



COVID-19 UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in:

Maryland – 9,472

Prince George's County – 2,356

Bowie zip codes – 242

20715 - 47

20716 - 49

20720 - 56

20721 - 90

Confirmed Case Information Now Available by Zip Code

This week, the state of Maryland began reporting cases by zip code. The zip code level data does not include deaths or other demographic information about the patients. Visit the [Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard](#) to view data for all zip codes in the County and the [Maryland dashboard](#) for statewide data.

Masks or Face Coverings Required at Stores in Prince George's County Starting April 15

On Saturday, April 11, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks issued an executive order requiring the use of face coverings or masks in County grocery stores, pharmacies and large chain retail establishments. The order applies to customers and employees and goes into effect on Wednesday, April 15. It also applies to riders of The Bus (Prince George's County bus service).

This order will help to protect employees and shoppers from the spread of COVID-19, particularly by those who are not showing symptoms, but may be infected. Montgomery County issued a similar order on April 9 and Anne Arundel County's order goes into effect on 4/15 as well.

Links:

[Surgeon General demonstrates how to make a face covering in 30 seconds](#)

[CDC Instructions on how to make a mask or face covering](#)

[Prince George's County Executive's Order on Face Covering and Masks](#)

Prince George's County COVID-19 Resources

- **Fact Sheets**

Visit the County COVID-19 resources page to see all of the fact sheets the County has shared with the community: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3419/Resources>

- **Business Resources Webinar (YouTube Video)**

The COVID-19 Business Resources Webinar is available online. Learn what local, state and federal resources are available for our business community:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=1g0wtAj4BAA>

- **Business Relief Fund Open**

The Prince George's County Business Relief Fund is now accepting applications. Prince George's County businesses who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for a loan and/or grant to support cash operating expenses. To apply, please

visit: <https://www.pgcedc.com/covid-business-fund-2020>

Resources for Seniors

- **Senior Check** The Maryland Department of Aging invites seniors to register for "Senior Call Check" to receive a regular call checking on their welfare. [Click here](#) or call 1-866-50-CHECK for more information.
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program** This free program for Bowie residents matches volunteers with seniors or the disabled who need help with grocery shopping or picking up prescriptions. Seniors can [sign up here](#). Those who want to help can complete the [NHN Volunteer Application](#). Call Lori Cunningham for more information or assistance at 240-544-5601.

Census Response Numbers

On average, 60% of Bowie residents have already completed their census form, which is a very good number given the disruption that COVID-19 has caused in our daily lives. However, Bowie is aiming for a 100% response rate to make sure that our city receives all the funding it is entitled to.

Remember, every dollar received in other governmental funding is money that does not have to be raised through city taxes.

If you have not responded yet, you will soon receive a paper form in the mail. You can respond by mail, by phone, or you can still go online and complete the form. If you have already provided your census response, we thank you. Know that you are helping to make sure that our state, county, and city receive their fair share of federal funding. Even during emergencies, like this pandemic, many resources are allocated based on population and if the population is undercounted, then our area is not getting what it needs for all who live here.

Staying at Home and Looking for Something to Do?

- **Make a mask**
Better yet make a few or a dozen and share them with neighbors who may not be able to make their own. (See the links above on how to make a mask.)
- **Visit a virtual museum**
Have you been meaning to visit the [B & O Railroad Museum](#) or the [Cincinnati Zoo](#) or one of the [Smithsonian museums](#) and just haven't had time? You can find a variety of online offerings, including virtual tours, storytimes, podcasts, or live animal cams at museums and zoo sites all over the world.

- **Check on a neighbor**
Some people may be feeling very isolated or desperate after weeks of staying at home. A phone call or chat (over the fence of course) may be just what they need. Offer to include them in your next online order for food or basic supplies if they don't have access to the internet.
- **Take 10 for the US Census**
It takes less than 10 minutes to complete your [form online](#). You can also respond by mail or by phone (844-330-2020).
- **Take a trash bag with you on your daily walk and help keep Bowie looking good**
The gusty winds we've had lately may have blown trash or recycling from cans and into the street. It is especially important to make sure that storm drains near your home are cleared of trash and debris to prevent flooding.
- **Learn a new language**
Did you know that you that [the Prince George's County Library System's website](#) provides access to a language app called Mango that teaches over 70 different languages or English as a second language? You can also subscribe to podcasts that will teach you a new language.

These are just a few of our ideas for keeping occupied right now. We invite you to share what you are doing to pass the time on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bowiemd.

TRASH & RECYCLING CHANGES

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