck, Prince George's Plaza, Largo/Kettering/Perrywood, John E. Howard, Palmer Park, Bowie, North Forestville, Patuxent, Temple Hills, Hillcrest Heights, and Marlow Heights
- **Aquatics/Sports/Fitness Facilities** - Allentown Splash, Tennis, and Fitness Park (fitness room and multi-purpose rooms), Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex (fitness room and multi-purpose rooms), Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex (learning center and multi-purpose rooms), Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex, and the Sugar Ray Leonard Boxing Center
- **Museums** - Surratt House, Riversdale House, Montpelier House, Marietta House, and Darnall's Chance
- **Dinosaur Park**

For a list of facilities, pavilions and other M-NCPPC amenities that are open, visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com).

### **The Daily COVID Update Will Be Changing**

Beginning tomorrow, May 25, there will be a change to the Daily COVID Updates. On Tuesdays through Fridays, the Daily Updates will consist of a short summary of COVID news and a few charts containing the latest data on new COVID cases and vaccinations. The Monday Update will continue to be a longer document, similar to what it has been for more than a year, containing COVID related articles and other Bowie news.



# HOW TO GET VACCINATED

| 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>                              | <b>Appointments:</b> Call 301-262-6200 or sign up at <a href="http://www.cityofbowie.org/vax">www.cityofbowie.org/vax</a><br><b>Walk-ins:</b> Follow @CityofBowie on <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CityofBowie">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>   |
| 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 at the Sports and Learning Complex in Landover and the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex in Fort Washington  |
| <b>How:</b>                              | <b>Appointments:</b> Schedule at <a href="http://mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine">http://mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine</a> or call 3-1-1<br><b>Walk-ins:</b> None  |
| <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.   |
| State of Maryland                        |  |
| <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>                              | <b>Appointments:</b> Schedule at <a href="http://covidvax.maryland.gov">covidvax.maryland.gov</a> or call 1-855-634-6829<br><b>Drive-ups (no appointment needed):</b><br><i>Six Flags, Regency Stadium (Waldorf), &amp; Ripken Stadium (Aberdeen)</i><br><b>Walk-ins:</b> Available at other mass vax sites<br>Drive-up and walk-in hours vary by site. Check before going.<br>Greenbelt Metro - Johnson & Johnson (18+) & Pfizer second doses. (closing 6/1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk-ups available daily: Mon. &amp; Tues., 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wed. &amp; Thurs., noon to 7:30 p.m., and Fri. – Sun., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul> All other mass vax sites offering Pfizer vaccines. |
| <b>Other options:</b>                    | Pharmacies and healthcare providers are also offering vaccinations throughout MD. Visit <a href="http://covidvax.maryland.gov">covidvax.maryland.gov</a> for locations.  |

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

## **\$2 Million VaxCash Promotion**

From May 25 to July 3, the State will give one vaccinated Marylander \$40,000 each day. On July 4, one vaccinated Marylander will receive a grand prize of \$400,000. This contest is open to all Maryland residents 18+ who are vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, do so as soon as possible to be automatically entered. Learn more and read FAQs here: <https://bit.ly/3413idN>

## **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.

**The week-long tribute kicks off this Friday night at 7 p.m. with a short ceremony at Sussex Park.** 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.

### **Jobs: Employ Prince George's Programs**

- The Knowledge Equals Youth Success Program serves young adults ages 18-24 who are disconnected from educational and employment opportunities. Employ Prince George's partners with local organizations to provide career opportunities for young adults who face significant barriers to employment. To learn more about how your organization can invest in the County's youth, contact Denise Higgs at [DMHiggs@co.pg.md.us](mailto:DMHiggs@co.pg.md.us) or call 301-618-8422.
- Recent graduates and young adult ages 18-24 residing in Prince George's County are eligible to apply for the Y.C.C. Virtual Summer Work Experience Program. Applications close May 30. Apply today at [employppedge.com](http://employppedge.com). Email [keys.info@co.pg.md.us](mailto:keys.info@co.pg.md.us) or call 240-695-0303 for info.
- Employ Prince George's also has a 55+ Older Work Program Coordinator to support older adults. The American Job Center in Largo is launching direct services to support 55+ job seekers, including info sessions on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 p.m. Register at <http://mwejobs.maryland.gov>.

### **Bowie Police Department Special Olympics Torch Run**

Registration is now open for the Bowie Police Department's annual Torch Run to benefit the Special Olympics. Join the department on June 9, as officers carry the Flame of Hope through Bowie, Maryland. To register, visit <https://cityofbowie.org/torchrun>.

## **Bowie Business Recovery Programs for week of May 24**



**THIS WEEK**  
**MAY 24 - MAY 28**

-  **MAY 25TH 10-12PM**  
QUESTIONS ABOUT MARKETING POST PANDEMIC  
BOWIE BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR 1-ON-1 SESSIONS
  
-  **MAY 27TH 5-6PM**  
BUILDING HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS POST PANDEMIC: MANAGING  
YOUR MOOD & TEAM  
BUSINESS EDUCATION & RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

**Stand Up & Deliver Food Distribution Events**



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

**Wednesday, 5/26, 10 a.m.**

- Langley Park – McCormick Elementary School, Adelphi
- Maple Spring Baptist Church, Capitol Heights
- Templeton Elementary School, Riverdale

**Saturday, 5/29, 10 a.m.**

- New Home Baptist Church, Landover
- First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Landover

**Sunday, 5/30, 10 a.m.**

- Community of Hope AME Church, Temple Hills