



Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020

Number of confirmed cases *

Maryland – 49,709 (+1,286)
Prince George’s County – 14,508 (+408)
Bowie zip codes – 921 (+17)
 20715 – 190 (+5)
 20716 – 220 (+2)
 20720 – 229 (+5)
 20721 – 282 (+5)

Hospitalizations

Current hospitalizations in Maryland: 1,334 (down 0.2%)

 ICU beds in use: (down 1.7%)

 Acute beds in use: (up 0.6%)

Prince George’s County current hospitalizations: increased by 23 patients. Since tracking began, 17% of all positive cases in Maryland have been hospitalized.

Positivity Rate

The percentage of positive cases out of all those being tested is one of the key metrics now being scrutinized by health officials. As testing increases, it is a more meaningful measurement of how widespread the virus currently is among those being tested. Today Maryland is reporting an additional 16,353 tests completed.

The numbers below represent a rolling 7-day average rate of positive cases:

- US positivity rate: 11.2%
- Maryland positivity rate: 12.4%
- Prince George’s County positivity rate: 19.4% (down from a high of 40+% in mid-April)

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.

Maryland guidance documents and orders on reopening:

- [Restaurants and Bars](#)
- [Limited Outdoor Youth Sports](#)
- [Swimming Pools](#)
- [Youth Camps](#)

Prince George's County Will Begin Modified Reopening on June 1

Today, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced that the County will move to a modified Stage 1 Reopening, with the **following changes in place, effective June 1:**

- The Stay at Home order is lifted.
- Retail stores may reopen for curbside pickup only.
- Manufacturing may reopen with precautions.
- Barber shops, hair salons, and car washes may open with restrictions.
- Restaurants may open for outside seating only, and with occupancy restrictions and precautions.
- Houses of worship may open for small services of 10 or less people.
- Farmers markets can reopen for carryout only.
- Childcare may open for essential employees and those returning to work.
- Parks open and golf courses are open, but basketball courts and playgrounds must remain closed.
- Fitness facilities are still closed.
- Prince George's Government facilities will remain closed to public. Teleworking will continue.
- County bulk trash collection will resume June 11
- More testing will soon be available for essential employees, including those who are asymptomatic.
- Business establishments should enforce social distancing and require masks for employees and customers.

County Health Officer Earnest Carter urges all Prince Georgians to remain vigilant and to continue frequent handwashing, staying six feet away from others in public, wearing masks indoors in public places, and staying home as much as possible.

Governor Hogan Announces More Steps to Reopen State

On May 27, the Governor announced Maryland was ready to take additional steps to complete Stage One of the state's recovery plan.

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.

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](#)

Changes to Trash and Recycling Rules in Bowie

We know that many of you have been very busy clearing out and cleaning out while you were confined at home and that you have been waiting patiently to dispose of your bulk items and large cardboard boxes.

The Public Works Department is working on a plan to ease the restrictions on how trash and recycling are picked up in Bowie. Look for details in tomorrow's update.

Prince George's County Business Recovery Initiative (formerly Business Relief Fund) Deadline is 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](#)

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.

Primary Election

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

Those who cannot vote by mail may vote in person on Election Day at the City Gymnasium or one of four other sites in the County for In-person voting. Voters can also drop off their completed ballots at the Gym from May 21 to June 2 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Bowie Gymnasium is located at 4100 Northview Drive.

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.



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**.

