

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES & GUIDANCE

## Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Friday, April 3, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in Prince George's County – 563

Number of confirmed cases in Maryland – 2758 (+427)


### Governor Hogan New Financial Order – April 3

This afternoon, the governor announced some new measures to protect individuals and businesses that have been negatively impacted by the Stay at Home order and the spread of COVID-19. Today's order can be found at [www.cityofbowie.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=2996](http://www.cityofbowie.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=2996). All previous orders related to this crisis, can be viewed at <https://governor.maryland.gov/covid-19-pandemic-orders-and-guidance/>.

Here are a few highlights of the new order:

- Prohibition on residential and commercial evictions
- No new foreclosures can be initiated
- Prohibitions on certain repossessions
- Lending limit restrictions are eased for some financial institutions

## COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall Meeting – April 7



**COVID-19  
VIRTUAL  
TOWN HALL  
MEETING**  
Hosted by the City of Bowie



**TUESDAY  
APRIL 7, 2020  
7:30 - 9 P.M.**

COVID-19 is creating uncertainty and lots of questions. Get the facts on response, resources, schools, operational changes, and more at Bowie's Virtual Town Hall meeting. Panelists from all levels of government and the business sector will be participating.

#### Ways to participate:

- Register at [bit.ly/BowieTownHall](http://bit.ly/BowieTownHall)
- Watch live on Verizon Channel 10, Comcast Channel 71 & 996
- View live stream at [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings)



SUBMIT QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE TO [PUBLICINFO@CITYOFBOWIE.ORG](mailto:PUBLICINFO@CITYOFBOWIE.ORG) OR THROUGH THE ZOOM APPLICATION DURING THE MEETING.  
(DIAL-IN ATTENDEES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS DURING THE MEETING.)

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Submit questions during the meeting via Zoom or in advance by emailing [publicinfo@cityofbowie.org](mailto:publicinfo@cityofbowie.org).

## Resources for Prince George's County Residents

Prince George's County has published a comprehensive summary of all the help that is available to County residents during this emergency. It is a long document, but well worth your time. View it at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDPGC/bulletins/28472bo>

Here are some highlights:

### Hourly Employee Assistance Fund

For residents who may be facing unemployment due to being laid off, Employ Prince George's is launching the Prince George's County COVID-19 Hourly Employee Assistance Fund. The fund is available for laid-off hourly workers who earned less than \$19 an hour, giving Prince George's County residents access to an Employ Prince George's cash card of up to \$200. A number of retailers, grocers, and restaurants in Prince George's County will offer discounts to those making purchases with these Employ Prince George's cash cards. Employ Prince George's will begin taking applications the week of April 6th [online here](#).

### Help under the Federal CARES Act

- **Stimulus Checks:** \$1,200 payments to individual taxpayers making up to \$75,000 a year, and \$2,400 payments to married couples filing jointly making under \$150,000 a year. Reduced checks will be available for higher incomes.
- **Expanded Unemployment Insurance:** Eligibility has been expanded to 39 weeks and benefits extended to those who are self-employed, gig workers and freelancers. Benefits will also increase by an additional \$600 per week for up to four months.
- **Mortgage Relief:** Homeowners with federal-backed mortgages can apply for forbearance for six months through their lender.
- **Paid Sick Leave:** Both full-time and part-time employees are eligible for 80 hours of paid sick leave, and those caring for a sick loved one are eligible for two-thirds pay.
- **Paid Family Leave:** Up to 12 weeks of family leave is available for those who need to stay home because of school closures due to COVID-19.
- **Student Loans:** Federal student loan payments are automatically suspended for six months and no interest will accrue.

### Small Business Assistance

Small businesses will have access to loans up to \$100,000 and grant funding of up to \$10,000. The County Economic Development Corporation will begin taking applications on April 13th. The application period will be open until May 15th. Read more about this important resource at [https://www.pgcedc.com/covid-business-fund-2020?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.pgcedc.com/covid-business-fund-2020?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## STATUS OF CITY GOVERNMENT

### Open with limited operations

City operations that require employees to be at work have been scaled back to essential services. Some examples of essential functions include trash and recycling collection, police services, senior services, and managing the Water Plant and the Sewer Plant. Employees will also respond to emergencies as needed.

Many employees are teleworking. They will continue to complete assignments and respond to emails they receive and to voicemails left on their phones.

All of the changes to city facilities listed below have been put in place to promote social distancing and in some cases to protect employees from unnecessary exposure to the coronavirus. Police departments throughout the state have been charged with enforcing social distancing and the Stay at Home order. However our police officers and our park rangers can't be everywhere. Please respect that the intent of the order and the directives are to stop the spread and save lives. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## 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, with some restrictions in place for social distancing.	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	