COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID Brief

Effective Friday, 5/28 at 5 p.m., the Prince George's County mask order is lifted. Details on this change are provided below. Declining Prince George's County COVID metrics over the last month have made this change possible. Throughout the pandemic, Prince George's County experienced higher numbers of cases, more community spread, and more deaths than the statewide average. Only recently, have the metrics been more in line with statewide numbers.

The Bowie Senior Center Vaccination Clinic continues to provide free Pfizer vaccinations to anyone age 12 and up on Sundays and Wednesdays. Sign up for first or second dose shots at www.cityofbowie.org/vax or call City Hall at 301-262-6200 for assistance.

Vaccinations are also available at hundreds of locations around the state. Use the vaccine locator on the Maryland COVID website to find a clinic that is convenient for you.

County Executive Provides COVID Update and Lifts Mask Order on 5/28

Today, Prince George's County Executive Alsobrooks announced that the **County mask order will be lifted as of Friday, May 28 at 5 p.m.** Masks will no longer required by County law. The only exceptions will be on public transportation, in schools and daycares, and in healthcare settings. Individual businesses or organizations can still maintain more strict requirements if they prefer to do so. Unvaccinated individuals are strongly urged to continue wearing masks and get vaccinated as soon as possible. With this move, the County will fully align itself with CDC and Maryland guidance related to face coverings.

The County Executive asked residents to be respectful of those who may not be ready to remove masks and of businesses and organizations that may still ask customers or visitors to cover their faces in order to enter their premises.

COVID metrics in Prince George's County continue to decline as vaccination rates increase:

- The positivity rate is at 1.9%, which is the lowest since the start of the pandemic.
- New cases have declined 85% since January.
- The case rate per 100,000 individuals is down to 4.8 cases, which indicates a substantial decrease in community transmission.
- COVID hospitalizations have declined 60% in the last month.

County vaccination operations are changing. Walk-ins are now welcome at the County clinics at the Sports and Learning Center in Landover and at the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex in Oxon Hill; appointments can also be scheduled if preferred. The vaccination clinic in Cheverly has closed and the clinic at the Laurel- Beltsville Senior Center will close on 5/28. Mobile vaccine clinics will continue around the county and vaccination ambassadors are going door to door in hard hit neighborhoods to help residents get vaccinated and connect to other support services.

In other County news…

- The Virtual Summer Work Experience Program is starting soon. Interested young adults, age 18 to 24 must apply by May 30. Email keys.info@co.pg.md.us or call 240-695-0303 for more info.
- Park and Planning community centers and parks are offering a host of activities this summer for youth. They have also teamed up with the Bowie Baysox to offer movie nights in the stadium parking lot, starting 6/4 with the Avengers Movie. The cost is $30/per car and space is limited. Learn more at www.pgparks.com.
- The eviction moratorium remains in effect for those whose loss of income is related to the pandemic.

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Covid-19 Data			
	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	458,878 (+198)	84,876 (+38)	Cases: 7,358 (+4)
Deaths	9,037 (+8)	1,450 (+2)	
Positivity Rate	1.87%	1.90%	20715: 1,617 (+0)
Case Rate Per 100K	4.99	4.95	20716: 1,609 (+2)
Currently Hospitalized	432 (-2.2%)	NA	20720: 1,872 (+0)
Total Hospitalized	42,124	8,654 (+7)	20721: 2,260 (+2)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland		PG County
1st of 2 Dose Received	3,162,034 (52.3% pop.)		382,695 (42.09% pop.)
2nd of 2 Dose Received	2,580,815 (42.69% pop.)		306,145 (33.67% pop.)
Single Dose	229,695 (3.8%)		24,126 (2.65% pop.)

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 Vaccination Data as Reported by the CDC
The CDC is 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 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 (as of 5/26, 1:45 p.m.)	
Total #	370.854
% of Total Population	40.8%
# of Age 12+	370,842
% of Age 12+ Population	48.1%
# of Age 18+	365,667
% of Age 18+ Population	51.6%
# of Age 65+	94,948
% of Age 65+ Population	75.2%

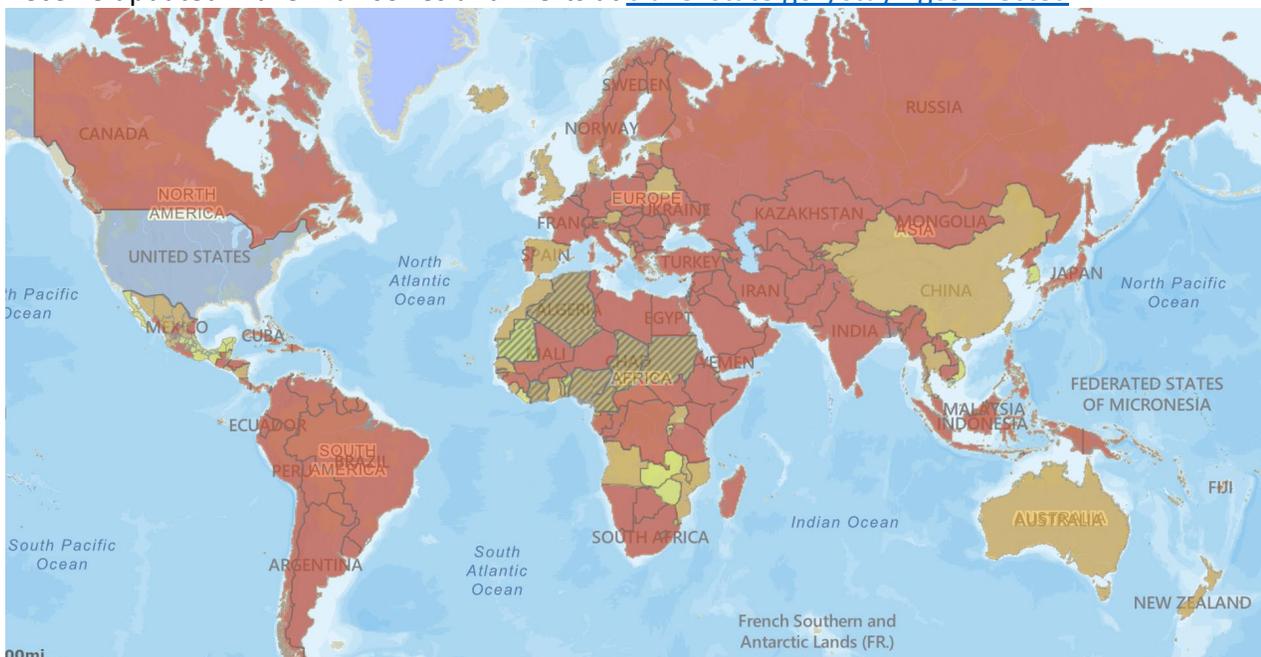*Source:* https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

State Department Travel Guidance

The State Department has issued a Level 4: Do Not Travel notice for Japan two months ahead of the Tokyo Olympics due to a very high level of COVID-19 in the country. In addition to Japan, there are Level 3 or Level 4 advisories issued for a large majority of the world's countries.

Travel Advisories are issued for each country of the world with a color corresponding to each level:
- Level 1 - Exercise Normal Precautions [Blue]
- Level 2 - Exercise Increased Caution [Yellow]
- Level 3 - Reconsider Travel [Orange]
- Level 4 – Do Not Travel [Red]

Receive updated Travel Advisories and Alerts at travel.state.gov/stayingconnected.

CDC Guidance

"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."

Other News

Field of Honor

Today is the final day to order a flag for Bowie's Field of Honor on Sussex Lane. The field will be dedicated in a short public ceremony on Friday, May 28 at 7 p.m. The flags will be displayed from May 28 to June 6 in honor of heroes and helpers – veterans, active duty military, front line responders, others who have helped us all through the pandemic, and those who are no longer with us. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/flags for more information.

Memorial Day Weekend Activities

May 28

- **Field of Honor Dedication Ceremony**, 7 p.m.

May 29

- **No parade this year**, but we'll be back next year!
- **Boat rentals at Allen Pond Park open** for season on weekends. Details at www.cityofbowie.org/boathouse.

May 30

- **Bowie Farmers Market,** Bowie HS parking lot, 8 a.m. to noon.

May 31

- **Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park**, Old Town Bowie, 11 a.m.
  Local veterans groups will host a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31 to honor those members of the armed forces who lost their lives in service to their country.
- **Free outdoor concerts honoring seniors (bring your own chair)**
  Evergreen/Willows Senior Apartments, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
  Pin Oak Village Senior Apartments, 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.
- **City government offices closed May 31** In honor of Memorial Day. No trash or recycling will be collected on the holiday. If Monday is your normal collection day, there will be no makeup day. The next collection will be on your next regularly scheduled day.

City offices are closed on
Monday, May 31
for **Memorial Day**

There will be no trash or recycling pickup on the holiday.
Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.