



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, March 23, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in Prince George's County - 47

Number of confirmed cases in Maryland – 288

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Governor Hogan Announces More Restrictions

Governor Hogan enacted an executive order closing all non-essential businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities in Maryland effective at today, March 23, at 5 p.m.

From the Governor's Facebook page:

"In addition to those businesses that have already been closed by our prior executive orders, this new executive order closes all those businesses NOT covered by the federal guidelines defining 'critical infrastructure sectors,' which include health care, food and agriculture, energy, public works, community-based government operations, the chemical, hazardous materials, and defense industrial base sectors, law enforcement and public safety, transportation, critical manufacturing, financial services, and water and wastewater.

Let me be clear: at this time we are not issuing or ordering a 'shelter in place' directive forcing people to stay home. However, we are telling all Marylanders to follow all of the directives we have issued and to follow the state law against crowds of more than 10 people. Unless you have an essential reason to leave your house, stay in your home."

View today's Executive Order from Governor Hogan at www.cityofbowie.org/corona.

Public Works Curbside Collections Continue with Some Modifications

City of Bowie trash and recycling services are continuing to operate. However, in an effort to protect the solid waste crews, the following changes to curbside collections will be put in place effective Wednesday, March 25.

- All trash must be placed in trash cans or closed bags. No loose trash or large items will be picked up.
- No special pickups
- All recycling must be in recycling bins or carts. No loose items will be picked up.
- Yard waste collection is continuing.

Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

Testing

The State of Maryland and County health departments are working to make more testing available. FEDEX field is going to be a major testing site, as are five Vehicle Emissions Testing Facilities around the state. When they receive the necessary tests and supplies, they will open for drive-through testing. Tests will be administered to those who have doctor's orders to be tested and to those with symptoms, but only after they have gone through a brief screening process to confirm that testing is warranted.

Individuals should contact their primary care physician to discuss their symptoms and determine if a test is necessary. Visit the symptoms page on the CDC website (www.cdc.gov) for a list of symptoms and to use the Coronavirus Self Checker tool.

STATUS OF CITY OF BOWIE PUBLIC FACILITIES

City Hall	City offices are closed to the public.	Call 301-262-6200 if you have an urgent need to conduct business.
Senior Center, Ice Arena, City Gym, City Museums, Kenhill Center, Playhouse	Closed to the public	
City Parks	Open: Allen Pond, Buckingham, Centennial, Glen Allen, & Whitemarsh	Playgrounds, ballfields, courts, fitness equipment, and picnic areas at these parks are closed to public.
Trash and recycling	Continuing w/modifications	Trash & recycling must be in containers or closed bags. No loose trash or recycling. No large items will be collected with trash.
Special pickups	Canceled	
Yard Waste Collection	Continuing – no changes	