



COVID-19 NUMBERS

Daily COVID-19 Update for Thursday, September 23, 2021

The FDA announced yesterday that it has amended its Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to allow a booster dose for those age 65 and up, younger adults with underlying health conditions, and those in jobs that put them at high risk for COVID-19.

According to a [statement issued by the FDA](#), this includes “health care workers, teachers and day care staff, grocery workers and those in homeless shelters or prisons, among others.” The CDC is expected to weigh in soon with its recommendation on boosters.

Maryland is doing better than most states in terms of new cases rates and hospitalizations, but the rates are still much higher than they were in early summer and 334 Marylanders have lost their lives to the disease since September 1, 2021.

Covid-19 Data (as of 9/23/21)				
	Maryland	PG County	Bowie	
Cases	523,760 (+1,405)	95,623 (+177)	Cases: 8,305 (+12)	
Deaths	10,348 (+16)	1,666 (+4)	20715: 1,837 (+3)	
Positivity Rate	4.38%	4.94%	20716: 1,820 (+5)	
Case Rate Per 100K	20.09	17.09	20720: 2,088 (+2)	
Currently Hospitalized	792 (-3.8%)	NA	20721: 2,560 (+2)	
<i>Most figures above in parentheses are daily increases since 9/22/21.</i>				
Vaccine Progress				
	Maryland	PG County		
1st of 2 Dose Received	3,919,875 (64.84% pop.)	509,225 (56.00% pop.)		
2nd of 2 Dose Received	3,561,005 (58.90% pop.)	453,668 (49.89% pop.)		
Single Dose	299,063 (4.95%)	30,224 (3.32% pop.)		
Vaccine totals represent total population, not eligible population. Source: Maryland Department of Health at coronavirus.maryland.gov				
	20715	20716	20720	20721
Fully Vax	16,789 (62.72%)	13,377 (60.58%)	15,537 (66.11%)	18,953 (63.58%)
1st Dose	18,003 (67.26%)	14,509 (65.70%)	16,874 (71.80%)	20,661 (68.31%)

Free Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic – Saturday, 9/25 for Ages 3+

An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu. This year the city is partnering with University of Maryland Capital Region Health to host a FREE flu shot clinic at the **Bowie Senior Center**. Only the regular dose flu vaccine will be available at this drive-thru clinic.

How the drive-thru clinic works:

- Flu shots will be available for adults and children ages 3 and older
- Vaccines will be provided on a first-come first-served basis
- Participants should wear clothing that allows easy access to your upper arm
- Everyone 3 years and older must wear a face mask
- Minors (under 18) will require a parent/guardian signature of consent
- No walk-ups. This is strictly a drive-thru event.
- This clinic is free to all participants.

Each participant must wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times. Please do not attend if you are feeling sick, even with mild symptoms. Because a flu shot does not protect against COVID-19, and a COVID-19 vaccine does not protect against flu, it is important to get both shots. You can get a flu shot no matter how recently you may have had a COVID-19 shot.

The higher dose version of the flu shot for seniors will not be available at this clinic but will be offered at a high-dose clinic on October 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. Call the Center at 301-809-2300 to reserve your spot. **Please note:** All persons entering the Senior Center must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and wear a face mask.

Influenza is a serious illness that affects millions of Americans every year. An annual flu shot can reduce illness and hospitalizations, protect pregnant women and be lifesaving for children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone ages 6 months and older.

Visit the [CDC FAQs](#) page for more information about the flu and flu vaccine.