

MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S

# SITUATIONAL UPDATE

Monday, January 11, 2021

 GOVERNMENT OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

# PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

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# WE THANK

the men and women of the  
Metropolitan Police Department  
and the DC Fire and EMS  
Department for your heroic efforts.





# WE THANK

Maryland and Virginia for the support of their Guard and law enforcement on January 6.

Both jurisdictions also provided support at the state and county level for law enforcement mutual aid requests, many of whom ultimately helped to clear the Capitol Building.



We are asking Americans  
**NOT TO COME TO WASHINGTON, DC**  
for the 59th Presidential Inauguration on  
January 20, and to instead participate  
virtually.

# We have requested that the President declare a pre-Emergency Declaration for the District of Columbia.

This is necessary because this **Inauguration poses several unprecedented challenges** that exceed the scope of our traditional planning processes, including:

- the COVID-19 pandemic
- the January 6 domestic terror attack on the United States Capitol

# PLANNING FOR INAUGURATION

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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

January 9, 2021

The Honorable Chad F. Wolf  
Acting Secretary  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Acting Secretary Wolf:

Following the unprecedented terrorist attack on the United States Capitol on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, and the continued threat of related violence in the District of Columbia, we are extremely concerned about the upcoming National Special Security Event (NSSE) led by the United States Secret Service. We believe strongly that the 59<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration on January 20 will require a very different approach than previous inaugurations given the chaos, injury, and death experienced at the United States Capitol during the insurrection. While I will be reaching out to a broad range of local, regional, and federal partners to enhance cooperation among our bodies, I strongly urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to adjust its approach to the Inauguration in several specific ways.

**First, the District of Columbia is requesting the Department extend the National Special Security Event period to run from Monday, January 11 to Sunday, January 24, 2021.** This is an increase from the current period of January 19 to January 21, 2021, which will allow for better Federal and District government interagency preparation for the Inauguration, given the new threats from insurgent acts of domestic terrorists. Further, the District strongly recommends that you secure the permission of the Congress of the United States to include the Capitol and its grounds in the NSSE perimeter.

**Second, the District of Columbia is submitting a request for a pre-disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act for the Inauguration.** This declaration will enhance and expedite direct federal assistance needed to prepare for the Inauguration. My Administration is developing specific requests for direct federal assistance and will work with FEMA to execute those requests upon approval of the declaration.

**Third, the District of Columbia urges the Department to coordinate with the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice, the United States Congress, and the United States Supreme Court to establish a security and federal force deployment plan for all federal property, which will ensure the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) ability to focus on its local mission in the District's eight wards.** Earlier this week, MPD officers acted heroically rushing to back-up the United States

Capitol Police to stop the assault on the United States Capitol. Consistent with established protocols and practices, it is the primary responsibility of the federal government to secure federal property in these situations.

In addition, I ask that the Acting Attorney General at the Department of Justice direct the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide an intelligence and threat briefing on a daily basis during the period of January 11 – 24, 2021, to the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and MPD and all law enforcement entities operating in the District of Columbia.

Further, I am requesting that the Secretary of the Department of Interior cancel any and all Public Gathering Permits in the District of Columbia and deny any applications for Public Gathering Permits during the period of January 11 – 24, 2021. We have made this request repeatedly since June 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this week demonstrated the National Park Service's willingness to approve last minute permits and major adjustments.

The requests outlined herein — if issued swiftly and communicated broadly — are essential to demonstrating our collective resolve in ensuring the Constitutional transition of power and our nation's capital in the days leading up to it. And like with previous inaugurations and NSSEs, the District of Columbia will host a press event for agencies engaged in the NSSE to brief the public on the plan and coordination among our agencies. We look forward to federal participation.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director of HSEMA, is my point person on this request and is available to provide you with any additional information. He can be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Thank you for your immediate attention and reply to these requests.

Sincerely,  
  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

On Sunday, I sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security Acting Secretary Chad Wolf regarding Inauguration preparation.

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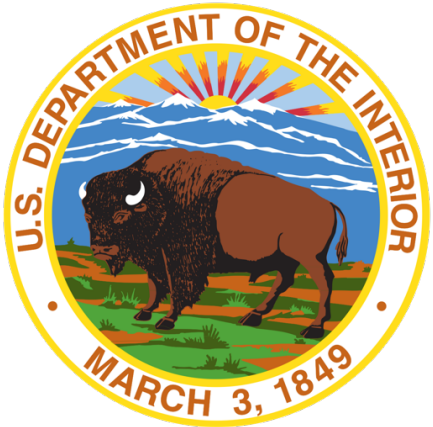
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Get updates on the 59th Presidential Inauguration from DC Government.

**Text INAUG2021 to 888-777**  
for updates on public safety, street  
closures, weather alerts, transit  
updates, and more.

Register for important alerts from the District by signing up for  
AlertDC at [alertdc.dc.gov](https://alertdc.dc.gov)

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# VACCINE UPDATES

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# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

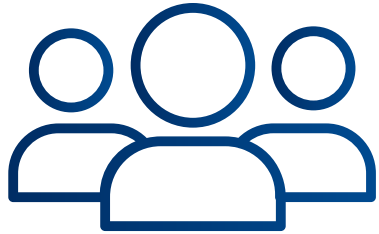
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Level of Community Spread	Daily case rate		Rate of transmission		Test positivity rate		New cases from quarantined contacts	
	41.22 (Jan 9)	7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.	1.01 (Dec 30)	Effective reproduction number (Rt)	6.7% (Jan 7)	Percent positive from RT-PCR tests	10.9% (Jan 7)	7-day average
Health System Capacity	Percent hospital utilization		Percent COVID-19 patients		Mean test turnaround time		Diagnostic tests conducted	
	86.2% (Jan 9)	of available beds without surge	12.9% (Jan 9)	of daily hospital census, 7-day average	2.5 (Jan 9)	(days) 7-day average	6,751 (Jan 7)	7-day avg. per million pop.
Public Health System Capacity	Positive cases with contact attempt		Close contacts with contact attempt					
	99.9% (Jan 8)	7-day avg. attempt within 1 day	97.5% (Jan 7)	7-day avg. attempt within 2 days				
Community Engagement	Positive cases interviewed		Positive cases who provide close contacts		Mean number close contacts provided		Exposure Notification Opt-in	
	76.6% (Jan 7)	7-day avg. completed within 3 days	45.5% (Jan 7)	7-day avg.	1.2 (Jan 7)	7-day avg. mean per positive case	546,726 (Jan 5)	cumulative # of smart phones opted in to official exposure notification system
	Correct mask-wearing		Percent full COVID-19 vaccine coverage					
	72.2% (Dec 9)	percent observed Updated every 3 weeks	0.20% (Jan 9)	cumulative Updated weekly				

Data Source: DC Health







So far,

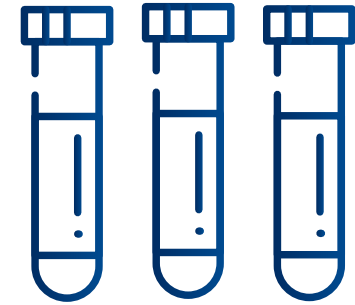
**26,672**

doses have been  
**administered** in DC



**Total doses**  
already delivered:

**45,425**



**Additional doses**  
becoming available  
this week:

**8,300**

Beginning today, DC residents aged **65 and older** can make an appointment to get the COVID-19 vaccine through the **vaccinate.dc.gov** portal or by calling the District's coronavirus call center at **855-363-0333**.



If you already tried to register for the vaccine, but you do not work in a health care setting, you should re-register this week.

# 855-363-0333

Residents can schedule a vaccination  
through the call center

**Monday through Friday**  
**from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

and on

**Saturdays**  
**from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

Additionally, residents  
can connect to the call  
center by dialing

# 311



Making your vaccine appointment will only take about 5 minutes.



You will be asked to provide:

- ☒ Demographic information (e.g. race, gender, age)
- ☒ Medical history
- ☒ COVID-19 history
- ☒ Contact information
- ☒ Insurance information (if you have insurance)

Once completed, you will receive a confirmation code that you should take with you, along with your photo ID, to your appointment.

You will only make your first appointment through the call center or **vaccinate.dc.gov**. You will make your appointment for your second dose when you go for your first dose.

## Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is as simple as getting the flu vaccine.



### Bring:

- ☒ Your confirmation code
- ☒ A photo ID
- ☒ Your insurance card (if you have insurance)

**Wear a loose-fitting shirt that allows medical staff to get to your upper arm.**

**After you receive your vaccination, be prepared to stay for 15 to 30 minutes after for observation.**

You will receive a vaccination card or printout that tells you which COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, where you received it, and when you should return for your second shot.

**The COVID-19 vaccine is free.** Those with insurance will **NOT** be charged a co-pay. Those without insurance will not be charged or turned away.

The COVID-19 vaccine may cause side effects in some people, such as pain at the injection site, sore muscles, fatigue, or mild fever.

**These reactions mean the vaccine is working.**

For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a day or two.

While at your appointment, you will register to use v-safe, a tool that allows you to communicate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about your experience.





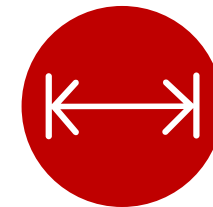
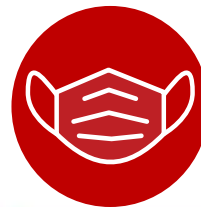
The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective.  
Getting vaccinated is the key to safely reuniting with  
our friends and families and getting our lives back.



**Seniors are prioritized**  
for the vaccine because  
the risk for severe illness  
and death related to

COVID-19 increases with age, with  
older adults at highest risk.

While we work to get more people  
vaccinated, those who have already  
received the vaccine should continue to  
use caution by **wearing a mask, social  
distancing, and practicing good hygiene.**



# VACCINATION PROGRAM PHASES WITH TIERS

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- **Prevention of Morbidity & Mortality**

- Long Term Care Residents

- **Preservation of Societal Functions**

- Healthcare Personnel (including veterinary medicine)
- Fire & Emergency Medical Personnel
- Frontline Public Health Workers

\*Essential employees are unable to execute their job functions remotely/via telework and are required to report for duty in-person during the public health emergency.

- **Prevention of Morbidity & Mortality**

- Continue Long Term Care Residents
- DC Residents age 65 years and older
- Congregate Settings (intermediate care facilities, community residential facilities, group homes, homeless shelters)

- **Preservation of Societal Functioning**

- Continue Phase 1a
- Correctional Officers
- Staff working in Congregate Settings
- Non-healthcare personnel supporting operations of COVID-19 vaccination clinics

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- **Prevention of Morbidity & Mortality**

- Continue Long Term Care Residents
- Continue DC Residents age 65 years and older
- Continue Congregate Settings (intermediate care facilities, community residential facilities, group homes, homeless shelters)
- Correctional Facilities and Detention Centers

- **Preservation of Societal Functioning**

- Continue Phase 1a
- Continue Phase 1b Tier 1
- Law Enforcement/Public Safety
- All staff working in K-12 educational facilities
- All staff working in child care facilities
- All staff working in grocery stores

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- Continue DC residents 65 years and older
- Continue Congregate Settings
- Continue Correctional Facilities and Detention Centers

- **Preservation of Societal Functioning**

- Continue Phase 1a
- Continue Phase 1b Tier 1
- Continue Phase 1b Tier 2
- Staff working in Courts and Individuals Providing Legal Services
- Individuals working in health, human services, and/or social services outreach programs
- Frontline employees of public (mass) transit
- Individuals employed in manufacturing
- Individuals working in food packaging and distribution
- Employees of US Postal Service

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- **Prevention of Morbidity & Mortality**

- Continue Phase 1a
- Continue Phase 1b (all tiers)
- DC Residents age 16-64 years and older with a chronic medical condition with increased risk of complications for COVID-19 and/or a chronic medical condition as defined by their health care provider

- **Preservation of Societal Functioning**

- Continue Phase 1a, Phase 1b (all tiers)
- Staff working in food service
- Essential employees\* in local government agencies
- Essential employees of public utilities
- Essential employees in non-governmental health, human, and social services organizations/agencies
- Individuals working in commercial and residential property maintenance and environmental services

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## • Preservation of Societal Functioning

- Individuals working in non-public transit transportation services (i.e. for hire vehicles, ride share)
- Individuals working in logistics/delivery/courier services
- Essential employees working in media and mass communications

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- **Prevention of Morbidity & Mortality**

- Continue Phase 1a
- Continue Phase 1b (all tiers)
- Continue DC Residents age 16-64 years and older with a chronic medical condition with increased risk of complications for COVID-19 and/or a chronic medical condition as defined by their health care provider

- **Preservation of Societal Function**

- All essential employees of institutions of higher education (i.e. colleges, universities, trade schools)
- Individuals working in construction
- All essential employees working in information technology
- Essential employees in federal government agencies
- Individuals working in commercial and residential property management

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- **Prevention of Morbidity and Mortality**

- Continue Phase 1a
- Continue Phase 1b (all tiers)
- Continue Phase 1c

- **Preservation of Societal Functioning**

- Continue Phase 1a
- Continue Phase 1b (all tiers)
- Continue Phase 1c (all tiers)
- All DC Residents age 16 years and older not included in previous phases

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# RECOVERY UPDATE

# THE BRIDGE FUND – \$100 MILLION

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## ENTERTAINMENT BRIDGE FUND APPLICATIONS OPEN TODAY FOR THE SUPPORTING BUSINESS PROGRAM

These are funds for businesses that provide services that heavily rely on large gatherings related to entertainment, events, trade shows, and/or tourism and have been indirectly impacted by restrictions mandated due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.



### What are examples of establishments that are eligible?

- Audio & Visual
- Event Equipment Rental
- Photographer
- Event Planners
- Trade Show or Event Staffing Services
- Event Production Companies
- Talent Booking Agency
- Tour Companies
- Performance Art Companies
- Performing Artists
- Event Promoters
- Recreational Sports Leagues

Learn more at [coronavirus.dc.gov/bridgefund](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/bridgefund)

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# RECOVERY WEEKLY CHECK IN WITH DMPED

Join us to learn about a new funding opportunity for businesses in the entertainment industry that rely on live events and tourism to operate.

## FEATURING UPDATES FROM:

John Falcicchio, Deputy Mayor, DMPED

Sybongile Cook, Director of Business Development, DMPED

Shawn Townsend, Director, Mayor's Office of Nightlife & Culture

## SPECIAL GUEST:

Rebecca Lindner, Founder + CEO, Linder Global Events/ Member of the DC Event Coalition

Tuesday, January 12 at 4:00 PM ET

You can view the presentation on Mayor Bowser's social media accounts or at [mayor.dc.gov/live](https://mayor.dc.gov/live).

RSVP at [bit.ly/DERTCa110112](https://bit.ly/DERTCa110112)

