



Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Friday, June 5, 2020

Number of confirmed cases *

Maryland – 56,770 (+912)
Prince George's County 16,169 (+229)
Bowie zip codes – 968 (+3)
20715 – 203 (+2)
20716 – 235 (+0)
20720 – 235 (+1)
20721 – 295 (+1)

Hospitalizations

Current hospitalizations in Maryland: 1,076 (-1.8%)
ICU beds in use: 455 (-0.2%)
Acute beds in use: 621 (-2.9%)

Prince George's County current hospitalizations: increased by 61 patients. Since tracking began, 16.5% 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 13,174 tests completed.

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

- US positivity rate: 10%
- Maryland positivity rate: 8.4%
- Prince George's County positivity rate: 13.46%

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

Governor Allows State to Move to Stage Two of Recovery; Counties Can Decide Their Own Timetables

At a June 3 press conference, Governor Hogan announced that, as of Friday, June 5, at 5 p.m., Maryland counties can now choose to move to Stage 2 of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery.

He outlined the progress that the state has made since the crisis began in March. Specifically, increased testing, lower positivity rates, more lab capacity, and declining hospitalization rates have made it possible for Stage Two to begin in some parts of the state.

Stage Two Changes:

- Most nonessential businesses can reopen.
- Nail salons, tanning salons, massage/tattoo parlors may reopen at 50% capacity, by appointment only, and with strict safety protocols.
- Starting Monday, June 8, state government will also begin returning to more normal operations. MVA and other customer-facing agencies will begin phased reopening.
- Public transit will move to more normal schedules
- State Board of Education will reopen childcare centers as more parents return to work.
- The next steps will be to consider reopening some additional outdoor amusement, fitness, sporting, and other summertime activities.

The Governor encouraged Marylanders to remain vigilant, stay home as much as possible, continue to telework whenever possible, continue practicing physical distancing, and avoid crowds or large gatherings.

He said Stage Two will be based on a flexible, community-based approach, with local jurisdictions making decisions regarding the timing of reopenings.

During his remarks, the Governor also addressed the murder of George Floyd saying this “has served as yet another reminder that we still have a long way to go to live up to our nation’s highest ideals.” He thanked residents for showing the “power of a strong, compassionate, and united community.” He also called for an investigation into significant failures in the primary election and requested the General Assembly begin oversight hearings into what went wrong.

- [Stage 2 Reopening Press Release](#)
- [Governor’s Amended Gatherings Order](#)
- [Guidance for Business Reopenings](#)
- [Guidance on Personal Services](#)

Prince George’s County Executive Announces Possible Modified Phase Two Reopening on June 15

On June 4, Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced that the County will remain in a modified phase one even as most of the state moves to Phase Two today at 5 p.m. Despite experiencing some of the highest infection, hospitalization and death rates in the state since this pandemic began, the County’s metrics are trending in a positive direction, indicting a potential modified phase two start date of June 15, 2020.

Under the current Phase One County order:

- Parks are open, but playgrounds, basketball courts, the skatepark, ballfields, and fitness areas remain closed.
- Day camps, pools, youth sports are not permitted to open.
- Retail stores may reopen for curbside pickup only.

- Manufacturing may reopen with precaution.
- Barber shops, hair salons, and car washes may open with restrictions.
- Restaurants may open for outside seating only, with occupancy restrictions and precautions.
- Houses of worship may open for small services of 10 people or less.
- Farmers' markets can reopen for carryout only.
- Childcare may open for essential employees and those returning to work.
- Indoor fitness facilities are still closed.

[June 4 Press Release](#)

Prince George's County Issues Guidance for Restaurants Seeking to Reopen with Outdoor Dining

The modified Phase One Prince George's County reopening plan allows qualified restaurants to reopen on June 1, 2020, with outdoor seating with a Restaurant Temporary Outdoor Seating Area (RTOSA) Permit. For additional details on how to apply, visit the Prince George's County [RTOSA Permit page](#).

Bowie Stage One:

- City buildings are closed to the public.
- Those employees that cannot work from home are returning, with no more than 25% of the staff in offices at any time.
- Teleworkers will continue to work at home.
- Social distancing, masks, and health screenings are required for employees.
- All city events scheduled for June are canceled, including Bowiefest and the Shredding Event.
- Bulk trash resumes by appointment only. Call 301-809-2338 to schedule.
- Loose cardboard can be put out with recycling.

Senior Services

The Senior Center remains closed, but staff members are available by email and telephone to support Bowie seniors. Call 301-809-2300 for assistance. Homebound meal delivery continues.

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors program matches volunteers with seniors and disabled individuals that need help grocery shopping or picking up prescriptions during the pandemic. If you are a City of Bowie senior or disabled person in need of assistance, please complete the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Senior Request Form found at <http://www.cityofbowie.org/nhn>. Contact Lori Cunningham at <mailto:mlcunningham@cityofbowie.org> or 240-544-5601 for more information.

Community Events for Social Justice & in Remembrance of George Floyd

In honor and remembrance of George Floyd and others, local community members have organized a "Bowie Community Vigil" on Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m. at the amphitheater at Allen Pond Park. Local elected, faith, and community leaders are participating.

Be sure to bring water and chairs or blankets. Please remember to wear masks and practice social distancing during this and other events.

Schedule:

- Emcee - Raaheela Ahmed, PGCPD District 5 Member

- Welcome and Opening Remarks: Mayor Timothy Adam
- Opening Prayer: Rabbi Steve Weisman, Temple Solel (Bowie, MD)
- Song - Dr. Trenace Richardson
- Remarks - State Senator Douglas J.J. Peters
- Community Policing – Bowie Police Chief John Nesky
- Words of Encouragement - State’s Attorney Aisha Braveboy; Adrian Boafo, District 3; County HRC Commissioner Sylvia Johnson
- Raising Black Sons - Shelemiah Griffiths-Johnson and Sheila Griffiths, District 4 residents
- Moment of Silence - Arthur Washington, Jr., District 2 resident
- Closing Remarks – Councilmember Roxy Ndebumadu, District 4
- Closing prayer - Rev. Chris Deacon, United Parish of Bowie

BOWIE COMMUNITY VIGIL

ALLEN POND PARK AMPHITHEATER

3300 Northview Drive

Saturday, June 6th, 2020, 4:00pm

**HONOR AND REMEMBER GEORGE FLOYD AND
OTHER UNARMED AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN
AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF
RACIAL VIOLENCE**

Faith and community leaders will briefly speak followed by a moment of silence. Please wear masks and maintain social distance as much as possible.

There will also be other events held on Saturday, including:

June 5

- Silent Remembrance 9 - 9:30 p.m.
Light a candle on your porch in remembrance

June 6

- Silent Vigil 9 a.m.
Bowie City Hall
- "We Walk in Unity" 12 – 1 p.m.
From City Hall to Allen Pond Park
- Prayer Circle 1 p.m.
Allen Pond Park
- Community Vigil 4 p.m.
Allen Pond Park

These events are being organized by various members of the Bowie community. There may be other events being planned. Look for details, contact information, etc. on Nextdoor, Facebook and Twitter.

Please remember to protect yourself from the heat and the spread of COVID-19. Social distance, wear a mask, and have a water bottle.

Depending on the size of the crowds, traffic may be impacted around City Hall, Bowie Town Center, and Allen Pond Park.

View Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Social Justice

Thanks to all those who viewed the June 4 City of Bowie Virtual Town Hall meeting about Social Justice and Community Policing on Zoom, the city website, or Bowie government television. More than 100 questions were submitted in advance or via Zoom and a majority of them were answered by the Chief, Deputy Chief and other panel members during the meeting. Questions that we did not have time for will be answered in an upcoming Chief Chat video that will be shared on social media and this website.

We apologize to those that wanted to participate by Zoom but weren't able to because of an inadvertent limit on participants. If you were not able to watch the meeting, you can view a recording of it on:

Youtube – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxwYOD9UULs>

The City website - <http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings>

Bowie government channel (FIOS 10/Comcast 71 & 996) next week at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m. on:

- Monday, June 8
- Thursday, June 11
- Saturday, June 13

Again, thank you for your interest in this important subject. We encourage you to stay engaged and to keep the questions coming. The Bowie Police Department is here to serve you.

Attention All Dog Park Users:

The CDC has issued guidance about pets and COVID-19. For the health and safety of pets and pet owners, Bowie Dog Park users are asked to adhere to the following:

- Please remember to maintain a safe 6-foot distance from others. Wearing a mask is recommended.
- Do not allow dogs to share water bowls.
- Owners should not interact with other pets at the park.
- Please bring wipes with you to sanitize the gate after touching.
- Owners who are sick or don't feel well must stay away from the dog park until you are healthy and have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Monitor your dog's health on a daily basis. Do not take your dog in the park if it appears sick. Seek medical attention if your dog is ill.

Until more information is known regarding the spread of COVID-19 between humans and animals, please conform to these updated guidelines.

Bulk & Metal Collection Resumes

By appointment only

- Schedule appointments for bulk and metal items.
- Limit of 4 items per appointment. An item in pieces is considered a single item.
- To limit contact, items will be picked up by a truck with claw arm.

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:

WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/SERVICEREQUEST OR 301-809-2338



RECYCLING CHANGE



Loose cardboard now accepted

Please flatten boxes

