Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Number of confirmed cases
- **Maryland** – 10,032
- **Prince George's County** – 2,516
- **Bowie zip codes** – 260
  - 20715 - 52
  - 20716 - 56
  - 20720 - 56
  - 20721 - 96

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.

Today's Announcements by Governor Hogan

Today Governor Hogan ordered the wearing of masks or face coverings in retail and food service establishments and when riding any form of public transportation in Maryland. Employees at these establishments must also wear face coverings and retail businesses are required to implement social distancing measures. This order is similar to the orders that are already in place in Prince George's County and a few other counties around the state. It is intended to protect employees and shoppers from the spread of COVID-19, particularly by those who are not showing symptoms, but may be infected. The statewide order goes into effect on Saturday, April 19, 2020.

This action is taken as the numbers of cases in the National Capital Region and the state continue to climb and the death toll increases. Maryland has now had more than 10,000 confirmed cases and 349 deaths and more Marylanders died of the disease in the last 48 hours than at any other time since the pandemic began.

There are early signs that the aggressive actions are helping and that the number of new cases are not currently as high as originally projected they would be by this time. The Governor emphasized that while the state is beginning to plan for recovery and gradually reopening, we cannot afford to let up on social distancing or keeping to our homes now.

He did say that broad plans for recovery will be announced next week, but before Maryland begins to loosen stay at home and distancing orders, there are certain things that must happen first, which he called his **four building blocks to recovery:**

1. Expand testing exponentially
2. Increase hospital surge capacity
3. Increase supply of personal protective equipment and medical equipment for treating patients
4. Build robust contract tracing operation to investigate positive cases and insure isolation

Links:
Governor Hogan's Order on Face Coverings and Social Distancing (4/15/20)
Maryland Department of Health website
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

If You Have Symptoms or a Diagnosis of COVID-19
The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are coughing, fever of over 100.4 F, and shortness of breath. Use the CDC's Coronavirus Self-Checker to review your symptoms. If you are concerned you may have COVID-19, call your healthcare provider to ask whether you should come for an exam or test before visiting in person. Most people who get COVID-19 recover on their own at home and do not need testing or treatment. Anyone with symptoms of respiratory illness should isolate themselves; avoid contact with other people; wash their hands frequently; and disinfect surfaces regularly. If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have questions about testing, you may find the State of Maryland's FAQ document on COVID-19 Testing to be helpful to you.

COVID Connect
The state has set up a new website and registry for those that have recovered from COVID-19. It is a place for these individuals to share information, promote action, and find support or provide support to others who may be currently battling the disease. Go to www.health.maryland.gov/covidconnect.

Census Response Numbers
Population data is used to allocate funding and resources. Make sure that our community receives all the funding that it is entitled to over the next 10 years by completing your census today. At present, Bowie's response rates range from 43% to 70%. You can see how your neighborhood is doing in responding at the Prince George's County Response Rate map and then encourage friends and neighbors to do their part and join you in completing the 2020 census.

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