



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, March 30, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in Prince George's County – 294

Number of confirmed cases in Maryland – 1413

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

Recent Federal Action

With over 143,000 cases nationwide, and estimates that over 100,000 Americans could eventually die of the disease, the President has decided to extend the **social distancing orders for the US through April 30th**.

Maryland Order – March 30

In Maryland, the numbers are climbing quickly; 353 of the 1413 positive COVID-19 cases have resulted in hospitalization (25%) and there are cases reported at several nursing homes and assisted living facility around the State. For these reasons, today Governor Hogan issued another order to curb the spread of COVID-19. Effective at 8 p.m. tonight, a “Stay at Home” order is in place for all Marylanders. There are some exceptions, but they are limited to essential activities to provide for basic needs and to keep essential services running. The full order can be viewed at www.cityofbowie.org or on the state of Maryland website at www.Maryland.gov.

We expect more instructions regarding the order are likely to be released in the coming days in the form of additional guidance or FAQ documents. Here is what we know now:

Effective 8 p.m. today Marylanders should stay at home unless they are engaged in essential activities such as:

- Obtaining necessary supplies or services – i.e. purchasing groceries
- Engaging in activities essential to health – healthcare or picking up prescriptions
- Caring for family members and obtaining necessary supplies and services for them
- Engaging in outdoor activities, if they are consistent with social distancing guidelines and the Governor's other orders.
- Working in an essential function as outlined by the various orders issued by the State and the US Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Please read the full order for explanation and details about the items listed above. The order does not contain an end date. It will be in effect until it is rescinded by the Governor or another order supercedes it.

Visit the FAQ page on the Maryland website for a variety of information about COVID-19 at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/#FAQ>.

How Does the Stay at Home Order Affect City Operations?

The City of Bowie acted immediately today to comply with the Governor's latest order. City operations that require employees to be at work are being scaled back to essential services. Some examples of the essential functions include trash and recycling collection, police services, senior services, and managing the Water Plant and the Sewer Plant. Other non essential functions such as planting flowers in our parks, repairing sidewalks, or issuing licenses have been suspended during this emergency, but rest assured that employees will still be

able to respond to operational emergencies that might arise, such as a water main break or a fallen tree in a critical area.

There are also many employees who are now working from home in a variety of areas. They will continue to complete assignments and respond to emails they receive and to voicemails left on their phones, but we do ask for your patience as we all adjust to a new work environment and a “new normal” for a while.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
<p>Trash & Recycling Collection Effective Wednesday, March 25, modifications were put into place to protect employees during this emergency. The specific changes are outlined in the chart below.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: If you are using this time at home to clean out closets, basements, garages, attics, etc. we ask that you hold onto the large items for now. If the items you are getting rid of do not fit in a trash can or a trash bag, they will not be picked up by our crews.</p>
<p>Bowie Food Pantry News The pantry continues to operate M,W,F 9 a.m - 12 noon. Donations are accepted on M,W,F from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. They are providing drive up service only. Clients will be checked in and groceries loaded into their vehicles. Donors should pull up and volunteers will take their donations into the pantry. The greatest needs are soup, beans, spaghetti sauce, beefaroni/ravioli, peanut butter, tuna fish, canned fruit/applesauce, rice (bagged or boxed), canned meats, toilet paper, and personal care items. They could also use medium size boxes and NEW cloth totes. Check their website (www.bowiefoodpantry.org) or Facebook page (@bowiefoodpantry) for updates.</p>
<p>Youth & Family Services During the COVID-19 emergency, you can reach Bowie Youth & Family Services at 1-513-817-3158. A staff member will be there to assist you during our normal hours of operation, which are M-Th, 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and F, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. You can also check out their list of resources to help families cope with social distancing and other challenges related to the pandemic at www.cityofbowie.org/covidfamilyhelp. Also follow them on Facebook @BowieYFS.</p>
<p>Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Do You Need Help with Grocery Shopping? The Bowie Neighbors Helping Neighbors program is focusing its efforts on helping seniors (65+) or individuals with a disability who live in the City of Bowie do their grocery shopping or pick up prescriptions.</p> <p>Need help? Please fill out the Request for Assistance form or contact Lori Cunningham at 240-544-5601 or email lcunningham@cityofbowie.org.</p> <p>Want to volunteer? Please complete a Neighbors Helping Neighbors application and return it as soon as possible.</p> <p>Both forms can be found at www.cityofbowie.org/cityforms. For additional information visit www.cityofbowie.org/nhn.</p>

STATUS OF CITY OF BOWIE PUBLIC FACILITIES

City Hall	City offices are closed to the public.	In office staffing will be limited. 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	Senior Center staff will continue to support seniors by telephone and email.
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	