



## Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020

### Number of confirmed cases \*

**Maryland** – 41,546 (+1,784)  
**Prince George’s County** – 12,240 (+632)  
**Bowie zip codes** – 833 (+25)  
    20715 – 155 (+9)  
    20716 – 210 (+1)  
    20720 – 205 (+6)  
    20721 – 254 (+9)

The number of hospitalized patients in acute or intensive care in Maryland decreased again today and the rate of new hospitalizations in Prince George’s County also showed a decrease for May 19.

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.

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

### Maryland Expands Testing

Today, Governor Hogan announced new steps to increase the availability of testing in the state of Maryland.

- **More Testing Locations**

In addition to the daily testing currently available at the Prince George’s County Health Department clinic in Cheverly, drive through testing will soon be available at two additional locations in Prince George’s County. Other details will be shared as soon as soon as they are available. Addresses for these Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) sites are below:

### ***Hyattsville (Landover) VEIP***

7401 Jefferson Ave.

Hyattsville, MD 20785

(This site is located about 15 minutes from City Hall, off of Pennsy Drive)

***Opens Friday, May 22***

### ***Clinton VEIP***

7213 Old Alexandria Ferry Road

Clinton, MD 20735

***Opening sometime next week***

- ***Expanding testing criteria to include those who are asymptomatic***  
People who suspect that they may have been exposed to COVID-19, even if they are not yet symptomatic, can get tested at one of these new sites without a prior doctor's order or a scheduled appointment. These tests will be provided at no out-of-pocket cost.
- ***Pharmacists Can Order and Administer Tests***  
Governor Hogan has issued an emergency order authorizing the state's pharmacists to directly order COVID-19 tests. Additionally, the order authorizes pharmacies to collect specimens for COVID-19 tests onsite, provided that it is carried out safely by qualified personnel in accordance with all CDC guidance. Pharmacists must adhere to all test result reporting requirements. This order coincides with new federal guidelines expanding options to pay for pharmacists to offer COVID-19 tests for Medicare beneficiaries.

Look for pharmacies to advertise when they have tests available and are ready to begin administering them.

Testing of residents and staff is also taking place at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and group homes throughout the state. Many of these facilities have experienced outbreaks over the last several weeks.

The number of positive COVID-19 cases in Prince George's County and across Maryland is expected to increase with expanded testing and the numbers may seem quite alarming. The important thing to remember here is that identifying and isolating these additional cases, especially the asymptomatic ones, will be a critical step in slowing down the spread of the disease.

- [More information on COVID-19 testing in Maryland](#)
- [Governor Hogan's press release on testing – May 19](#)
- [Governor's order on testing by licensed pharmacists](#)

### **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 [www.open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness](http://www.open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness).

Also, the CDC has issued guidance on reopening building 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](http://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](mailto:Samantha.Fricke@redcross.org) as soon as possible.

If you would like to donate to give blood, register 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.

### **City Council Meeting Update**

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org) for a wrap up of last night's Council meeting (May 18). Or, you can view the entire meeting at [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings) or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPGNRdyO6G8>.

At a special meeting on Wednesday, May 27, City Council plans to adopt the Proposed Budget and Capital Improvements Program and discuss a proposal to create the position of City of Bowie Health Officer.

# COVID-19 Updates

## Stay-At-Home Order Extended Until June 1



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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](#).

# COVID-19 Scams

## STOP COVID-19 SCAMS



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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/](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/)