



COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, June 22, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1040 (+5) 20715: 221 (+2) 20716: 260 (+1) 20720: 250 (+1) 20721: 317 (+1)	Prince George’s County Confirmed Cases: 17,935 (+61) Total Deaths: 661 (+2) Ever hospitalized: 2,940 (+26) Ranking: 20th in the nation for highest number of cases.	MD Confirmed Cases 64,603 (+297) Deaths 3,074 (+8) Released from Isolation: 4,776 (+91), 7%												
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 572,731 (+7,433) Negative Tests: 410,122 (+5,397) MD Positivity Rate: 7.3% PGC Positivity Rate: 8.6% (+.2%) <i>Data Current as of 6/21.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalization Data Tracker</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Currently Hospitalized:</td> <td>602</td> <td>-0.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acute Care:</td> <td>378</td> <td>-6.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intensive Care</td> <td>230</td> <td>-3.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ever Hospitalized</td> <td>10,572</td> <td>16.3%</td> </tr> </table>		Currently Hospitalized:	602	-0.2%	Acute Care:	378	-6.8%	Intensive Care	230	-3.3%	Ever Hospitalized	10,572	16.3%
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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.

Are Masks or Face Coverings Still Mandatory?

We’ve been getting some questions lately about when face masks and other face coverings are required to be worn. The Governor’s April 15 Mask Order remains in effect, even as more businesses in the state reopen.

Masks that cover your nose and mouth are still required when you work or visit a retail establishment or when you are riding public transportation. They are also required while inside any personal services establishment, except to the extent wearing a face covering would make it impossible for services to be performed. Restaurants must also require all staff to wear face coverings.

Any business, organization, establishment, or facility in Maryland may require its customers over the age of two, visitors over the age of two, and/or staff to wear face coverings. A business,

organization, establishment, or facility that elects to do so shall post signage at each entrance advising customers, visitors, and/or staff about such requirement.

Maryland Opens More Businesses

On June 19, more businesses were allowed to open across Maryland, 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 Guidance for Reopenings

The Maryland Department of Commerce has created a series of best practices documents for different types of businesses and organizations to follow as they reopen. Each publication provides up-to-date information on safe practices, and if applicable, social distancing requirements, capacity limits, and the use of masks and other personal protective equipment.

Social Gatherings

- [Social Gathering Limits](#)

Businesses

- [General Best Practices](#) for Businesses
- [Entertainment and Recreational Attractions](#)
- [Gyms, Martial Arts and Dance Studios](#)
- [Accommodations](#)
- [Construction and Development](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Marinas](#)
- [Personal Services](#)
- [Professional Services](#)
- [Restaurants and Bars](#)
- [Retail](#)

Recreation, Youth Programs, and Sporting Events Directives

- [FAQ](#) on Outdoor Youth Camps, Sports Programs, and Other Youth Programs
- [Youth Sports Best Practices](#)
- [Amended Directive and Order Regarding Community, Recreational, Leisure, Cultural and Sporting Gathering and Events](#)
- [Directive and Order Regarding Swimming Pools](#)
- [Amended Directive and Order Regarding Youth Camp Programs](#)

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.

Prince George's Health Officer Urges Caution

Dr. Earnest Carter spoke last 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 down, 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.

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

Using Playgrounds and Parks Safely

Please remember that although community spread of COVID-19 has slowed down, the virus still continues to infect people in our community and elsewhere. Children can catch the virus when they touch contaminated objects and then touch their mouths, noses or eyes, as well as when they have close contact with others who may have the virus.

It was been a long spring for us all, but especially for children. We understand the desire to get out and play and return to a semblance of normal. Each family must weigh the risks and benefits of going out in public, and of using public equipment. Risks include contracting the illness and becoming ill, and possibly spreading the virus to family members and others who are at high risk. The benefits are many and include the physical, mental and emotional rewards of getting outdoors and being physically active.

Please make sure to stay away from playgrounds if your child has any signs of illness and make sure to wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol frequently. We recommend avoiding parks and playgrounds that are very crowded. Consider visiting less popular playgrounds at schools or neighborhood parks.

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**

[View our Stage Two Reopening Video on What to Expect When You Visit City Hall](#)

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.

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.

Please note: This update will no longer be published daily. It will be published this week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.