



# COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

**Summary** (updates highlighted in yellow)

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,063 (+2)  20715: 221 (+0) 20716: 266 (+2) 20720: 257 (+0) 20721: 319 (+0)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases:</b> 18,151 (+71)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 662 (+1) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 2,960 (+10)  <b>Ranking:</b> 20th in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>MD Confirmed Cases</b> 65,337 (+330)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,108 (+16)  <b>Released from Isolation:</b> 4,810 (+34), 7%												
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Testing</b></p> <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 591,962 (+8,871) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 425,120 (+6,592) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 5.17% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 8.30%  <i>Data Current as of 6/23.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maryland Hospitalizations* Data Tracker</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Currently Hospitalized:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">544</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-3.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acute Care:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">331</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-5.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intensive Care</td> <td style="text-align: right;">213</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ever Hospitalized</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,648</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16.2%</td> </tr> </table> <p>* Lowest level since early April.</p>		Currently Hospitalized:	544	-3.0%	Acute Care:	331	-5.1%	Intensive Care	213	0.4%	Ever Hospitalized	10,648	16.2%
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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.

## FDA Issues Advisory Against Use of Several Hand Sanitizer Manufactured by Eskbiochem

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a warning about the use of any hand sanitizers manufactured by Eskbiochem. The FDA sampled nine hand sanitizer products produced by Eskbiochem and found they contained up to 81% methanol, which can be toxic if ingested or absorbed by the skin. Symptoms of substantial methanol exposure can include nausea, vomiting, headache, blurred vision and permanent blindness, and can lead to permanent damage to the nervous system and death if untreated.

Consumers who have been exposed to these brands should seek immediate medical attention, which is critical to reversing the effects of methanol poisoning. FDA recommends the immediate disposal of any hand sanitizing products containing methanol, using a hazardous waste container. Do not flush or pour them down the drain. FDA reminds consumers to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing one's nose. If soap and water are not readily available, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) recommend consumers use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent ethanol.

## **Metro Reopens More Stations**

Effective June 28, 15 additional rail stations will reopen and on June 29, buses will be added to the system's 14 busiest bus lines to provide more capacity and more frequent service as the region reopens. Details at <https://www.wmata.com/about/news/Metro-to-reopen-15-stations-reallocate-bus-service.cfm>.

## **County Executive's Town Hall Video Available Online**

On June 18, County Executive Alsobrooks hosted a virtual Town Hall discussion. Thousands participated in the event, but there were some who weren't able to join the discussion. A video of the discussion may now be viewed on YouTube at this link: <https://youtu.be/ERRVPVBXzhA>.

## **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 of the state reopens.

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 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](#)



**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**

The sign features three icons: a person wearing a face mask, two people with a double-headed arrow between them representing social distancing, and a thermometer representing health screenings.

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



**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**

The sign has a background image of a park with a wooden fence and trees.

### **Deadline Extended to July 15 for Health Insurance Enrollment**

Maryland residents who need health insurance may still apply through the state program. The special coronavirus enrollment period has been extended to July 15 to allow those who are without insurance to get coverage through the Maryland Health Insurance Connection, the state's health insurance marketplace.

Under this special enrollment, health insurance provided through MHC covers among other things, testing, visits relating to testing, and treatment of COVID-19. Consumers will not be billed for a copay, coinsurance, or deductibles for services to test, diagnose and treat COVID-19. (See the flyer below for enrollment details.)

## NEED HEALTH INSURANCE? COVID-19 Special Enrollment is Open Now! Get Covered.

### PHONE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE!

Here is how you  
can get help:



BY PHONE - MONDAY - FRIDAY:

**PGC HEALTH CONNECT CALL CENTER**

**301-927-4500 or 240-719-2167**

9:00am – 3:00pm

**CASA Multi-Lingual Health Hotline**

**Spanish/English - 301-270-8432**

**French/English - 240-270-1318**

9:00am – 4:00pm

**Maryland Health Connection**

**1-855-642-8572**

**(Toll Free); Relay users dial 711**

8:00am – 6:00pm



ON LINE:

**[www.marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov)**



BY MOBILE APP:

**Download our free mobile app,  
Enroll MHC! Upload documents  
right from your phone or tablet!**



PGC Health Connect is a program of the Prince George's County  
Department of Social Services.

## Other News...

### 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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/fairhousing).

**Please note:** Beginning this week, full COVID updates, with news items and case data will be published on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Unless there is breaking news to share, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will just be sharing case data in our Bowie COVID-19 Snapshot.