



# COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, June 17, 2021

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## COVID Brief

In light of federal and state announcements to close their respective governments in observance of Juneteenth, the Bowie City Council has decided to make Friday, June 18 a city holiday. All city government facilities will be closed on the holiday. However, due to the late announcement, **trash and recycling collection will take place on the holiday, per the normal schedule.**

COVID metrics in the state remain low and stable across the board, while Prince George's County's case rate per 100k has fallen below 2 for the first time since tracking first started in March of 2020. Bowie reported only 1 new case today in the 20720 zip code.

State residents have been alerted to [scam](#) targeting unemployment insurance claimants via text message and are asked not to respond.

Bowie vaccination rates are improving as two of the four Bowie zip codes exceed 60% with at least one dose.

## Bowie Vaccine Progress

20715	20720
Full Vax 14,379 (53.72%)	Full Vax 13,040 (55.48%)
1st Dose 15,860 (59.25%)	1st Dose 14,587 (62.07%)
20716	20721
Full Vax 11,215 (50.79%)	Ful Vax 16,061 (53.88%)
1st Dose 12,580 (56.97%)	1st Dose 17,939 (60.18%)

*\*\*Last updated 6/16*

## State and Local COVID-19 Data

	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	461,549 (+79)	85,387 (+12)	Cases: 7,399 (+1)
Deaths	9,698 (+3)	1,591 (+2)	
Positivity Rate	0.76%	1.05%	20715: 1,623 (+0)
Case Rate Per 100K	1.34	1.93	20716: 1,615 (+0)
Currently Hospitalized	157 (-5.9%)	NA	20720: 1,882 (+0)
Total Hospitalized	43,593	8,723 (+3)	20721: 2,279 (+1)
Vaccine Progress	Maryland		PG County
1st of 2 Dose Received	3,366,650 (55.69% pop.)		415,844 (45.73% pop.)
2nd of 2 Dose Received	2,968,724 (49.11% pop.)		358,635 (39.44% pop.)
Single Dose	250,640 (4.15%)		26,608 (2.93% 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 vaccination data by county is based off the percentage of the **eligible** population, rather than percentage of **total population** used on [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov).

Prince George's County Fully Vaccinated Residents (as of 6/17, 2:45 p.m.)	
Total #	430,702
% of Total Population	47.4%
# of Age 12+	430,675
% of Age 12+ Population	55.8%
# of Age 18+	415,739
% of Age 18+ Population	58.7%
# of Age 65+	99,562
% of Age 65+ Population	78.8%

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

## Governor Hogan Conference: All State Emergency Mandates and Restrictions End July 1

Governor Hogan held a press conference on Tuesday announcing the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency in Maryland. **As of Thursday, July 1:**

- **All emergency mandates and restrictions of any kind will end.** Masks will no longer be required in any setting, including schools, camps and childcare facilities. Businesses and other workplaces may set their own policies, but there will be no legal mandate from the state requiring masks at any location.
- A 45-day grace period (through August 15) will begin when [certain regulations](#) will be relaxed to complete the transition out of the pandemic. This includes an additional 45 days to renew expired driver's licenses and an extension of the moratorium on evictions related to COVID-19. Health officials will have that 45-day period to transition from emergency operations.

These changes apply to state mandates and restrictions. We await information from Prince George's County on any changes at the county level.

### **Mass Vax Sites are Demobilizing as Focus Shifts to Pharmacies, Healthcare Providers and Local Clinics**

Operational responsibilities at several mass vaccination sites will shift from the state to local partners, while other sites will close. View the full schedule for mass vaccination sites demobilization [here](#).

### **Vaccination Resources**

- **State of Maryland** - To get vaccinated and be eligible for the state's [\\$2 million Vax Cash Promotion](#) visit [covidvax.maryland.gov](https://covidvax.maryland.gov), or call 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829). The call center is available seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for assistance. The Six Flags mass-vaccination site closes operations on July 17.
- **Prince George's County** - Appointments are not necessary at the two COVID-19 vaccine clinics operated by the County Health Department. Individuals who live or work in the County can walk into the sites or if they prefer, appointments can be booked in advance at [mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine](https://mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine). You can also use the County's [County Vaccine Locator](#) to find additional vaccination sites operated by pharmacies, hospitals and other healthcare partners.
- **City of Bowie** – The Bowie Senior Center Vaccination Clinic will cease operations on June 30. Second dose vaccinations are available on Sundays and Wednesdays until then. No first dose appointments are being scheduled, though walk-ins may be available. Call City Hall at 301-262-6200 for more information and watch social media or the city website for walk-in announcements.

### **Maryland and the Orioles Team Up to Offer Vaccinations at Camden Yards This Weekend**

The Orioles next homestand begins Friday, June 18. Not only will the team be welcoming fans for games on Father's Day weekend, they'll also be making it easy for anyone 18+ to get their COVID-19 vaccinations at the stadium.

Vaccinations will be offered at Dempsey's Brew Pub & Restaurant, located along the Eutaw Street promenade. Fans can access Dempsey's through the non-ballpark (East) side of the B&O Warehouse. All adults age 18 and over are eligible to receive a vaccine at one of the six available dates during the homestand, beginning four hours prior to first pitch until approximately one-and-a-half hours after first pitch. The vaccine being offered will be the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is currently approved for people ages 18 years and over.

All fans age 18 and over who choose to receive the vaccine at Oriole Park will receive a voucher good for two complimentary Lower Level tickets, redeemable for any game through July 11. Fans may redeem their voucher by presenting it at the Main Box Office, located at the north end of the Warehouse by Gate H.

Game tickets are not required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at Oriole Park. Appointments are encouraged but not required, and walk-ups will be accommodated. Schedule a ballpark appointment by visiting [orioles.com/vaccine](https://orioles.com/vaccine). Fans must wear a mask during their vaccination appointment. To learn

more about the Oriole Park vaccination event and the Orioles' COVID-19 efforts, please visit [orioles.com/vaccine](https://orioles.com/vaccine).

### Senior Grab & Go Meal Giveaway

County Council Member Todd Turner will partner with the City of Bowie to host a "Senior Grab & Go" Meal Giveaway for residents (age 60+) on June 25, 2021. Hours are 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, located at 14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie.

To be eligible for the giveaway, you must [register](#) for the event. **The registration deadline is June 21.** Registration can also be taken by phone by calling Evelyn Archie in Council Member Turner's Office at 240-619-9775 or email [EJArchie@co.pg.md.us](mailto:EJArchie@co.pg.md.us).

### Stand Up & Deliver Meals

#### Saturday, June 19 at 10:00 AM (Groceries)

- First Baptist Church of Highland Park – 6801 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD
- Love AME Church at Capitol Heights Elementary School – 601 Suffolk Avenue, Capitol Heights

#### Friday, June 18 at 12:30 AM (Groceries, Vaccinations, Job Fair, Prizes & more)

- National Harbor

#### Sunday, June 20 at 10:00 AM (Groceries)

- Community of Hope AME Church – 3701 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills

**STAND UP & Deliver**  
Proud to Provide...  
**& Vaccinations**

~ Friday, June 18 | National Harbor ~  
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm

~ Prince George's County residents  
~ Grocery Distribution  
~ No-appointment COVID-19 Vaccinations; children 12+ welcome (minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)  
~ Job Fair Opportunity  
~ Capital Wheel tickets and more!

Sponsored by:  
\* NATIONAL HARBOR \*

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Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

## Other News

### Calendar of Events:

- **6/18 – City Holiday: Juneteenth (City offices will be closed, but trash/ recycling will be collected)**
- 6/18 – Kids Kaboose at the Railroad Museum, 10:30 a.m.
- 6/20 – [Fathers and Family Bike Ride](#), 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 6/21 – City Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 6/25 – Wine and Design Event at Belair Mansion, 7 p.m.
- 6/26 – [Free Community Shredding Event & Styrofoam Recycling](#), 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 6/29 – [Pollinators 101 Webinar](#), 3 p.m.
- 6/30 – [How to De-fossilize Your Homestead – Inside & Out Webinar](#), 12 p.m.
- 6/30 – Fairy Tale Fun at Belair Stable, 11 a.m.

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar) for details.

### **Bowie Decides to Recognize Juneteenth as a City Holiday**

In light of today's decisions by President Biden and Governor Hogan to close their respective governments in observance of Juneteenth, the City Council has decided to make Friday, June 18 a city holiday.

All city government facilities will be closed on the holiday. However, due to the late announcement, **trash and recycling collection will take place on the holiday**, per the normal schedule.

June 19 is the day when the last enslaved persons in Texas learned of their freedom, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been declared. Learn more about Juneteenth on our website at [www.cityofbowie.org/juneteenth](http://www.cityofbowie.org/juneteenth) and view the [proclamation](#) issued by the City Council.

Other Juneteenth videos:

- [The History of Juneteenth](#) (Councilmember Roxy Ndebumadu)
- Juneteenth Read Aloud - "[Juneteenth Jamboree](#)" (Councilmember Ingrid Harrison)

### **June Chief Chat**

This month, Chief Nesky discusses upcoming Police Department events and more in this month's Chief Chat. [View the Chief Chat on YouTube](#)

### **RAD Self Defense Classes**

The Bowie Police Department will be holding 2 series of RAD Self Defense classes in July 2021:

#### Monday Series:

- July 12
- July 19
- July 26
- August 2

#### Wednesday Series:

- July 7
- July 14
- July 21
- July 28

Classes are held at the Kenhill Center (2614 Kenhill Drive) from 6:30 PM – 9:30 p.m. There is no fee to attend. The minimum age for attendance is 13 and the dress code is gym/work out attire. To complete the course and receive a certificate, you must attend all 4 classes within a series.

Spaces are limited, so register now by emailing [bderight@cityofbowie.org](mailto:bderight@cityofbowie.org) or calling 240-544-5797.

### **Bowie Business Recovery Program**

- June 17, 5 – 6 p.m. - Marketing and Advertising Your Business: A Business Education and Resilience Workshop

### **PGCLitterTRAK**

PGCLitterTRAK is a smartphone application, developed by the County Department of the Environment, designed to assist County residents, community organizations and businesses report trash and debris collected during individual and group clean-up events. Learn more here: <https://pgcproud.com/litter-reductions-efforts>

### **Public Service Commission Utility Grants**

The Maryland Public Service Commission has announced \$83 million in funding to help residents across the State cover past-due utility bills. Those who qualify for funding will not need to take any action.

Learn more here: [bit.ly/3cJEvzw](http://bit.ly/3cJEvzw)

**MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**\$83 MILLION TO COVER PAST-DUE UTILITY BILLS**

- \$276 MILLION OWED BY UTILITY CUSTOMERS
- DEBTS MUST HAVE ACCUMULATED BEFORE 6/20/21
- FUNDS EXPECTED TO ELIMINATE DEBT IN CATEGORIES 1 & 2
- GRANTS WILL BE APPLIED TO CUSTOMERS IN THIS ORDER -->

**CATEGORY 1:**  
CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED ENERGY ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE'S OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS WITHIN THE LAST FOUR YEARS

**CATEGORY 2:**  
CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS CERTIFICATES ON FILE WITH THEIR UTILITY

**CATEGORY 3:**  
CUSTOMERS WITH THE OLDEST ARREARAGES

### **Vaccine Equity Team Briefing Video**

The County's COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Team provided a briefing recently on the work they have accomplished so far. [Learn](#) how they are working to ensure equitable access to vaccines for all our residents.