



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in Prince George's County - 23

Number of confirmed cases in Maryland - 107

(Includes presumptive cases. Figures may decrease if a presumptive case is negative.)

Latest Actions by Governor Hogan

Governor Larry Hogan held a press conference this morning and announced further actions to slow the spread of COVID-19. For today's update we are focusing on those actions and encouraging all residents to heed the directives the Governor is putting into place to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Maryland.

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/corona to view previous updates for details about the following:

- Meals for School Children
- Park Usage
- Senior Center Transportation
- Council Meetings
- Bowie Pantry & Emergency Aid Fund Food Distribution
- Utility Information
- Maryland Health Connection Open Enrollment
- Metro

Below is a comprehensive list of actions Governor Hogan is taking today:

- **LIMITING GATHERINGS AND ORDERING CLOSURE OF SHOPPING MALLS:** Governor Hogan has amended a previous executive order to reduce the size of social, cultural, and community gatherings to 10 people, and require the closure of all enclosed shopping malls, as well as bowling alleys and pool halls. [Read the emergency order.](#)
- **RESTRICTED ACCESS TO BWI MARSHALL AIRPORT TERMINAL:** Governor Hogan has directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to restrict access to the BWI Marshall Terminal to ticketed passengers and employees only. Exceptions will be made for visitors assisting disabled passengers. Maryland Transportation Authority Police will strictly enforce this policy.
- **TRANSIT FOR ESSENTIAL TRAVEL ONLY:** The state is urging citizens to utilize transit for essential travel only, including emergency personnel, front-line health care workers, and anyone whose job is critical to the supply chain.
- **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SPRING SEMESTER:** Governor Hogan has asked the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to keep all students off campus and finish the spring semester online.

- **HOSPITAL SURGE PLAN:** Governor Hogan announced that, as part of phase one of the hospital surge plan, 900 beds will be made available immediately. By early April, another 1,400 beds are expected to come online. The multi-phase plan calls for adding capacity of up to 6,000 beds.
- **FLEXIBILITY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** Governor Hogan issued an emergency order to allow greater flexibility for emergency medical services personnel to augment other health care providers. This action will help bolster the state's hospital surge plan. [Read the emergency order.](#)
- **RELAUNCH OF MARYLAND UNITES:** Governor Hogan announced the relaunch of the Maryland Unites initiative to connect Marylanders with resources and highlight stories of generosity and compassion amid the crisis. To learn more, visit governor.maryland.gov/marylandunites.
- **DELIVERY AND CARRY-OUT OF ALCOHOL:** Governor Hogan has issued an emergency order that allows for delivery and carry-out sales of alcohol by restaurants, bars, distilleries, and wineries, subject to liquor laws and other conditions imposed by local alcoholic beverage authorities. [Read the emergency order.](#)
- **TEMPERATURE CHECKS AT STATE HOUSE:** The Department of General Services has instituted temperature checks and health screenings at the State House with the assistance of National Guard medical personnel.
- **LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON DELIVERY TRUCKS:** To help facilitate the movement of essential supplies, Governor Hogan has issued an emergency order to lift restrictions on the capacity of delivery trucks. Motor vehicles transporting equipment or supplies directly related to the COVID-19 state of emergency are allowed to exceed legal weight limits by up to 15%. The State Highway Administrator may also temporarily waive or modify hauling permit restrictions and conditions deemed safe and appropriate. [Read the emergency order.](#)
- **Resources for Businesses.** The Maryland Departments of Commerce and Labor have [compiled resources](#) to help businesses whose daily operations are affected during the state of emergency. Members of the business community are encouraged to reach out with their questions by sending a message to Secretary.Commerce@maryland.gov.
- **State of Emergency.** The World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic. The State of Maryland is continuing to operate under a state of emergency, and all levels of government are taking a comprehensive, collaborative approach to keep Marylanders safe. The list of ongoing state actions is available at governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus.

STATUS OF CITY OF BOWIE PUBLIC FACILITIES

City Hall	City offices are closed to the public. Comcast office is also closed. Call 1-800-934-6489 for assistance.	Please call a specific office if you have an urgent need to conduct business. Remember you can pay bills & conduct some city business online or by telephone. Water bills can also be dropped off in the slot next to the front door at City Hall.
Senior Center	Closed	Homebound meals and essential transportation for doctor's appointments continue.
City Gymnasium	Closed 3/16-3/27	Will follow PGCPSS schools
Ice Arena	Closed 3/16-3/27	Will follow PGCPSS schools
Kenhill Center	Closed to the public	No in-person counseling services will be provided by Bowie Youth & Family Services. Arrangements are being made for tele-therapy. Call 301-809-3033 for assistance.
Kenhill Center - Bowie TV Studio	Closed 3/16-4/3	Closed to producers & public
Historic Properties	Closed 3/16-3/27	Will follow PGCPSS schools. Includes City museums, Radio & TV Museum and Genealogy Library.
City Parks	Open	Games & practices on ballfields are canceled. Playgrounds, picnic areas & fitness equipment are not being sanitized. Use at your own risk.
Playhouse	Closed	
Police Department	No public access	See note below
Meeting Rooms	Canceled through 3/31	Meeting rooms at City Hall & the Kenhill Center are closed.
Trash and other Public Works collections	Continuing as scheduled	