



COVID-19 UPDATE

Friday, May 28, 2021

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COVID Brief

COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States have dropped to their lowest levels in nearly a year, and the number of people vaccinated continues to grow. Overall, about 165.7 million people, or 49.9% of the total U.S. population, have received at least one dose of vaccine. As of May 27, 85.5% of people ages 65 or older have received at least one dose of vaccine and 74.3% are fully vaccinated. Over half (62%) of people ages 18 or older have received at least one dose of vaccine and 50.6% are fully vaccinated. About 132.8 million people, or 40% of the total U.S. population, have been fully vaccinated. The national percentage of COVID-19 tests that came back positive over the last 7 days is now 2.6%. This is one of the lowest rates the United States has seen since widespread testing began.

Today at 5 p.m., the Prince George's County mask order is lifted. With this move, the County will fully align itself with CDC and Maryland guidance related to face coverings. Individual businesses or organizations can still maintain more strict requirements if they prefer to do so.

The Bowie Senior Center Vaccination Clinic provides free Pfizer vaccinations to anyone age 12 and up on Sundays and Wednesdays. Walk-ins will be accepted on Sunday, May 30 from 9:30 – 11:30. Sign up at www.cityofbowie.org/vax or call 301-262-6200 for assistance.

Prince George's County Mask Order on Today at 5 p.m.

Today at 5 p.m., the County mask order will be lifted. 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.

Other County News

Walk-ins are now welcome at several County clinics; appointments can also be scheduled if preferred. The vaccination 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 connected to support services. [View press release](#)

\$2 Million VaxCash Promotion

Maryland Department of Health has launched a \$2 Million VaxCash Promotion, awarding cash prizes to a total of 41 Maryland residents who have been vaccinated. Daily drawings will be held Tuesday, May 25 through Sunday, July 4. Maryland residents 18 and older who have received a COVID-19 vaccination in Maryland are eligible to win. No registration or entry is needed. Each day from May 25 through July 3, one winner will be randomly drawn to win a \$40,000 prize. The \$2 Million VaxCash Promotion wraps up on the Fourth of July when a final drawing will award one winner a grand prize of \$400,000.

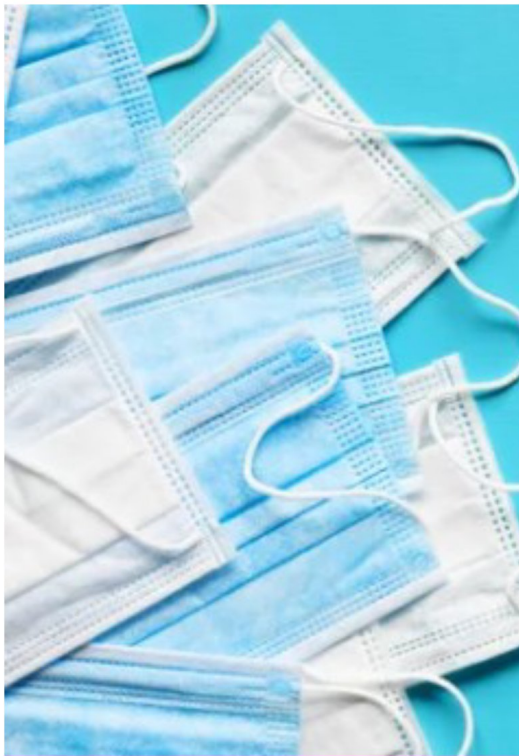


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County Executive



Prince George's County Lifts Mask Mandate

**New guidelines take effect
Friday, May 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**



- **Prince George's County will follow CDC guidance that says fully vaccinated individuals can resume normal activities without wearing a mask.**
- **Per CDC guidance, masks will still be required on public transportation and in schools, child care settings and health care settings.**
- **Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue wearing a mask until they are fully vaccinated, and are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.**
- **Individuals that choose to continue wearing a mask are free to do so. Please be respectful of community members who continue to wear a mask, and also please be respectful of people's personal space.**

GET VACCINATED: mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine

State and Local COVID-19 Data

	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	459,343 (+248)	84,956 (+46)	Cases: 7,364 (+4)
Deaths	9,592 (+11)	1,571 (+1)	
Positivity Rate	1.73%	1.85%	20715: 1,619 (+1)
Case Rate Per 100K	4.29	4.19	20716: 1,609 (+0)
Currently Hospitalized	397 (-0.5%)	NA	20720: 1,874 (+2)
Total Hospitalized	43,189	8,668 (+7)	20721: 2,262 (+1)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	3,186,967 (52.72% pop.)	385,167 (42.36% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	2,622,493 (43.38% pop.)	310,853 (34.19% pop.)	
Single Dose	231,595 (3.83%)	24,314 (2.67% pop.)	

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

**Maryland revised the number of COVID-19 deaths in the state, adding 517 deaths that were not properly classified by medical certifiers in the past year. Only five deaths occurred in the past 24 hours.

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

The CDC vaccination data by county 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 5/28, 3:35 p.m.)	
Total #	376,277
% of Total Population	41.4%
# of Age 12+	376,265
% of Age 12+ Population	48.8%
# of Age 18+	370,894
% of Age 18+ Population	52.4%
# of Age 65+	95,524
% of Age 65+ Population	75.6%

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

COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review

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](#).

Other News

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.



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for **Memorial Day**

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