



COVID-19 UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, April 27, 2020

Number of confirmed cases

Maryland – 19,487 (+906)

Prince George's County – 5,263 (= 27% of MD cases)

Bowie zip codes – 510 (= 9.6% of PG cases)

20715 – 90

20716 – 145

20720 – 115

20721 – 160

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 contains 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.

CDC Updates List of COVID-19 Symptoms

COVID-19 patients are reporting a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. The CDC now says that any of the following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat

- New loss of taste or smell

Contact your medical provider to discuss your symptoms. Seek immediate medical attention if you have any of the following emergency warning signs for COVID-19:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

Please note: This list is not all inclusive. Consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you. Call 911 if you have a medical emergency: Notify the operator that you have, or think you might have, COVID-19. If possible, put on a cloth face covering before medical help arrives.

How Maryland Will Move Toward Reopening (from Governor Hogan's Roadmap to Recovery)

Late last week, Governor Hogan released his **Roadmap to Recovery** which lays out three phases to reopening our state. The first phase will begin when the numbers of COVID-19- related hospitalizations and ICU cases and some other key metrics trend downward.

The state is reminding residents that since there are few effective therapeutic treatments for COVID-19 and no vaccine, Marylanders should be prepared to continue teleworking, wearing masks or face coverings, and **practicing physical distancing for the foreseeable future**, even when the recovery begins. **The statewide Stay at Home order remains in effect for now.** You should be going out only for essential trips and exercise and you should be wearing a mask when you are indoors in public, at grocery stores, pharmacies, carryout restaurants, etc.

COVID-19 is primarily a respiratory disease. It spreads through droplets in the air that come out of people's lungs. While we may not be able to see these droplets, the best public health guidance right now is that leaving a six-foot distance between yourself and others is the best way to make sure you are not breathing in the virus.

During the first stage of the recovery, some "Low Risk" activities may be permitted to resume. The decisions on which "Low Risk" activities can resume will not be announced in whole as one package, but rather as a phased rollout over a period of time, based on various criteria. The list of the types of activities that may be considered during the first stage can be found in [Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery](#) on pages 26 and 27.

New Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Site Available

The Maryland Department of Labor has launched a new, one-stop unemployment insurance application allowing Marylanders to file claims for all unemployment programs entirely online. This includes the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program which was created under the federal CARES Act. PUA expands benefits to individuals who are not usually eligible for regular unemployment insurance such as sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed workers.

Those individuals who cannot work due to COVID-19 are eligible for a maximum of 39 weeks of benefits which includes \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). Benefits will be paid back to the earliest date of eligibility. Use the link below to get more information and sign

up to receive an email update when filing opens for PUA benefits. There were some problems with the new website on Friday and through the weekend, but it seems to be stabilizing. Apply now at <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml>

Feedback

Since March 13, on weekdays we have been sharing a COVID-19 Daily Update from the City of Bowie. We have used this document to share information about closures, changes in city operations, and other news we think is important for you to have during this pandemic. We include new content daily and repeat some important items more often to make sure they're seen by everyone. Please let us know how you think we're doing and how we can improve this document. Email publicinfo@cityofbowie.org or call 301-809-3032.



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Households can respond online at 2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020.