



COVID-19 UPDATE

Monday, February 22, 2021

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Today's COVID Brief

While case numbers seem to be declining across the country, over the last week, the daily average for new cases was 66,000 cases per day and sometime this week the country is likely to reach the mark of 500,000 COVID deaths.

Overall, Prince George's County metrics are very encouraging. However, due to a sharp uptick in cases, the University of Maryland, College Park has ordered students to sequester on campus for at least the next seven days.

Prince George's County had put first dose appointments on hold through today due to delays in vaccine shipments. Check emails for updates on scheduled first dose appointments. The CDC expects to catch up on its vaccine shipments by mid-week.

The state's mass vaccination site at M & T Bank stadium opened today. This makes three state mass vaccination sites operating now and another three expected to open over the next several weeks as vaccine supplies improve.

Prince George's County Metrics

Current vaccination phase is 1C. See [description of groups eligible for vaccination now](#).

| Key Metrics | Current status* | Goal |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Positivity rate | 5.86 | Remain below 3% |
| Cases per 100K | 17.78 | New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk) |
| Infection rate | 0.84 | Low risk range (<0.9) |

(*) Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase. Black signifies no change.

| Vaccines Administered | | % of County Population |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| First doses | 55,692 | 6.13% |
| Second doses | 21,928 | 2.41% |
| Total doses | 77,620 | |

Prince George's County Vaccine Appointment Update 2/22/2021

The Prince George's County Health Department vaccination sites Sports and Learning Complex, Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Center in Oxon Hill, Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, and the Cheverly Health Center) canceled first dose vaccination appointments from February 19 through today due to delayed vaccine shipments. Second dose appointments are allocated separately and have continued without interruption.

Mass Vaccination Sites Update

The best way to keep up with appointment availability at the state's three mass vaccination sites is to sign up for updates from the State of Maryland. Text MDReady to 898-211 to register for Maryland vaccine alerts This morning a message was sent using that system, notifying subscribers that a limited number of appointments were available at the new M & T Bank site. You can also check appointment availability at <https://massvax.maryland.gov>. Other ways to keep up with COVID announcements from the state of Maryland are provided in the graphic below.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES

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|  WEB Vaccine resources: covidlink.maryland.gov Vaccine data: coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine |  ALERTS Maryland 211 text alerts: Text "MdReady" to 898-211 Email updates from Governor Hogan: bit.ly/GovHoganNewsletter |  SOCIAL MEDIA @MDHealthDept @CDCCGov @MDMEMA @GovLarryHogan |
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Phase 1 Vaccine Appointment Options

Vaccine appointments are still very difficult to secure due to limited supplies of the vaccine. Each organization providing vaccinations has its own appointment process and even the mass vaccination sites for the state have different registration processes, depending on who the medical partners for the different sites.

Visit the [Maryland Vaccination Locator site](#) for links to the more than 200 vaccination sites in the state. We have also provided direct links to each of the organizations administering vaccinations below.

Current Vaccination Options for those in Phase 1

1. **Prince George's County Health Department Facilities** – Requires pre-registration (see link below). When an appointment is available you will receive an email inviting you to schedule your appointment. Efforts remain focused getting those in Phase 1A and 1B vaccinated. They county hopes to begin scheduling Phase 1C appointments some time in March.
2. **Hospital systems** – University of Maryland, Luminis, MedStar, Johns Hopkins, and Adventist are offering appointments as supplies permit. Johns Hopkins is also scheduling appointments through a lottery process (for eligible patients as supplies permit).
3. **Retail pharmacies**, such as Giant, Safeway, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens and Walmart.
4. **Maryland Mass Vaccination Locations** – Six sites are planned around the state. Three are now open at Six Flags, the Baltimore Convention Center,

CVS and Walgreens are the designated Federal Pharmacy Program providers in Maryland They receive their vaccine shipments directly from the CDC, while the other retail pharmacies listed above receive their vaccine allocations from the State of Maryland.

Hopefully vaccines supplies will become more plentiful over the next month or two and appointments will be much easier to schedule. As supplies increase, the state plans to increase the number of vaccinations they can administer at the mass vaccination sites. Prince George's County also expects to increase its vaccine appointment offerings when supplies permit. If you may be interested in getting your vaccination at a Prince George's County site when you are eligible, you should pre-register now to get your name on the list. Prince George's County will use the pre-registration list to invite people to schedule appointments when they are eligible. The mass vaccination sites, pharmacies, and hospital systems have their own appointment scheduling processes.

Links to Vaccine Appointment Information / Scheduling Sites

- **Maryland vaccination locator site:** covid.maryland.gov
- **Prince George's County pre-registration site:** <https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>
- **Giant** - <https://giantfood.com/pages/covid-info>
- **Safeway** - <https://www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt>
- **Walgreens** - <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>
- **Medstar Health** - <https://www.medstarhealth.org/mhs/about-medstar/covid-19-vaccine-information/>
- **University of Maryland Medical System** (includes Prince George's Hospital) - <https://www.umms.org/capital>
- **Luminis Health (includes Anne Arundel Medical Center and Doctor's Hospital, and Reid Temple in Glenn Dale)** <https://living.aahs.org/community-vaccine-clinics/>
- **Adventist Health** - <https://www.adventisthealthcare.com/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine/>
- **Baltimore Convention Center mass site** – <https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/get-vaccine/baltimore-convention-center-vaccine> or call 443-462-5511 for assistance with making an appointment. If eligible to be vaccinated at this time, you must fill out a [form](#) to request a vaccination appointment at the Baltimore Convention Center. Once an appointment is available, you will be contacted.
- **Johns Hopkins** - <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/maryland.html>
- **Six Flags** – <https://massvax.maryland.gov/>
- **M & T Bank Stadium** – <https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/get-vaccine/mtb-stadium>

Maryland and Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Hotlines

These hotlines are intended for seniors who need assistance and those without internet access.

- Maryland's COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center:**
 1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829)
 Open seven days a week from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-registration Hotline:**
 Dial 311 (press # after the call is answered)
 This hotline will assist seniors and others without internet access get pre-registered.

Key COVID-19 Metrics Charts

These charts provide data for the last seven days on key COVID-19 metrics that are being tracked and analyzed to identify trends and to make reopening decisions.

| COVID-19 New Case Tracking | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | 20715 | 20716 | 20720 | 20721 | Bowie Cases | Prince George's Cases | Maryland Cases |
| Today | 1,366 (+3) | 1,329 (+3) | 1,549 (+5) | 1,901 (+3) | 6,145 (+14) | 72,250 (+128) | 376,966 (+611) |
| 21-Feb | +0 | +0 | +1 | +5 | +6 | +129 | +618 |
| 20-Feb | +2 | +0 | +3 | +8 | +13 | +176 | +763 |
| 19-Feb | +4 | +3 | +3 | +2 | +12 | +231 | +1,008 |
| 18-Feb | +2 | +3 | +4 | +1 | +10 | +184 | +986 |
| 17-Feb | +4 | +3 | +8 | +2 | +17 | +186 | +759 |
| 16-Feb | 1,351 | 1,317 | 1,525 | 1,880 | 6,073 | 71,216 | 372,221 |

| 7-Day Positivity Rates | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|
| | County Tests Completed | County % | State Tests Completed | State % |
| Today | 478,902 (+579) | 5.86% | 7,677,006 (+22,188) | 3.91% |
| 21-Feb | +780 | 6.06% | +32,164 | 4.08% |
| 20-Feb | +1,016 | 6.03% | +25,434 | 4.17% |
| 19-Feb | +1,067 | 5.83% | +42,207 | 4.12% |
| 18-Feb | +1,014 | 5.72% | +35,950 | 4.13% |
| 17-Feb | +917 | 5.76% | +23,155 | 4.17% |
| 16-Feb | +550 | 5.74% | +9,967 | 4.23% |

| Cases per 100K Persons | | | Infection Rates | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | County Cases per 100K | State Cases per 100K | | County Infection Rate | State Infection Rate |
| Today | 17.78 | 12.43 | 21-Feb | 0.84 | 0.79 |
| 21-Feb | 17.94 | 12.69 | 20-Feb | 0.84 | 0.79 |
| 20-Feb | 18.46 | 13.23 | 19-Feb | 0.84 | 0.79 |
| 19-Feb | 18.40 | 14.17 | 18-Feb | 0.84 | 0.79 |
| 18-Feb | 17.61 | 14.42 | 17-Feb | 0.84 | 0.79 |
| 17-Feb | 18.19 | 14.92 | 16-Feb | 0.84 | 0.79 |
| 16-Feb | 18.79 | 15.80 | 15-Feb | 0.83 | 0.79 |
| | | | 14-Day Weighted Average | 0.83 | 0.80 |

| Key | |
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| Cases | <i>Represents the daily number of new positive cases.</i> |
| Positivity Rate | <i>The 7-day positivity rate is a rolling weekly average of the percent of new cases relative to the number of tests conducted. The goal is a positivity rate consistently below 5%.</i> |
| Cases per 100K persons | <i>Measures how widespread the virus is in a community. The goal is to have fewer than 5 new cases per 100K persons.</i> |
| Infection rate | <i>Shows how many people are infected by each positive case. The goal is an infection rate at or below 0.9.</i> |
| Data sources: <i>Except for the infection rate, all data provided here is from the State of Maryland's COVID dashboard. The infection rate is tracked by. It is subject to adjustments and may have a 1 to 3-day lag time in reporting.</i> | |

Maryland Hospitalizations

| Hospitalizations | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Currently Hospitalized: | 992 | -2.3%* |
| Acute Care: | 716 | -3.7%* |
| Intensive Care | 276 | 1.4%* |
| Ever Hospitalized | 34,493 | 9.1% |

Studies Indicate COVID-19 Not Transmitted Through Food or Food Packaging

The USDA, FDA, and the CDC continue to underscore that there is no credible evidence of food or food packaging associated with or as a likely source of viral transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing COVID-19. It is important to note that COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that is spread from person to person, unlike foodborne or gastrointestinal viruses. [Source](#)

PGCPS Update

Prince George's County Public Schools announced plans to reopen for in-person hybrid teaching and learning starting in April while giving families the opportunity to continue distance learning through the end of the school year. PGCPS will distribute a survey to all families to select to either to continue virtual learning for the remainder of the school year or begin hybrid instruction two days a week. Families will have until February 28 to complete the survey. Learn more about these plans on the [PGCPS website](#).

Bowie Business Recovery Program

The Business Recovery Program provides technical assistance to help Bowie businesses meet the challenges of the pandemic, build resiliency, and accelerate their post COVID recovery. The program is a collaboration between the Bowie Innovation Center business accelerator and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and is funded by the City of Bowie.

The graphic features the Bowie Business Recovery Program logo at the top, which includes the text "Bowie BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM" and the tagline "Powering Business Success". Below the logo, the text "THIS WEEK FEB. 22nd-25th" is prominently displayed. A white rounded rectangle contains three event listings, each preceded by a calendar icon: 1) FEB. 23RD 11AM-12PM: BUSINESS RECOVERY OPEN DOOR ONE-ON-ONE SESSION: COVID-19 PPP FUNDING INFORMATION; 2) FEB. 25TH 4PM-5PM: BUSINESS RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE: SBA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS & UPDATES ON PPP AND EIDL; 3) FEB. 25TH 5-6PM: BUSINESS EDUCATION AND RESILIENCE WEBINAR: FOOD INDUSTRY & THE PANDEMIC EXECUTING A SHIFT TO THRIVE.

Other News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 2/23 – Bowie Advisory Planning Board (BAPB) Virtual Meeting
- 2/25 – #BowieSpeaks Community Conversations
- 3/1 – City Council meeting, 8 p.m.

Advisory Planning Board Meeting on February 23 at 7 p.m.

The virtual public hearing on Ray's Towing LLC that was scheduled to take place at this meeting has been postponed. The Board will still meet to receive an update on the Liberty Sports Project. See [Public Hearing Postponement Notice](#).

#BowieSpeaks Community Conversation – February 25

On February 25, the City of Bowie will host the second community conversation in the #BowieSpeaks social

justice series. The next conversation is entitled, *The Role of Religious Organizations in the Quest for Social Justice*. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Zoom and will be moderated by members of the Community Outreach and Diversity Committees and panelists from Faith Works, Temple Solel, United Parish of Bowie and Village Baptist Church.

Attendees must register at <https://bowie.fyi/bowiespeaks>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and Zoom link to join the webinar. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cunningham at lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.

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#BOWIESPEAKS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

ADDRESSING RACISM AND THE
NEED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



FEBRUARY 25, 7 P.M.

The #BowieSpeaks program will discuss the role of religious organizations in our quest for social justice and their impact on the community. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Zoom link: <https://bowie.fyi/bowiespeaks>

Panelists

- Rev. Chris Deacon
United Parish of Bowie
- Rabbi Steve Weisman
Temple Solel
- Rev. Emily Holiday
Village Baptist Church
- Khalil Shadeed
Faith Works