



**Summary** (updates highlighted in yellow)

**Date: Monday, May 11, 2020**

**Number of confirmed cases**

**Maryland** – 33,373 (+786)

**Prince George’s County** – 9,687 (+191)

**Bowie zip codes** – 743

20715 – 140

20716 – 195

20720 – 183

20721 – 225

Maryland COVID-19 hospitalizations decreased 5.8% today.

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 weekly data on nursing home outbreaks was released on May 6 and includes updated information on the outbreaks at Larkin Chase and Brookdale Woodward Estates in Bowie.

Prince George’s County, Montgomery County, and Fairfax County are currently among the counties on the nationwide list of the *Top 50 Confirmed Cases by County* published by the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. Though it is not a county, Washington, DC is also on the list. <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>

**Message from County Executive Angela Alsobrooks**

This afternoon, the County Executive issued a message to County residents about the state of the pandemic in Prince George’s County. She discussed the measured and smart approach that the County will need to take toward eventual reopening once the cases begin to level off. It involves more testing, more contact tracing, and the opening of a quarantine facility for those who have tested positive and cannot safely isolate themselves from their families at home.

Residents may be eligible for this quarantine facility if they live with a person 65 years or older who has an underlying health condition. To qualify, residents must be tested at a Health Department Testing facility. Call 301-883-6627 about testing.

[View County Executive Angela Alsobrooks’ full message \(5/11/2020\)](#)

**Planning for Recovery and Reopening**

The Governor’s announcement last week to allow elective surgeries and to broaden the list of permitted outdoor activities are among the first steps that Maryland is taking on the way to

recovery from the pandemic. He is expected to relax more of the restrictions that were put in place to slow the spread of the disease very soon, but County health departments will be permitted to leave restrictions in place longer if needed.

A few weeks ago, Governor Hogan presented the *Maryland Roadmap to Recovery*, which is a three-stage plan to reopen the state. At that time, he provided a description of the kind of activities that might be permitted to resume with each stage. The three stages are summarized below. Please note that the specific orders for each stage may be different than what is provided here, but this information provides a sense of the types of actions that may be addressed in each stage.

### **Outline of Maryland Recovery Stages Issued by Governor Hogan on April 24:**

#### **STAGE ONE**

Relaxing the stay at home order; reopening some small businesses; allowing lower risk community activities, and “quality of life improvements” to resume.

#### **STAGE TWO**

Reopening of more businesses and allowing more nonessential workers to return to work. It could also include raising limits on social gatherings, including indoor religious gatherings, and some eating establishments. This stage would begin if Stage One activities resume without a spike in deaths, a sustained spike in ICU cases, or significant outbreaks of community transmission.

#### **STAGE THREE**

Involves reinstating higher risk activities including larger social gatherings (i.e. sports, entertainment, etc.) and opening large restaurants and bars.

While we don't know the specifics of each stage of recovery yet, we know that the plan will be gradually implemented and that the impact of each step on the case numbers and hospitalizations will be monitored closely. Some level of social distancing is likely to remain in place and good hand washing hygiene, thorough cleaning of surfaces, and face coverings will still be important ways to prevent the spread of the virus, until a vaccine is developed or the spread of the disease subsides.

The City of Bowie is also planning for gradual recovery and reopening of facilities. The goal is to eventually resume operations, while protecting the health and safety of workers and those we serve.

Individuals should also be thinking about, and planning for, how they will operate when the Stay at Home order is eventually lifted, keeping in mind one's own personal risk factors for ongoing exposure to the disease.

Some things to consider as you plan for when you will be out in public more often:

- Do you have masks and other personal protective equipment?
- What will be your cleaning regimen be to minimize bringing the virus into your home or spreading it among household members?
- Do you have adequate cleaning supplies?
- How will you care for children who are out of school if daycares are closed, but you are required to report to work?

The CDC has issued *Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Schools, and Homes*. It contains very useful information on reducing the risk of exposure to the virus, what surfaces need to be cleaned and/or disinfected, and safe behavioral practices. View it at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>. There is also a link to the document on our website at [www.cityofbowie.org/corona](http://www.cityofbowie.org/corona).

### **Prince George's County Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

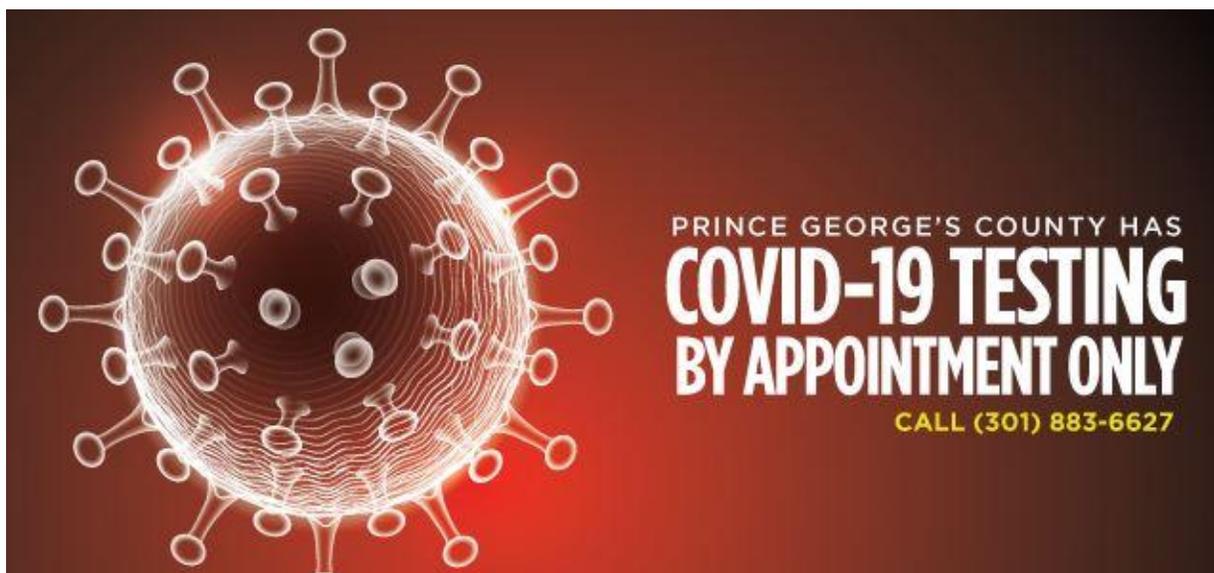
The Prince George's County Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide temporary rental and utility assistance, up to \$1800 per month for three months, for households meeting the income eligibility requirements. **The application process is now open.** Visit [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3471/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assistance](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3471/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assistance) for more information and to apply.

### **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 at [www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket](http://www.cityofbowie.org/farmersmarket).

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive – June 3 & 4**

Blood supplies in the region are very low. The American Red Cross invites anyone who is able, to register to donate blood at their next blood drive in Bowie. It takes place on June 3 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and June 4 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at Grace Lutheran Church on Belair Drive. Please sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search by sponsor code, "Gracerock" or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make your life saving donation today. Extra precautions will be in place to protect workers and donors from potential exposure to the coronavirus. If you have questions about your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276. **Volunteers are needed to support this event.** If you can help check in blood donors or assist with the canteen, please email Samantha Fricke at [Samantha.Fricke@redcross.org](mailto:Samantha.Fricke@redcross.org) by Friday, May 15.





**COVID-19** (Coronavirus)

# Prince George's Emergency Rental Assistance Program



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Temporary rental assistance available to help with rent and utility payments for tenants whose employment income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

## Program starts on Monday, May 11, 2020

Applications will be accepted and last until all available funds are allocated.



### Eligibility:

Renter households residing in Prince George's County:

- Must demonstrate that they are at risk of losing their rental housing or having utilities shut off due to COVID-19.
- Must provide supporting documentation of hardship.
- Must have a current income at or below 80% of area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

**Please Note!!**

**Applicants should visit the Emergency Rental Assistance Program webpage at [mypgc.us/renthelp](http://mypgc.us/renthelp), or call 211 or (301) 864-7161.**

**Payments will be made directly to the landlord or utility company.**

Visit our webpage for more detailed information: [mypgc.us/renthelp](http://mypgc.us/renthelp)



# 2020 Census

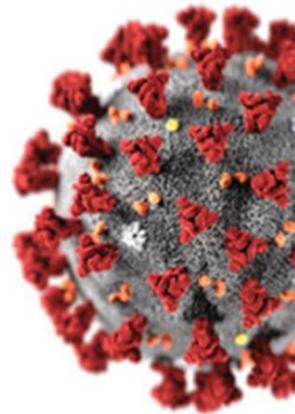
## The Census & COVID-19



### Take 10 Minutes for a Healthy Community

#### How does participation in Census impact emergencies such as COVID-19?

Participation in the 2020 Census affects apportionment of services and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funding for things including:



#### Complete your Census questionnaire NOW

Visit [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) online or by phone at 1- 844-330-2020.

PGCensus2020.org @PGCensus2020

A complete Census count is going to be critical as we fight and rebuild after COVID-19 has left our community. Accurate Census counts are how we ensure our community gets the resources we need, such as for our healthcare and our schools. Take ten minutes now to complete your Census at [my2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).

## TRASH & RECYCLING REMINDERS

- 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

**These changes are in effect until further notice**