



COVID-19

REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Friday, June 26, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,066 (+1) 20715: 221 (+0) 20716: 268 (+0) 20720: 257 (+0) 20721: 319 (+1)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 18,307 (+58) Total Deaths: 676 (+7) Ever hospitalized: 2,983 (+14) Ranking: 21st in the nation for highest number of cases.	MD Confirmed Cases 66,115 (+338) Deaths 3,142 (+13) Released from Isolation: 4,874 (+64), 7%												
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 613,513 (+9,916) Negative Tests: 440,282 (+7,100) MD Positivity Rate: 4.92% PGC Positivity Rate: 7.88% <i>Data Current as of 6/26.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Currently Hospitalized:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">487</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-4.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acute Care:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">297</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-1.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intensive Care</td> <td style="text-align: right;">190</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-9.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ever Hospitalized</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,725</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16.2%</td> </tr> </table>		Currently Hospitalized:	487	-4.6%	Acute Care:	297	-1.6%	Intensive Care	190	-9.0%	Ever Hospitalized	10,725	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.

Task Force Briefing

Today in a briefing by the White House Task Force on the Coronavirus, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dr. Deborah Birx, and others spoke about community spread and the recent new hotspots that are occurring in parts of the country, particularly among those under 40 and those who are asymptomatic. They implored people of all ages, but most especially young people, to be vigilant and to follow guidance on social distancing, face coverings, and avoiding large gatherings so that they do not inadvertently spread the virus and prolong the pandemic.

Prince George's County Moves to Full Phase Two Reopening on June 29

Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced that the County will move from a Modified Phase Two to a Full Phase Two Reopening on June 29, 2020 at 5 p.m.

As part of the Full Phase Two Reopening, residents are still encouraged to exercise caution and limit non-essential trips. Some non-essential businesses and services may reopen with modifications that protect the health and safety of employees and residents. They are listed below.

- **Gyms, fitness centers and other indoor physical activities** may reopen, at no more than 50% of capacity, and with CDC guidelines and precautions being adhered to.
- **Casinos, bingo halls, bowling alleys, pool halls, indoor skating rinks and miniature golf** may reopen at 50% capacity.
- **Amusement parks** may reopen at 40% capacity. CDC guidelines and other requirements must be in place.
- **Social and fraternal clubs** may reopen at 50% capacity, with safeguards in place.
- **Retail stores** may will be able to expand to allow 1 person per 100 square feet in store, not to exceed 50% percent capacity.
- **Shopping malls** may reopen at up to 50% capacity, with safeguards and physical distancing in place.
- **All personal services, including barbershops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo parlors, massage parlors, and spas**, are allowed at 50% capacity and by appointment only. The same safety and health guidelines as in the Modified Phase Two Reopening remain in place for these businesses.
- **Houses of worship** may expand indoor services to 50% capacity, with safeguards and physical distancing requirements in place.
- **Childcare facilities** can reopen for all children with health and safety precautions.
- **Outdoor community pools**, both public and private, may now expand to 50% capacity, but must practice proper social distancing guidelines.
- **Indoor pools** will remain closed.
- **Car washes** are now allowed to perform internal cleaning, with all employees wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other safeguards in place.
- **Outdoor youth sports** may expand to no more than 100 people in any area, still in small groups with no more than 9 children and 1 coach per group for low contact practices and workouts. No competitions / games can take place.
- **Large gatherings** may resume with capacity limits, one person/family unit per 200 square feet up to a maximum of 100 persons. Venues for large gatherings must adhere to physical distancing requirements and CDC guidelines.
- **County Government buildings** will remain closed to the public; although the government is still operational.

Today, the City is analyzing the [County Executive's latest order](#) and on Monday will announce how this move to Full Phase Two of Reopening will impact City facilities and services.

Prince George's County Hospitalizations

The County hospitalization rate continues to decline. In early May, County hospitals were averaging approximately 240 COVID-19 in-patients, per day. Since that time, the numbers have decreased, with 80 patients hospitalized this week. This is a 67% decrease from the highest average.

The County has also increased its testing capacity, now operating four Health Department sponsored testing sites. Countywide, more than 9,000 residents are being tested per week, with the capacity to test more residents, as needed. The positivity rate, which is a marker for how effective testing efforts are, has declined from a high of 43.1% in April, to 7.8%. The Health Department is now offering free testing *without* appointments at all of its testing locations.

Bulk Pickup Rules Return to Pre-COVID 19 State Starting July 1, 2020

Modified rules have been in place for trash and recycling since the COVID-19 pandemic began. These modifications were implemented in an effort to protect the City's solid waste personnel while maintaining modified service. Many thanks to residents for their understanding and cooperation in complying with the temporary rules.

Starting July 1, 2020, collection of bulk and large metal items will return to the way they were done prior to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Bulk items are large items that cannot fit in a trash can or bag; items include sofas, mattresses, tables, etc.
- Bulk items may be set alongside your regular trash on the normal trash collection days.
- Large metal items - metal furniture, appliances, grills (no tanks) - will be collected on Wednesdays by appointment only. Call 301-809-2344 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/servicerequest to schedule an appointment.
- Small metal items that can fit in a trash can, should be disposed of in that way.

Residents are asked to continue to exercise care to ensure health and safety when setting out trash. Other than large bulk items, all trash should be in closed bags or in a trash can with a lid. Medical waste and human or animal waste should always be double bagged. Glass should be protected to limit possibility of injury to collectors.

For more information, please visit www.cityofbowie.org/trash or call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

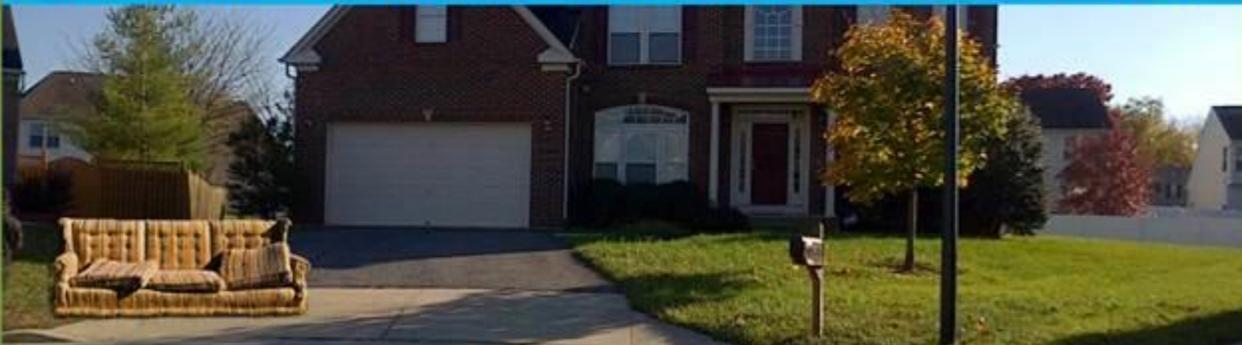
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FDA Issues Advisory Against Use of Several Hand Sanitizer Manufactured by Eskbiochem

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>.

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](#)

Other News...

Independence Day Holiday

Independence Day is usually a time for picnics, pool parties, baseball games, and fireworks. Like everything else this year, celebrations will be different in the time of the pandemic. Gatherings can still occur, but they should be small, everyone should take precautions to social distance, and wash hands often.

The City of Bowie did not budget for a Fourth of July event this year and most other planned fireworks in our region have been canceled or postponed due to COVID-19 related concerns. The state's tourism website (<https://www.visitmaryland.org/article/4th-of-july-celebrations>) does have information about some creative ways that the holiday will be celebrated across the state.

In observance of the holiday, **city government offices will be closed on Friday, July 3.** No trash or recycling will be collected. There are no makeup days for holidays. Collection resumes on your next regularly scheduled day.

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.

Redevelopment of the Sears Site at Bowie Town Center – Public Hearings Postponed

A short meeting of the Bowie Advisory Planning Board took place on Tuesday, June 23. Seritage SRC Finance, the owner of the Sears property, requested a continuance of the public hearing until July 28 to allow Seritage and the Washington Prime Group (owner of the mall) an opportunity to further review and discuss the proposal. The City Council Public Hearing on the proposal to redevelop the property to a mixed use of dwelling units, retail, and possibly office space, will now take place at the City Council meeting on August 3, at 8 p.m.

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



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.