



Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Number of confirmed cases *

Maryland – 35,903 (+1,191)

Prince George’s County – 10,449 (+377)

Bowie zip codes – 762 (+4)

20715 – 142

20716 – 201

20720 – 187

20721 – 232

The current number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Maryland decreased 0.7% today.

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>.

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.

**Source: Maryland Health Department COVID-19 dashboard*

Prince George’s County Keeps Stay at Home Order in Place Through June 1

On May 14, County Executive Alsobrooks announced that the Stay at Home Order will remain in effect for Prince George’s County through June 1 to allow the number of positive COVID cases in the County and the death rate here to subside. At present, the County is averaging nine COVID-19 related deaths every day.

In a press conference this morning, Prince George’s Health Officer Dr. Ernest Carter outlined five pillars to reopening:

1. Reduce the curve.

The County needs to have a one to two week decline in new cases and a two week decline in the death rate before opening.

2. Adequate Healthcare Capacity.

Officials need to see a consistent two-week decline in hospital cases and they need to ensure that, at the time of reopening, 20% of the medical surge beds and 30% of the ICU beds are available in the event of a surge in cases.

3. More Testing Capacity

Testing to be more readily available. Officials want to test up to 9,000 individuals each week. Currently, approximately 5,500 tests are being administered each week. They would also like to see an additional two testing sites opened in different parts of the County.

4. Ability to Perform Contact Tracing

Some County employees are going to be trained and redeployed as contact tracers and new tracers are being hired. Officials also hope to have some of the tracers being hired by the State assigned to help with training in Prince George's County.

5. More Personal Protective Equipment Needed

Officials do not believe there is adequate supply of PPE available yet for hospitals, front line workers and first responders. They are working to purchase additional equipment and secure more shipments from state supplies.

Reopening up the state of Maryland will be accomplished gradually. Some counties, with low numbers of cases are moving forward to implement Stage 1 on May 15, at 5 p.m. per the Governor's announcement. Others, including Prince George's, Montgomery, Howard, and Baltimore City are delaying reopening and others, like Frederick County, will implement some, but not all of the provisions in Stage 1. Anne Arundel and several other counties have not yet announced how and when they will move forward with reopening.

Stage One Reopening of Maryland

The following restrictions are eased in Stage 1;

- Worship services are permitted with restrictions.
- Retail establishments can open (restaurants and bars remain closed) at 50% of capacity.
- Personal services like barber shops and salons can resume with some restrictions.
- Manufacturing can resume.
- Pet groomers, animal adoption shelters, car washes, and art galleries can begin reopening.

The Governor stressed the importance of continuing to do the following:

- All Marylanders, especially older and more vulnerable populations, are advised to continue staying home as much as possible.
- Employers should continue to encourage telework.
- Everyone should continue wearing masks in indoor public areas, retail stores, and on transit.
- Marylanders should continue practicing physical distancing and avoiding gatherings of over 10 people.
- Keep washing your hands often, and frequently sanitize high-touch areas.

Guidance

[Governor's Stage 1 Reopening Order \(May 13, 2020\)](#)

[Guidance for Houses of Worship](#)

[Guidance for Retail Establishments](#)

[Interpretive Guidance for Reopening of Certain Businesses & Facilities](#)

[Guidance for Personal Services](#)