



COVID-19 UPDATES & GUIDANCE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Number of confirmed cases

Maryland – 20,113 (+626)

Prince George's County – 5,496 (+233)

Bowie zip codes – 524 (+14)

20715 – 93

20716 – 148

20720 – 121

20721 – 162

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.

The state announced yesterday that it will soon begin providing detailed data on outbreaks in specific nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Weather Advisory

Flooding rains are possible from late Wednesday night into Thursday evening. The National Weather Service is predicting a very slow-moving low-pressure system will cross our area bringing with it minor to moderate flooding of streams, ponds, rivers and urban areas. This system will generate heavy rainfalls at times with expected amounts of up to 3.5 inches in some places.

Food Supply Issues

COVID-19 outbreaks are being reported at meat processing facilities around the US and particularly at chicken processing plants in Delaware and on the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia. The states and the CDC are working to address these outbreaks, but until they can control the outbreaks

at the plants and get the workers healthy, there are likely to be some temporary interruptions in the meat and chicken being supplied to grocery stores.

Maryland Promotes Buying Locally from Farms and Seafood Markets

One of the ways to work around potential food shortages is to buy locally. The Maryland Department of Agriculture is working to connect Marylanders with farmers and seafood producers providing fresh, local food products. The Department's marketing arm, Maryland's Best has released an [interactive map feature](#) based on information gathered directly from local agricultural and seafood producers. You will find information on product availability, how to order, and options for pick-up and/or delivery. On the [Department's COVID-19 News page](#) you will also find other updates and guidance related to Maryland agriculture.

Bowie Farmers' Market Opens May 17 with Social Distancing Precautions in Place

A modified version of the Bowie Farmers' will open on Sunday, May 17 with special measures in place to impose social distancing and to protect vendors and customers from the spread of the coronavirus. The market will be held each Sunday through October from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Bowie High School. This year's market will be entirely drive-through. Look for the detailed plan and a list of participating vendors soon at www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket.

City Council Meetings and Budget Worksessions During the Pandemic

City Council meetings are being held virtually during this emergency. While the public cannot attend Council meetings or Budget Worksessions in person, they can watch them live on the Bowie government channel (FIOS 10/Comcast 71 & 996) or at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings.

Residents may submit testimony for public hearings or comments for the Citizen Participation portion of an upcoming Regular Council meeting by texting a message to 240-335-3282 or emailing written or video testimony/comments to cityclerk@cityofbowie.org. Testimony and comments must be received by 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting. For assistance, contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029.

The next Regular Council meeting takes place on May 4 at 8 p.m. and will include a public hearing on the proposed budget.

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

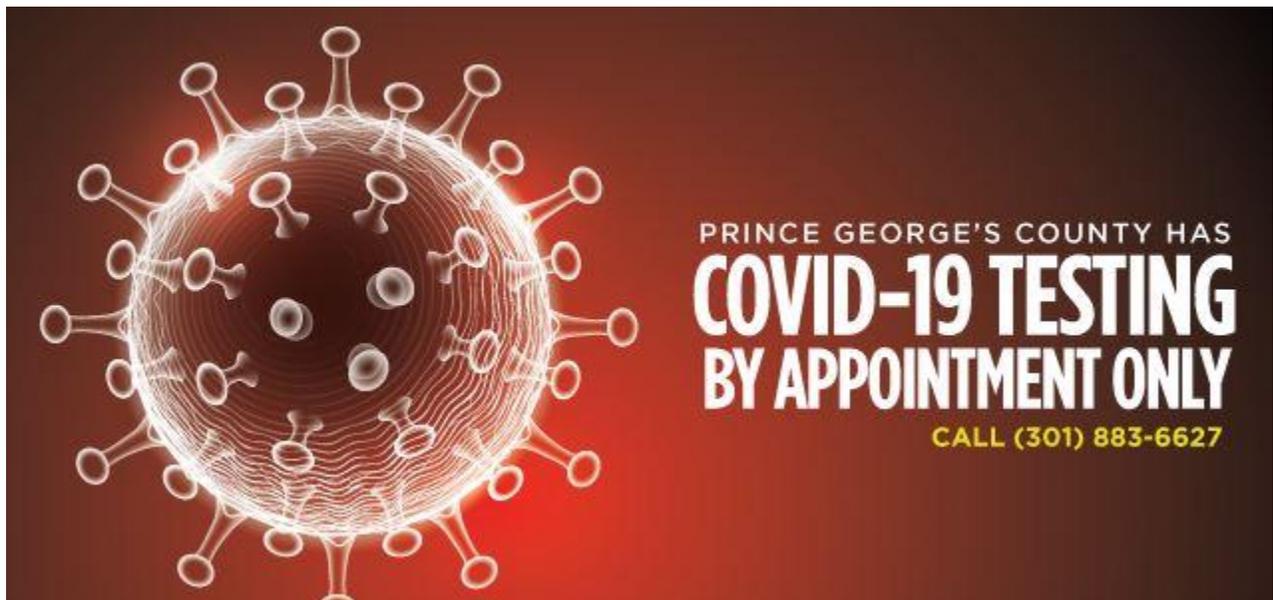
Contact your medical provider to discuss your symptoms. Seek immediate medical attention if you have any of the following emergency warning signs for COVID-19:

- 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.

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.



HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE CENSUS?

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