



Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Number of confirmed cases *

Maryland – 47,687 (+535)
Prince George’s County – 13,819 (+93)
Bowie zip codes – 893 (+3)
20715 – 183 (+1)
20716 – 217 (+0)
20720 – 223 (+1)
20721 – 270 (+1)

Hospitalizations

Since the state began tracking COVID-19 related cases a few months ago, there have been a total of 8,179 patients hospitalized with confirmed cases of COVID-19. This represents 17% of those who have tested positive for the virus in Maryland.

Other hospitalization and testing information:

- Today’s statewide numbers are up. Maryland hospitalizations increased 2.8%, acute care beds are up 4.3%, and ICU beds are up 0.6%.
- There were 32 new hospitalizations in Prince George’s County.
- Since the pandemic began, 19.1% of all Marylanders have tested have been positive. The US positive test rate is 11.4%.
- 3,334 Maryland patients have been released from isolation.
(This figure is a statewide cumulative total of individuals that local health departments have reported as having been released from home isolation. Since "recovery" can mean different things as people experience COVID-19 disease to varying degrees of severity, the Maryland Department of Health reports on individuals released from isolation rather than recovered. "Released from isolation" refers to those who have met criteria and are well enough to be released from home isolation. Some of these individuals may have been hospitalized at some point. Source: MD Health Department)

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.

*Source: Maryland Health Department COVID-19 dashboard

Prince George's County on Target for June 1 Relaxation of Some Restrictions

In a message to County residents late Friday afternoon, County Executive Alsobrooks said that if the data trends continue, that the County could move to a modified reopening by June 1.

Here is an excerpt of that statement:

“Prince George’s County is on track to move toward a modified reopening by June 1. Recent data show the County on a downward trend in positivity rates, hospitalizations, and death rates. This is due to your commitment to following the Stay-At-Home Order, which has helped us slow the spread of this virus in our community.

According to County data, the week of May 3 through May 9 was the highest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations with an average of 244 inpatients in County hospitals per day. The County began seeing a decrease starting on May 10, with last week’s average being 208 patients. For this week [May 17-22] County hospitals are averaging 184 patients, a 25% decrease from the peak.

In addition, preliminary data of tests collected last week [May 10-16] have a 28% positivity rate, which is a decrease from a high of 41% the week of April 19. Deaths have slowly decreased from a high of 72 during the week of April 19, to 66 the week of May 3. Preliminary data from the week of May 10 shows 59 deaths. While this is an improvement, COVID-19 continues to be the leading cause of death in the County since April, surpassing heart disease and cancer.”

No details have been released yet about what services and activities will be permitted to reopen in Prince George’s County during the modified Phase 1.

Maryland Launches Expanded Contact Tracing Operations

Contact tracing operations are expanding across the state. There will be more than 1,400 case investigators working on investigations statewide.

What to expect:

- When the phone rings, the caller ID will read “MD COVID.”
- Depending on whether the contact investigator is calling directly from NORC (the organization hired by the state to do tracing), or a local health department, there will also be a list of phone numbers provided to verify the caller’s identity.
- The caller will ask about one’s health, any potential symptoms, and the duration of those symptoms.
- They may ask about an individual’s whereabouts and interactions for a specific period of time.
- Guidance will be provided regarding self-isolation and monitoring for symptoms.
- They will ask for verification of date of birth and additional contact information.
- If an individual has already tested positive for COVID-19, they may request details regarding that test.

Beware of scammers. A contact investigator will never ask for a Social Security number, financial or bank account information, or personal details unrelated to COVID-19. They will not ask for photographs or videos, passwords, or payment.

COVID-19 Testing

- **Prince George's County Health Department Clinic**

3003 Hospital Drive

Cheverly, MD 20782

Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (By appointment only)

301-883-6627 (coronavirus hotline)

FREE screening and testing by appointment only. Residents should contact their primary care physicians or the Prince George's coronavirus hotline. More information at

<http://health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting>.

- **Hyattsville (Landover) Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program(VEIP) site**

7401 Jefferson Ave.

Hyattsville, MD 20785

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

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- **Clinton VEIP site**

7213 Old Alexandria Ferry Road

Clinton, MD 20735

Opening sometime during the week of May 25

For more information about testing at VEIP sites, view [Maryland VEIP Testing FAQ](#).

At these two new Prince George's County VEIP sites, individuals who suspect that they may have been exposed to COVID-19, even if they are not yet symptomatic, can get tested without a prior doctor's order or a scheduled appointment. These tests are provided at no out-of-pocket cost.

- **CVS Drive Through Testing**

Testing is available at certain CVS locations listed below.

- Patients must register in advance at CVS.com to schedule an appointment.
- Patients will be required to stay in their cars and will be directed to the pharmacy drive-thru window, where they will be provided with a test kit and given instructions.
- A CVS Pharmacy team member will observe the self-swab process to ensure it is done properly.
- Tests will be sent to an independent, third-party lab for processing and the results will be available in approximately three days.
- Testing will not take place inside any retail CVS locations.
- Insurance is accepted at these sites. Bring insurance information. (Patients should not have any out of pocket cost, but you should check with your health insurance plan to confirm. Those without insurance should bring identification and social security number.)

Prince George's County CVS sites

- CVS Pharmacy, 8201 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, MD 20784

- CVS Pharmacy, 7600 SE Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
- CVS Pharmacy, 4840 Marlboro Pike, Capitol Heights, MD 20743
- CVS Pharmacy, 5100 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Anne Arundel County CVS sites

- CVS Pharmacy, 2600 Annapolis Road, Severn, MD 21076
- CVS Pharmacy, 157 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146

View [press release on launch of CVS testing sites](#) (includes complete list of CVS testing sites).

- **Hotspot Testing**

Prince George's County is also beginning targeted testing in hotspot areas of the County.

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. It is important to remember that identifying the additional cases and isolating these individuals, 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](#)

[Governor's order on testing by licensed pharmacists](#)

Recently Issued or Updated CDC Guidance Related to COVID-19

The CDC recently released several different publications related to the pandemic:

[Multi Inflammatory Syndrome in Children – Information for Parents](#)

[Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#)

[When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19](#) (May 24)

[If You are Sick or Caring for Someone](#) (updated information – May 24)

[How to Wash Face Coverings](#) (May 22)

[Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith](#) (updated May 23)

Prince George's County Business Recovery Initiative (formerly Business Relief Fund) Deadline Extended to May 29

Prince George's County announced this week that its fund to support businesses during the pandemic has been expanded. Officials will use \$20 million from the County's federal CARES Act allocation to support businesses that have been adversely updated by the COVID-19 crisis. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be available to eligible businesses. The new deadline for applications to the COVID-19 Business Recovery Initiative is **May 29, 2020** and sole proprietors and 1099 contracts are now eligible to apply.

[Description of program](#)

[Apply here](#)

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.

Maryland Unemployment Insurance

File for unemployment benefits using the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance's BEACON One-Stop Application. Visit <https://www.dlr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml> for information.

City of Bowie Job Openings

- Entry Level Police Officer - open
- Crime Scene Analyst (Police Department) – closes 7/31/20
- Communications Specialist II (Police Department) - open
- Systems Analyst (Information Technology Department) – closes 6/3/20
- Family Counselor (Youth Services Division) – closes 5/5/20

Census Jobs

The Census Bureau is hiring in Prince George's County. Office and in-field positions available. The pay is \$22.50 for Census Takers and \$25.00 for Census Field Supervisors. (See flyer below.)

Office & In-field Positions

APPLY ONLINE! **2020census.gov/jobs**

For more information or help applying, please call
1-855-JOB-2020

Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII | www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

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