

Daily COVID-19 Update for Thursday, September 9, 2021

Covid-19 Data (as of 9/9/21)						
	Maryland	PG County	Bowie			
Cases	506,464 (+907)	93,255 (+138)	Cases: 8,118 (+15)			
Deaths	10,124 (+9)	1,640 (+3)	20715: 1,785 (+7)			
Positivity Rate	4.35%	5.22%	20716: 1,781 (+3)			
Case Rate Per 100K	16.11	16.97	20720: 2,049 (+2)			
Currently Hospitalized	816 (-0.1%)	NA	20721: 2,503 (+3)			

Figures above in parentheses are daily increases since 9/7/21

Vaccine Progress						
	Maryland		PG County			
e Received	3,856,872 (63.80% pop.)		498,678 (54.84% pop.)			
se Received	3,488,467 (57.70% pop.)		441,999 (48.61% pop.)			
	292,520 (4.84%)		29,970 (3.30% pop.)			
20715	20716	20720		20721		
16,508 (61.67%)	13,106 (59.35%)	15,221 (64.76%)		18,570 (62.29%)		
17,795 (66.48%)	14,314 (64.82%)	16,654 (70.86%)		20,381 (68.37%)		
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Vaccine totals represent total population, not eligible population. Source: Maryland Department of Health at coronavirus.maryland.gov

On September 9, Governor Hogan held a press conference to provide a COVID update. Below are the key points he presented:

- Maryland's statewide positivity rate is currently the sixth lowest in the US.
- State health officials are preparing for the next phase of their vaccination campaign and laying the groundwork for a statewide operation for booster shots.
- Over 28,000 booster shots have already been administered to immunocompromised Marylanders.
- As part of the preparation for widespread distribution of boosters, the state launched an antibody testing program last month for 500 nursing home residents. Finding indicate that: over 60% demonstrated some form of waning immunity and as many as 1 in 3 are now particularly vulnerable.
- As a result of these findings, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has issued new orders, which says all Marylanders 65 and older living in <u>congregate care</u> settings are immediately eligible for booster shots.
- This health order applies to all <u>nursing homes</u>, assisted living facilities, residential drug treatment centers, and developmentally disabled group homes.

- MDH also issued <u>new guidance</u> which says all pharmacies and providers across the state
 are instructed to administer boosters without a prescription or doctor's order to anyone
 who considers themselves to be immunocompromised.
- This week, the state is launching a \$3 million statewide, community-based, door-to-door canvassing effort to directly engage Marylanders living in areas with low vaccination rates.
- Monoclonal Antibody Therapy treatment is available at over 30 facilities statewide.
 Maryland has administered more than 10,000 infusions which have helped avoid approximately 500 hospitalizations and 200 deaths. Learn more at covidlink.maryland.gov.