



Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Number of confirmed cases *

Maryland – 48,423 (+736)
Prince George’s County – 14,100 (+218)
Bowie zip codes – 904 (+11)
 20715 – 185 (+2)
 20716 – 218 (+1)
 20720 – 224 (+1)
 20721 – 277 (+7)

Hospitalizations

Since the state began tracking COVID-19 related cases a few months ago, there have been a total of 8,281 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:

- 4,930 individuals were tested in Maryland yesterday.
- Since the pandemic began, 19% of all Marylanders tested (or approximately 1 in every 5) have been positive for COVID-19. The US positive test rate is 11.2%.
- Maryland hospitalizations increased 1.7%; acute care beds are up 2.9%; and ICU beds stayed the same at 520 in use statewide.
- There are 18 new hospitalizations in Prince George’s County today.
- 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 Provides New Information on its Dashboard

The [Prince George's County Health Department COVID-19 Dashboard](#) has been expanded to include more information about the following:

- Current status
- Week at a glance
- Weekly trends
- Hospitalizations
- Testing

These metrics will help residents to better understand the scope of the pandemic in the County and how the data is trending. One of the encouraging metrics is that while the number of individuals tested continues to increase, the percentage of tests that are positive is down to 22.5% for last week. In mid-April, about 40% of the tests administered, were positive.

Governor Hogan Announces More Steps to Reopen State

In a late afternoon press conference today, the governor announced Maryland is ready to take additional steps to complete Stage One of the state's recovery plan. He said that these additional steps are possible because there has been good progress on key metrics: testing capacity is expanded and contact tracing is operational, and positivity rates and death rates are lower across the state, including in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

Effective Friday, May 29, 5 pm:

- Restaurants can open for outside seating, with social distancing and other safety measures in place.
- Youth sports activities may resume, with limited, low contact, outdoor practices.
- Youth day camps may resume with capacity limitations and symptom checks.
- Outdoor pools may also reopen with capacity restrictions, strict physical distancing and sanitization measures.

The Governor urged residents to continue to follow CDC guidelines. If you can stay home, you should continue doing so. Continue avoiding crowds, keep working from home if possible, and wearing masks in indoor public areas.

For details on this announcement, view the [Governor's Amended Order \(May 27, 2020\)](#). Other helpful information related to the order can be found at <https://open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness>.

Please note: Counties will be able to make decisions regarding the timing of reopenings in their individual jurisdictions.

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

County Executive Alsobrooks is expected to announce a modified Phase 1 reopening by June 1.

Here is an excerpt of her May 22 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.

COVID-19 Testing Location Update

The State of Maryland made changes today to the testing locations previously announced. Before visiting a testing site, please visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing#siteapp> for the most up-to-date information on testing sites.

State of Maryland Drive-Through Testing Sites in Prince George's County

- **Clinton VEIP (Opens Thursday, May 28)**

7213 Old Alexandria Ferry Road
Clinton, MD 20735

- **Six Flags Amusement Park (opens May 29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)**

13710 Central Ave
Bowie, MD 20721

Any Maryland resident who suspects that he or she may have been exposed to COVID-19 may receive a test at Six Flags America in Upper Marlboro on Friday, and no doctor's order or appointment is required. Tests will be provided by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to patients at no out-of-pocket cost.

Prince George's County continues to offer tests at the following location:

- **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>.

CVS Drive Through Testing

- Testing is available at certain CVS locations.
View [press release on launch of CVS testing sites](#) (includes complete list of CVS testing sites).

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 contractors are now eligible to apply.

[Description of program](#)
[Apply here](#)

Maryland Unemployment Insurance

File for unemployment benefits using the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance's BEACON One-Stop Application. Visit <https://www.dllr.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 6/5/20 (*please note the corrected date*)

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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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

Primary Election

June 2, 2020 • 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

In response to COVID-19, and in keeping with the guidelines for social distancing, important changes have been made to how we vote in upcoming elections.

NEW DATE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, June 2, 2020!

Primary Election Day

VOTE BY MAIL!

There will be a limited number of in-person voting locations open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. County voters are encouraged to Vote by Mail. Fill out your ballot as soon as you receive it, sign the envelope, and send it back through the mail. There's no stamp needed; postage is pre-paid. All ballots must be postmarked by June 2nd to be counted. If you have not yet received your ballot in the mail, please call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at **(301) 341-7300**.

BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Prince George's County voters can also drop-off completed ballots at a ballot drop box from May 21st to June 2nd. There are five (5) drop-off locations throughout the County:

Prince George's County Board of Elections
1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
Largo, MD 20774

Bowie Gymnasium
4100 Northview Drive
Bowie, MD 20716

Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Avenue
Landover, MD 20785

College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue
College Park, MD 20740

Southern Regional Technology
and Recreation Complex
7007 Bock Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION

For more information about the June 2nd Primary Election in Prince George's County, including online voter registration, vote by mail and other voting options, limited in-person voting locations and more, please visit the Prince George's County Board of Elections at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/559/Board-of-Elections> or call **(301) 341-7300**.

