



COVID-19 UPDATE

Daily COVID-19 Update – August 2, 2021

The Daily COVID Update is Back!

Due to rising COVID case numbers in our region, we have resumed reporting daily COVID data.

New case rates in the US are now at approximately the same levels as they were in July 2020. According to the CDC's COVID Tracker website, as of today, 59.72% of US counties are now in the "HIGH" category for community transmission (a week ago it was 15.93%) and 18.79% have "SUBSTANTIAL" transmission (a week ago it was 0.62%).

In our region, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, and St. Mary's counties in Maryland, Arlington, Culpeper, Fauquier, and Prince William counties in Virginia, and Alexandria and Washington, DC all have substantial community transmission occurring. **Per the latest CDC guidance, mask wearing is now recommended indoors in these areas, even for those who are vaccinated.**

There are several reasons for this change in guidance:

1. The Delta variant spreads faster and is more dangerous than other variants.
2. Health officials now believe that vaccinated individuals may carry the disease to unvaccinated people even if they do not experience COVID symptoms.
3. A very small percentage of vaccinated persons will contract COVID, despite being vaccinated.

Covid-19 Data *			
	Maryland	PG County	Bowie
Cases	469,542 (+2,107)	86,971 (+399)	Cases: 7,524 (+38)
Deaths	9,829 (+16)	1,605 (+2)	20715: 1,664 (+7)
Positivity Rate	3.23%	4.05%	20716: 1,647 (+5)
Case Rate Per 100K	7.89	9.87	20720: 1,917 (+9)
Currently Hospitalized	281 (+26.5%)	NA	20721: 2,334 (+17)
(*) Additional cases since from Friday, July 30, 2021 (3-day totals)			
Vaccine Progress			
	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	3,630,316 (60.05% pop.)	459,433 (50.53% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	3,296,359 (54.52% pop.)	408,101 (44.88% pop.)	
Single Dose	273,123 (4.52%)	28,856 (3.17% pop.)	
Vaccine percentages are based on total population, not eligible population. Zip code level vaccine data is updated weekly (Wednesdays) by the State of Maryland.			
Source: Maryland Department of Health www.coronavirus.maryland.gov			

Get the Vax!

Vaccinations remain our best path to ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Find a vaccination location near you by visiting covidvax.maryland.gov.