



COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, June 29, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,085 (+7) 20715: 227 (+2) 20716: 269 (+0) 20720: 263 (+3) 20721: 326 (+2)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 18,505 (+91) Total Deaths: 680 (+2) Ever hospitalized: 3,013 (+0) Ranking: 21st in the nation for highest number of cases.	MD Confirmed Cases 67,254 (+477) Deaths 3,175 (+7) Released from Isolation: 4,976 = 7%												
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 644,026 (+12,536) Negative Tests: 462,059 (+9,363) MD Positivity Rate: 4.74% PGC Positivity Rate: 7.52% <i>Data Current as of 6/29.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Currently Hospitalized:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">447</td> <td style="text-align: right; color: red;">0.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acute Care:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">288</td> <td style="text-align: right; color: green;">-0.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intensive Care</td> <td style="text-align: right;">158</td> <td style="text-align: right; color: green;">-1.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ever Hospitalized</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,822</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16.0%</td> </tr> </table>		Currently Hospitalized:	447	0.2%	Acute Care:	288	-0.3%	Intensive Care	158	-1.2%	Ever Hospitalized	10,822	16.0%
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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.

Prince George's County Moves to Full Phase Two Reopening Today at 5 p.m.

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, organizations, and services may reopen with CDC guidance and other modifications that protect the health and safety of employees and residents. Please refer to the [June 25 Executive Order](#) for specific requirements for each of the businesses, organizations, or services listed below.

Permitted to open today at 5 p.m.

- **Gyms, fitness centers and other indoor physical activities** may reopen, at no more than 50% of capacity.

- **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.
- **Social and fraternal clubs** may reopen at 50% capacity.
- **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.
- **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. (**Indoor pools** will remain closed.)
- **Car washes** are now allowed to perform internal cleaning. Employees must wear PPE.
- **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.

What Does Full Phase Two Reopening Mean for City Government?

The City of Bowie is also easing some restrictions on activities and services:

Open Now*

- Service windows at City Hall for Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Rental Licenses, & Water Bill Payments
- Police Department lobby for obtaining police reports, paying speed cameras, and conducting other Police Department business.
- Farmers' Market (with COVID-19 restrictions)
- Parks and playgrounds
- Fitness equipment in parks
- Ballfields for youth sports and low contact sports (maximum 10 per field). Practices only; no competitions.
- Tennis courts
- **Outdoor basketball courts**
- **Beginning Week of July 6**
 - City Gymnasium open with restrictions. (www.cityofbowie.org/gym)
 - Permits required for ballfields. Residents only.
 - Picnic permits required for pavilions and other permitted areas (max 100). Residents only.
 - Ice Arena open with restrictions. (www.cityofbowie.org/icearena).

(Please note: Capacity and other limitations are in effect, per the Prince George's County Executive Order in effect June 29, at 5 p.m. This information is subject to change. Visit www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-262-6200 for details and updated information.*

Still Closed, Canceled, or Suspended

- Historic Properties, Senior Center, Kenhill Center
- Room reservations
- Concerts at Allen Pond Park (through at least July 31)
- City events
- In-person meetings (City Council, committees, stakeholder, and town hall meetings are all being conducted virtually.)

Today's Statement from Governor Hogan:

“Maryland’s [key COVID-19 health metrics](#) continue to trend in a positive direction, with the statewide positivity rate dropping to a new low of 4.84%, and total current hospitalizations remaining stable at 447. The state reported 12,586 tests completed during the past 24 hours, its fifth-highest total during the pandemic.

“I want to continue to stress to all Marylanders that the fight against this virus is far from over. While our numbers continue to trend in a positive direction, we are seeing rapidly rising case numbers in states all across the country—and even on the other side of our state border in some nearby communities. It is vital that Marylanders remain vigilant, wear face coverings, wash their hands, and practice physical distancing so that we can continue on our road to recovery.”

County Expands COVID-19 Testing Sites

Prince George’s County continues to expand the number of locations where testing is available. Appointments are no longer required at County Health Department testing sites. For more information, call 301-883-6627 or visit the County testing webpage.

[List of test sites](#)

CDC Updates List of People at Increased Risk of Getting Seriously Ill from COVID-19

Last week the CDC updated and expanded the list of who is at increased risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19. The have removed the specific age threshold for older adults, and warn that among adults, the risk increases steadily as a person ages and that those under 65 are still at risk for serious illness. The CDC also updated the list of underlying medical conditions that increase the risk of severe illness. Obesity is one of the most common underlying conditions that increases one’s risk for severe illness. The more underlying medical conditions people have, the higher their risk.

[CDC Guidance on Who is at Increased Risk](#)

Some Restrictions Eased for Assisted Living Facilities

Maryland has announced a phased reopening plan for the state’s assisted living facilities as part of the commitment to protect vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This plan requires universal screenings and face coverings for staff and visitors, mandates widespread testing, and allows for limited visitation. Assisted living facilities must meet a series of prerequisites to begin relaxing any restrictions.

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, call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344. ***(Please note that July 3 is a city holiday. No trash or recycling will be collected on that date.)***

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Business Reopening Questions

County businesses with questions about whether or not they can reopen and how they can operate as they move through a phased reopening plan should contact the Experience Prince George's Office. Email ReopenPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us or call 301-925-8300. If you are a restaurant looking to expand outdoor seating options, visit dpie.mypgc.us/outdoorseating

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 and is even more critical 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.

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.

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.

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is hiring for the following positions:

- Building Maintenance Worker (closes 7/3/2020)
- Solid Waste Driver/ Collector (closes 7/3/2020)
- Equipment Operator – Streets (closes 7/8/2020)
- Senior Equipment Operator - Utilities (closes 7/3/2020)
- Temporary Laborer – Seasonal (closes 7/3/2020)
- Assistant Solid Waste Superintendent (closes 7/3/2020)
- Crime Scene Investigator (closes 7/31/2020)
- Entry Level Police Officer (open)
- Communications Specialist II – Police Department (open)

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.