



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, April 6, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in Prince George's County – 916

Number of confirmed cases in Maryland – 4045 (+436)

COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall Meeting – April 7

The City of Bowie, in conjunction with federal, state, county and business partners, will host a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on April 7, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. to answer questions and share information about COVID-19.

Details can be found at www.cityofbowie.org.

How to participate:

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

Submit questions during the meeting via Zoom or in advance by emailing publicinfo@cityofbowie.org.

**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.

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

Chief Chat

Bowie Police Chief John Nesky talks directly to Bowie residents about enforcing the Governor's Stay at Home order in this month's Chief Chat video. View it now at <https://youtu.be/2Dx4dxB7nF8>.

Masks

Due to the rapidly increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the US, and the fact that asymptomatic individuals can be spreading the virus in public, the CDC has modified its position on the use of masks by the general public. It is now recommending that all individuals wear cloth face coverings or masks when they leave the house for essential trips. The coverings can help to provide a minimal level of protection from those who may be infected with the virus, but not experiencing symptoms.

Please note: recommendations for social distancing, handwashing, disinfecting are still in effect and more important than ever. The masks are an additional step that is now being recommended.

The CDC guidance issued April 4, 2020 can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>. You will also find information there on how to make a mask.

Where Can I Go for Information:

Federal Government

- www.coronavirus.gov/
- **Centers for Disease Control**
www.CDC.gov/COVID19
- **Federal Drug Administration**
<https://www.fda.gov/home>

Maryland

- **Maryland Department of Health**
<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>
- **Governor's Orders**
<https://governor.maryland.gov/covid-19-pandemic-orders-and-guidance/>
- **Corona Information from the Governor's Office**
<https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/>

Prince George's County

- **Links to a variety of resources for individuals, seniors, businesses**
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3419/Resources>
- **Prince George's County Coronavirus Call Center**
301-883-6627 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

City of Bowie

- www.cityofbowie.org/corona

Paying Your City of Bowie Water Bill

Your quarterly bill for City of Bowie Water & Sewer service can be paid in one of the following ways:

1. Visit <https://www.cityofbowie.org/187/Pay-For>
2. Mail it to City Hall
City of Bowie Finance Department, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20715
3. Call 301-809-3016 if you have questions or need assistance. You will be asked to leave a message for a teleworking employee who will return your call.

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 tessential 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	