



COVID-19 UPDATE

The Daily COVID Update is Back!

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

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are once again increasing in nearly all states, fueled by the Delta variant, which is much more contagious than past versions of the virus. The highest spread of cases and severe outcomes is happening in places with low vaccination rates.

In our region, a large majority of counties in Maryland and Virginia as well as Washington, DC have a “substantial” level of community transmission occurring. A growing number of counties show a more concerning “high” level of community transmission. The Delta variant accounts for nearly 100% of the new cases currently being sequenced in Maryland and it accounts for 93% of all the cases nationwide

Per the latest CDC guidance, mask wearing is now recommended indoors, 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	471,334 (+729)	87,313 (+117)	Cases: 7,601 (+12)
Deaths	9,842 (+2)	1,607 (+0)	20715: 1,671 (+3)
Positivity Rate	3.74%	4.84%	20716: 1,657 (+1)
Case Rate Per 100K	9.21	11.64	20720: 1,927 (+3)
Currently Hospitalized	337 (+3.6%)	NA	20721: 2,346 (+5)
Vaccine Progress			
	Maryland	PG County	
1st of 2 Dose Received	3,653,152 (60.43% pop.)	463,231 (50.94% pop.)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	3,310,169 (54.75% pop.)	410,627 (45.16% pop.)	
Single Dose	274,983 (4.55%)	29,149 (3.21% 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 https://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 or by calling 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829).