

Maryland's COVID-19 Positivity Rate Drops to 5.43%, ICU Beds at Lowest Level Since April 5

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Maryland's [key COVID-19 health metrics](#) continue to trend in a positive direction, with the statewide positivity rate dropping to 5.43%, ICU beds falling to their lowest level since April 5, and the state reporting its lowest number of new cases since March 31.

More than 535,000 COVID-19 Tests, 5.43% Positivity Rate. Maryland has now conducted 535,444 COVID-19 tests, including 8,562 tests over the last 24 hours. The state's seven-day average positivity rate has dropped to 5.43%—down nearly 80% from its peak level on April 17.

260 New COVID-19 Cases Reported on June 17. Maryland is reporting its lowest number of new COVID-19 cases since March 31.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Continue to Decline. Maryland's current total COVID-19 hospitalizations—one of the state's key recovery metrics—have dropped to 660. ICU bed use has decreased to 269, its lowest level since April 5. Since the beginning of June, total hospitalizations have decreased by more than 43%.

Baltimore City Leads Large Jurisdictions With 8.5% of Population Tested, Positivity Rate Continues to Decline. To date, Maryland has tested 7.4% of its population. Baltimore City, still currently in Stage One of recovery, is above the state average with 8.5% of its population tested. Its positivity rate has dropped to 6.42%, and is down by 37% since June 1.

Now Nearly 170 Major Testing Sites Statewide. Maryland has broadened the criteria for COVID-19 testing to include those who are asymptomatic. There are now nearly 170 major testing sites in Maryland. Visit coronavirus.maryland.gov to find a location that is most convenient for you.

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