



# COVID-19

## UPDATES & GUIDANCE

### Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020

#### Number of confirmed cases

**Maryland** – 14,193

**Prince George's County** – 3,734 (=26.3% of MD cases)

**Bowie zip codes** – 366 (= 9.8% of PG cases)

20715 - 65

20716 - 95

20720 - 81

20721 - 125

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.

The Maryland dashboard has begun sharing data about hospitalizations, including the total number of Marylanders currently hospitalized with COVID-19, what level of care they are receiving (acute, ICU, etc.) and how many new patients have been hospitalized with the disease. When these numbers begin to stabilize or go down, these will be some of the key indicators that decision makers will use to determine if the spread of the disease is truly slowing down.

#### Are you an hourly employee laid off because of the pandemic?

The Prince George's County's COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund was established to help hourly employees who have been laid off because of the pandemic. Individuals who are deemed eligible may be able to receive a \$200 gift card. According to the County website, preference will be given to those earning \$19/hour or less prior to being laid off. To learn more or to apply for this program, visit <https://www.employpg.org/covid19/>

#### Stopping the Spread

We know that you have heard it all before, but it continues to be critically important that you continue to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.

- **Stay Home.** Do not leave your home unless it is essential, such as to purchase groceries or obtain medical care. It is especially important to stay home if you are feeling sick, and to avoid close contact with people in your home who are sick.
- **Practice physical distancing.** Stay at least 6 feet apart from other people whenever possible.
- **Cover Your Face.** If you must leave your home and cannot stay at least 6 feet apart from other people, use a mask or cloth face covering.
- **Wash Your Hands.** Thoroughly scrub all sides of your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Use Hand Sanitizer.** If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol as you would wash your hands, rubbing them together for 20 seconds.
- **Don't Touch Your Face.** Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Use Your Elbow.** Cough and sneeze into your elbow, not your hand. Alternatively, cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, and wash your hands.
- **Disinfect Surfaces.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- **Manage Stress.** The CDC recommends taking breaks from exposure to the news; take deep breaths or meditate; try to eat healthy; get sleep or rest; make time to do activities you enjoy; and connect with others to share your feelings.

#### **Xfinity Office**

Because city facilities are closed, so too is the Xfinity office at the Kenhill Center. Customers can call 800-266-2278 or 800-934-6489 for assistance. If you must drop off equipment or conduct other business in person, visit their Largo office at 10432 Campus Way South (Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

#### **Prince George's County Arts Emergency Relief Fund**

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council has announced the creation of the Prince George's County Arts Community Emergency Relief Fund to support the creative community during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.pgahc.org/emergencyrelieffund>.



# WHY MASKS MATTER:

- » COVID-19 can be spread by people who feel healthy, and is transmitted by droplets emitted when people speak, cough, or sneeze. Your mask protects others, and their masks protect you.
- » There are essential spaces like groceries, pharmacies, and public transit where maintaining social distancing is necessary, but can be challenging.
- » Wearing masks is something that we may all have to become accustomed in order to safely reopen our state.

**#MasksOnMaryland**

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

FOR HEALTH RESOURCES, VISIT [CORONAVIRUS.MARYLAND.GOV](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov).