



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in Prince George's County - 63

Number of confirmed cases in Maryland – 349

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

Please view the latest video message from our Emergency Operations Center at

<https://youtu.be/3louBi2yXCE> . *(To watch with closed captioning, click on the “cc” button in the bottom right corner of the video screen.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steps Being Taken by the State of Maryland This Week

The new orders and actions announced on March 23, 2020 by Governor Hogan can be found in the following documents:

- Press Release and other information – www.maryland.gov
- Orders - <https://governor.maryland.gov/category/executive-orders/>
- Interpretive Guidance - <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OLC-Interpretive-Guidance-COVID19-04.pdf>

Trash & Recycling Collection

Effective Wednesday, March 25, modifications are being put in place to protect employees during this emergency. See chart below for more information.

Youth & Family Services

During the COVID-19 emergency, you can reach Bowie Youth & Family Services by calling 513-817-3158. A staff member will be there to assist you during our normal hours of operation, which are Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Can You Help?

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a program designed to help seniors (65+) or individuals with a disability who live in the City of Bowie and are in need of assistance. At the current time seniors and those with compromised immune systems are being encouraged to remain at home. To assist them in obtaining necessary food and medications, we are looking for volunteers willing to shop for groceries or pick-up a prescription at a drug store. If you are able to help, please complete a Neighbors Helping Neighbors application and return it as soon as possible. Applications can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms.

If you are a senior in need of help, a form is available for you to complete as well. The request for assistance form can also be found at the link above. For additional information please contact the Bowie Senior Center at 301-809-2300.

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.

Children’s Hospital in Washington, DC has announced that they have established a pediatric drive-through testing center. Contact your child’s health care provider for guidance before going for a test.

STATUS OF CITY OF BOWIE PUBLIC FACILITIES

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| 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 | All parks are open | Playgrounds, ballfields, courts, fitness equipment, and picnic areas at these parks are closed to public. |
| Trash and recycling | Continuing w/modifications | Trash must be in containers or closed bags. Recycling must be in bins or carts. No loose trash or recycling. No large items will be collected with trash. |
| Special pickups | Canceled | |
| Yard Waste Collection | Continuing – no changes | |