



Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, May 18, 2020

Number of confirmed cases *

- Maryland** – 39,762 (+958)
- Prince George’s County** – 11,608 (+292)
- Bowie zip codes** – 808 (+15)
 - 20715 – 155
 - 20716 – 209
 - 20720 – 199
 - 20721 – 245

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. The number of cases in Prince George’s County places the county at #25 on this list.

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. Statewide numbers on hospitalizations, number of patients in acute care, and in ICU are all showing a decrease today.

The weekly data on nursing home outbreaks was updated on May 13 and includes updated information on the outbreaks at two nursing homes in Bowie.

Facility	# of patient cases	# of staff cases
Larkin Chase	77 (17 deaths)	25 (0 deaths)
Brookdale Woodward Estates	7 (1 death)	5 (1 death)

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

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

While the Governor has lifted the statewide Stay at Home Order and replaced it with a Safer at Home Advisory, Prince George’s County and several others in the Baltimore/Washington corridor, County are not ready to begin the reopening stage just yet. County Executive Also brooks is looking for a slowdown in new cases, a decrease in the death rate (which now averages 9 residents per day), and a leveling of the COVID-related hospitalizations. The County has also said that it needs more PPE, more testing and more contact tracing before it will be ready to reopen.

View [Press Release](#) on County Executive's Announcement (May 14)

Recommendations and State Guidance for Reopening

Even as Maryland has taken some steps toward reopening, the Governor encourages Marylanders to do the following:

- Wear masks in indoor public areas, retail stores, and on transit.
- Practice physical distancing and avoiding gatherings of over 10 people.
- Wash your hands often and frequently sanitize high-touch areas.
- Stay home as much as possible if you are older or have a health condition that makes you more vulnerable to the disease.
- Employers should encourage telework.

[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](#)

Information for Businesses about Reopening Planning

The Maryland Department of Commerce website offers updates and best practices for businesses as they plan for reopening when the Stay at Home Order is lifted for Prince Georges' County. Visit <https://open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness> for details.

Also, the CDC has issued **guidance on reopening buildings** that have been closed for an extended period of time or have been open with reduced operations. The recommendations include information about flushing water systems and monitoring for microbial hazards such as mold and the bacteria that causes Legionnaire's disease.

[View guidance](#)

Primary Election

Primary Election Day is June 2. This election will be conducted primarily by mail. All registered and eligible voters should have received a ballot in the mail. Complete your ballot and return it in the self-addressed envelope as soon as possible. Please make sure to sign the oath on the ballot envelope or your ballot will not be counted.

In-person voting will be available for those who cannot vote by mail. The City of Bowie Gymnasium is one of five locations in the County where voting will take place in person on Election Day.

The Board of Elections announced last week that English language instructions were omitted from the ballot mailing. The instructions are being sent out to voters in a different mailing or can be viewed at [this link](#).

For more information about this election or if you believe you are eligible to vote in Prince George's County and did not receive your ballot, please call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or visit elections.mypgc.us.

Volunteers Needed for American Red Cross Blood Drive – June 3 & 4

Grace Lutheran Church on Belair Drive is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood

drive on June 3 and 4. Several volunteers are needed to support the American Red Cross workers who will be conducting this event. If you are able, please consider volunteering to help check in blood donors or to serve snacks to donors after they give blood. Please email Samantha Fricke at Samantha.Fricke@redcross.org as soon as possible.

If you would like to donate to give blood, register at www.redcrossblood.org and search by sponsor code, "Gracerock" or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make your life saving donation today.

Beware of Scams

There are a variety of scams circulating related to the coronavirus. See the graphic on the next page describing the different types of scams you may encounter.

City Council Meeting – May 18, 8 p.m.

Agenda topics:

- Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Capital Improvements Program 2021-2026
- Amending Bowie City Code to allow for appointment of a Public Health Officer and adding a section on Access to Healthcare Resources
- COVID Business Recovery Plan Recommendation by the Economic Development Committee
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Stay at Home Order Remaining in Effect
- Discussion on the Bowie IcePlex Project

View the [full agenda and related staff reports](#) for this meeting.

Please note: Despite the headline on the article about the new ice rink in the print edition of yesterday's Bowie Blade-News, the IcePlex project has not been canceled. The future of the project will be discussed at the meeting on Monday evening.

City Council Meetings Closed to the Public (in-person)

City Council meetings are being held virtually during this emergency. While the public cannot attend Council meetings in person, they may submit testimony for public hearings or comments for the Citizen Participation portion of an upcoming 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.

View the meetings live at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings or on FIOS Channel 10 or Comcast Channel 71 and 996.

COVID-19 Scams

STOP COVID-19 SCAMS



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

Now is the time to be mindful of scams that may occur through email, text, phone calls, mail or in-person. Here are tips to help you remain vigilant:



There are no door-to-door coronavirus tests being offered

Before donating to a charity, check with the Maryland Secretary of State's Office at 410-974-5521 to make sure a charity is registered

WATCH FOR FAKE PRODUCTS – there are no vaccines for coronavirus at this time

Utility companies or your bank will never call you for your personal information

The Social Security Administration will never call you asking for money

IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, THEN IT LIKELY IS

GET HELP: Call (410) 576-6300 **LEARN MORE:** Visit www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/

COVID-19 Updates

Stay-At-Home Order Extended Until June 1



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Prince George's County STAY-AT-HOME Executive Order



County Executive Alsobrooks is extending the Stay-At-Home Order until
JUNE 1, 2020.

What Remains CLOSED:



All non-essential
businesses



Retail stores and
personal services



Worship Services/Facilities
Religious facilities may continue to
hold virtual worship services

The Executive Order **ALLOWS** travel for essential activities to:



Seek medical attention
and pharmacy visits



Veterinarian/
Pet Supply Stores



Businesses to purchase
essential supplies



Gas Stations



Grocery Stores



Care for Family



Menu
Restaurants for Carryout Only



Banks/Insurance
Companies

Yesterday, County Executive Alsobrooks issued a Stay-At-Home Executive Order effective through June 1, 2020 (a copy of the order can be [found here](#)). This Order essentially extends the Stay-At-Home Order that has been in place statewide since March 30, 2020. Residents must stay at home except for essential reasons such as seeking medical care, getting groceries, or picking up prescriptions. Non-essential businesses will remain closed. Restaurants will still only be able to provide delivery or curbside pick-up. Churches and other religious facilities must continue holding worship services virtually.

When going to stores or when on public transportation, please remember to wear face coverings and stay at least six feet away from others. The extension of the Stay-At-Home Order will ensure our County has additional time to flatten the curve and meet the metrics needed in order to safely reopen. Some of these metrics include a two-week decline in both new cases and deaths due to COVID-19, a two-week decline in hospitalizations, and the capacity to test at least 9,000 residents a week. To view current COVID-19 data for Prince George's County, please [click here](#).