

Maryland's COVID-19 Positivity Rate Drops to 4.92%, Hospitalizations Under 500 For First Time In 12 Weeks

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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 a new low of 4.92%, and hospitalizations falling below 500 for the first time in 12 weeks.

"While we are unfortunately seeing rising case numbers in states across the country, here in Maryland, all of the key health metrics continue to trend in a very positive direction," said Governor Hogan. "But the fight against this virus is far from over. The positivity rate among Marylanders under the age of 35 is now 34% higher than the rate among those 35 and older. We simply cannot afford to stop being vigilant and cautious. Our long-term recovery can only be effective if all Marylanders continue exercising personal responsibility."

More than 613,000 COVID-19 Tests, 4.92% Positivity Rate. Maryland has now conducted 613,513 COVID-19 tests, including 9,914 tests over the last 24 hours. The state's seven-day average positivity rate has dropped to 4.92%—down nearly 82% from its peak level on April 17.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Continue to Decline. Maryland's current total COVID-19 hospitalizations—one of the state's key recovery metrics—have dropped below 500 for the first time in 12 weeks, with 297 acute care beds and 190 ICU beds in use. Since June 1, total hospitalizations have fallen by more than 58%.

Baltimore City Leads Large Jurisdictions With 9.7% of Population Tested, Only Queen Anne's County Below 5%. To date, Maryland has tested 8.4% of its population, as the state works toward a goal of testing 10 percent of the population in all 24 jurisdictions. Six jurisdictions have exceeded the goal: Baltimore City leads large jurisdictions with 9.7%, and only Queen Anne's County is lagging below 5%.

Positivity Rates In Large Jurisdictions Continues to Decline. The positivity rate in all 24 of Maryland's jurisdictions is now under 8%. The positivity rate in Montgomery County has dropped more than 79% from its peak, down to 6.75%. The positivity rate in Prince George's County has dropped more than 81% from its peak, down to 7.88%

Positivity Rate Among Marylanders Under 35 Is 34% Higher. In keeping with trends states are seeing across the country, the positivity rate among Marylanders under 35 (6.15%) is 34% higher than the positivity rate for Marylanders age 35 and older (4.58%).

#MasksOnMaryland. The Maryland Department of Health has launched a coordinated public outreach campaign encouraging Marylanders to continue to wear face coverings as the pandemic continues, and as summer activity increases.

Now Nearly 200 Major Testing Sites Statewide. There are now nearly 200 major testing sites in Maryland, with major sites open today at the Baltimore Convention Center and Six Flags America in Prince George's County. Visit coronavirus.maryland.gov to find a location that is most convenient for you.

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