



COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Friday, June 19, 2020

Bowie Cases: 1040 (+7) 20715: 217 (+1) 20716: 259 (+2) 20720: 248 (+3) 20721: 316 (+1)	Prince George's County Cases: 17,709 (+43) Total Hospitalizations: 2,894 (+14) County Ranking: 20th in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Cases 63,548 (+319) Deaths 3030 (+14)
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 544,072 (+8,628) Negative Tests: 390,121 (+5,742) MD Positivity Rate: 5.41% % Pop. Tested: 7% PG Positivity Rate: 9.21% % Pop. Tested: 8.2%* <i>Data Current as of 6/18.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hospitalization Data Tracker</p> Currently Hospitalized: 648 -1.8% Acute Care: 387 -1.0% Intensive Care: 261 -2.9% Ever Hospitalized: 10,477 16.4%	

Source: Maryland Health Department COVID-19 dashboard

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.

Maryland Opens More Businesses Today at 5 p.m.

As of June 19 at 5 p.m., the State of Maryland will allow more businesses to open with capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements in place. The [list](#) includes:

- Indoor malls
- Indoor fitness activities
- Casinos
- Arcades, pool halls, and bowling alleys

(Note: These changes do not apply to Prince George's County under the current Modified Stage Two Reopening Order, in effect until July 9.)

Maryland Department of Health Establishes Goal to Test 10% of Population in Each Jurisdiction

To continue making progress in our fight against COVID-19, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is establishing the goal of testing 10% of the population in each jurisdiction and ensuring that vulnerable populations and areas identified as potential community outbreaks are tested without delay. View the full letter from MDH on the [Governor's website](#). To track this progress, the State of Maryland will begin posting daily percentages of population tested by jurisdiction on coronavirus.maryland.gov.

Governor Modifies Rules for Nursing Homes

The following is excerpted from a press release issued today by the Governor's office.

"Governor Larry Hogan today announced a plan to begin allowing limited outdoor visits to Maryland's nursing home facilities. The plan also allows for limited communal dining and small group activities to resume with proper precautions in place. This is the first step in allowing nursing homes to begin a safe and phased reopening, in accordance with [strict protocols](#) established by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH)." Read the Maryland's Department of Health's outdoor visitation guidance [here](#)."

The announcement also said that weekly testing of nursing home staff is now required and residents in facilities that report new cases acquired at the facility will be retested weekly. Before facilities can begin relaxing any restrictions, they will be required to meet a series of prerequisites.

Prince George's Health Officer Urges Caution

Dr. Earnest Carter spoke this week about the importance of ongoing precautions against the spread of the coronavirus. He emphasized that our county and our nation are still in the first wave of the virus, and that while the case data for Prince George's County is trending downward, new cases are still being identified daily and there is a danger of exposure from asymptomatic individuals. He urged County residents to take advantage of the testing that is available, especially if they have been exposed to someone with the virus, have been in large crowds lately, or are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.



Prince George's County Remains in Reopening Stage Two

Last week, County Executive Alsobrooks announced a relaxation of many of the social distancing regulations that have been in place since April. More details can be found at the links below:

- [Executive Order](#) (issued June 12, 2020)
- [Press Release](#) (issued June 11, 2020)
- [Prince George's County Stage Two webpage](#)

Please note, that only those activities and businesses listed in the Executive Order may resume or reopen. Unless the order specifically allows it, most social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people are still prohibited.

City of Bowie Reopening Announcements

Limited in-person services listed below are now available at City Hall; however, residents are strongly encouraged to continue conducting city business online or by telephone whenever possible.

Phase Two Reopening Status:

- City Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 5 p.m., for limited services.
- These include:
 - Pet licenses
 - Water bill payments
 - Permits
 - Rental housing licenses
 - Notary services (by appointment only)
 - The Bowie Police Department will open its lobby for window services such as obtaining police reports and paying speed camera citations.
- Playgrounds are open.
- Youth sports are permitted on ballfields (max of 9 youth and 1 coach)
- Adult are also permitted on fields for low contact sports, but only 10 players per field.
- Some fields may be closed for maintenance. Call the Ballfield Status line at 301-809-1909.
- Fitness equipment in the parks can be used.
- Outdoor fitness classes of up to 10 people can take place in parks
- Park restrooms are open at Allen Pond and Whitemarsh Park.

CITY OF BOWIE PARKS ARE OPEN

Permitted activities:

(must follow social distancing & hygiene guidelines)

- Outdoor exercise activities - walking, running, biking, etc.
- Outdoor personal fitness and fitness classes *
- Youth sports *
- Small picnics *
- Playgrounds are open

***Limited to groups of 10 or less**

CITY HALL OPEN

FOR LIMITED IN-PERSON SERVICES

8:30 - 5 P.M.



- Animal Control
- Building Permits
- Rental Licenses
- Water Bill Payments
- Police Lobby

MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND HEALTH SCREENINGS REQUIRED

What to Expect When You Come to City Hall

Each visitor to City Hall will be **required to wear a mask**, have their temperature taken using a touchless thermometer, and answer a few health-screening questions. You will also be expected to keep at least six feet from employees and others who may be visiting the building. **These rules are a requirement. Visitors who do not abide by these requirements will not be permitted to enter or will be asked to leave.**

Business will be conducted at the windows in the lobby of City Hall, the Police Department, and at the Finance Department (for water bills). **Appointments can be scheduled for some services** so that you can limit your time in the building.

These measures are similar to others being taken across the country to stop the spread of COVID-19. Some refinements of these rules may be necessary as we gain experience with this new stage of recovery. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Many services can be handled online or by phone. Please call City Hall at 301-262-6200 to determine if your business must be done in person. Also, use this number to schedule appointments for service.

County Reopens Hazardous Waste & Electronics Sites

The Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Acceptance sites at the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro have reopened. These sites are open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visit the County [website](#) for a list of acceptable items.

COVID-19 Testing

- The Six Flags America testing site is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. No appointment or doctor's order is required to get a test at this site.
- Visit the [state coronavirus website](#) for a list of the more than 150 testing locations in Maryland.
- **Prince George's County Health Department is now operating or will soon open several testing sites in the County, including locations in Hyattsville, Chillum, Laurel, Cheverly, Lanham, and Landover.** Testing is by appointment only. Call 301-883-6627 for assistance.

Summer Meals Program for School Children

Prince George's County Schools' summer "grab and go" meals program will operate Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at various schools, libraries, and neighborhoods throughout the County, including Benjamin Tasker Middle School, High Bridge Elementary School, and Pointer Ridge Elementary School in Bowie. The program runs from June 29 through August 13. View the full list of summer meal locations on the [PGCPS website](#).

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Will Provide Chromebooks for Summer Learning Programs

Today, PGCPS notified parents that on Wednesday, June 24, Chromebooks will be distributed to middle and high school students who did not receive a Chromebook at a previous PGCPS distribution. The devices will be distributed at your child's school from 9 a.m. to noon. Devices will be distributed to elementary school students at a later date. For more information, please contact your child's principal.

Attention Small Minority or Women Owned Businesses Affected by the Pandemic

Low's Companies Inc. has established a \$25 million grant program to help small minority or woman owned businesses stay afloat during the pandemic. Details are in a [press release](#) issued on June 11.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Advance Program Reopened

To further meet the needs of U.S. small businesses and non-profits, the U.S. Small Business Administration reopened the [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\) and EIDL Advance program](#) portal to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19. For more information, visit [U.S. Small Business Administration website](#).

Daily COVID Updates to be Replaced with Updates Three Times Each Week

After three months of sharing information each weekday about COVID-19, we will be reducing the frequency of our updates to three times a week. Starting Monday, June 22, COVID-19 updates will be distributed by the City of Bowie only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. unless there is a pressing need to share information or breaking news at another time.

Other News...

International Accreditation of Police Department

For the past several months, the Bowie Police Department has been working toward international accreditation. As part of that process, a team of assessors will be reviewing the department's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services during the week of June 22. Public comment on this process is encouraged. Learn more at <https://www.cityofbowie.org/DocumentCenter/View/9949/CALEA-Media-Release-Bowie-Police-Department>

Fair Housing Symposium on Implicit Bias

The City of Bowie is hosting an online symposium on implicit bias and fair housing on Monday, June 29 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Tenured University of Maryland professor Dr. Kris Marsh will be presenting at the Zoom meeting. Register for the event at <https://bowie.fyi/2020FairHousing>. For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/fairhousing.

Virtual Bowie Advisory Planning Board Public Hearing on Bowie Town Center/Sears Parcel

The public is invited to participate in the meeting this Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 7 - 9 p.m. The applicant, Seritage SRC Finance, LLC, is proposing to redevelop the existing 10.81-acre Sears Property with: up to 800 residential dwelling units (multifamily, townhouses (not to exceed 150 units) and/or beds in an assisted living facility); retail uses, including restaurants and shops; a hotel use, with a maximum of 150 rooms;

and/or office uses. Join the Zoom meeting at <https://bowie.fyi/BTC-BAPB-publichearing>. For more information contact Frank Stevens at fstevens@cityofbowie.org or by calling 301-809-3047.

- [Public Hearing Letter](#)
- [Agenda](#)
- [Staff Report](#)

City Council will review the matter and hold a virtual public hearing on the matter at its meeting on July 6, 8 p.m. Testimony for this meeting may be submitted to City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at ahernandez@cityofbowie.org.

Renter's Tax Credit Available to Eligible Maryland Renters

The State of Maryland is providing a direct check payment of up to \$1,000/year to Maryland renters who meet certain eligibility requirements. For more information in the eligibility requirements and to apply online, visit the [Maryland One Stop website](#). The deadline to submit your application is September 1, 2020.

Bowie, Help Us Reach a 100% Census Response Rate

Bowie, we're almost there! Did you know 21.6% of Bowie residents still have not responded to the census? That number may not seem like a lot, but it adds up to millions of dollars that the city could lose. Each resident counted on the census means another \$18,500 in funding over a ten year period for community programs, road repairs, public transport, Medicaid, and more. Let's make every dollar count.

[Fill out your 2020 Census today](#). If you have already filled it out, reach out to remind your friends, families, and neighbors.