



COVID-19

REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,098 (+10) 20715: 228 (+1) 20716: 270 (+1) 20720: 270 (+5) 20721: 330 (+3)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 18,645 (+73) Total Deaths: 686 (+4) Ever hospitalized: 3,027 (+6) Ranking: 21st in the nation for highest number of cases.	MD Confirmed Cases 67,918 (+359) Deaths 3,205 (+15) Released from Isolation: 5,001 = 7%												
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 662,266 (+9,565) Negative Tests: 474,686 (+6,390) MD Positivity Rate: 4.72% PGC Positivity Rate: 6.79% <i>Data Current as of 7/1.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Currently Hospitalized:</td> <td>461</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acute Care:</td> <td>307</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intensive Care</td> <td>154</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ever Hospitalized</td> <td>10,902</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16.0%</td> </tr> </table>		Currently Hospitalized:	461	1.9%	Acute Care:	307	2.3%	Intensive Care	154	1.3%	Ever Hospitalized	10,902	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.

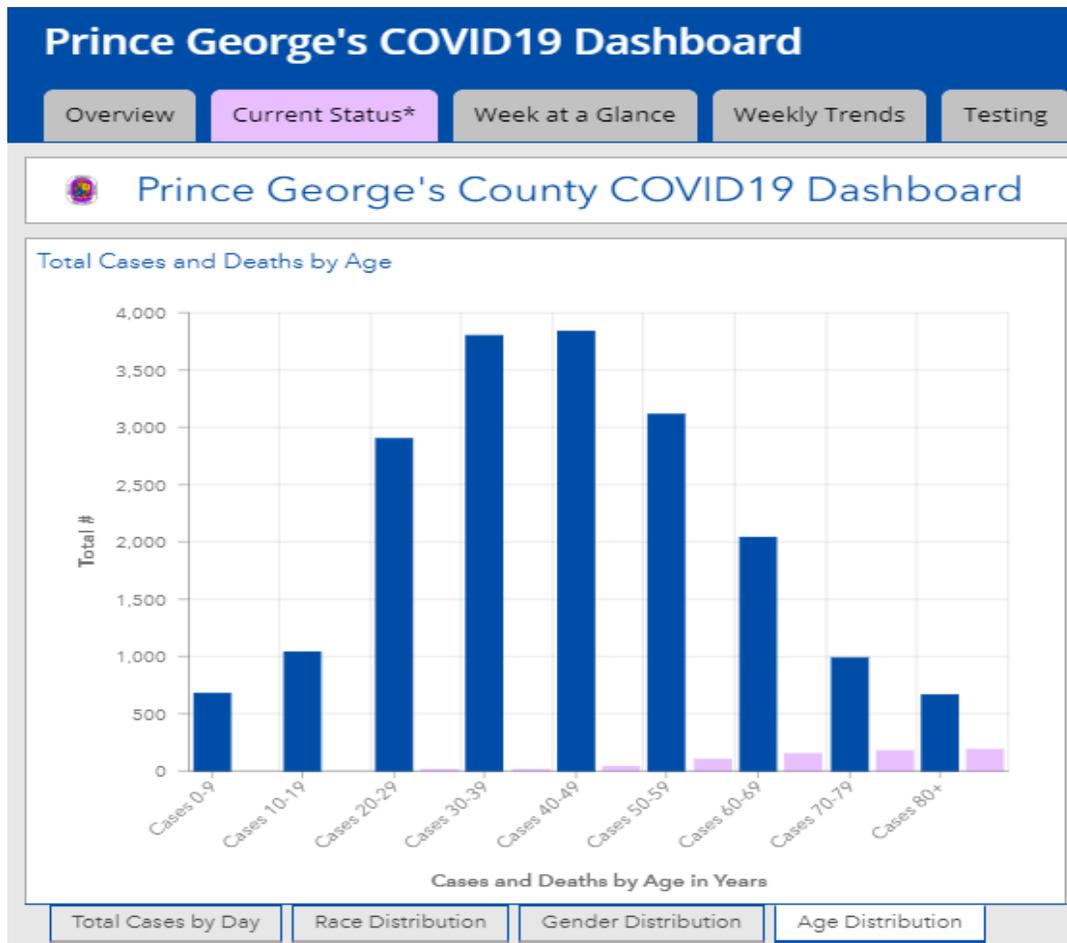
Across the US, Cases Are on the Rise; Americans Urged to Stay Home for Holiday Weekend

As summer arrived and restrictions eased, more Americans were on the move recently, both locally and for vacations. Unfortunately, this has resulted in an increase in cases in approximately 40 states and caused some governors to pause or, in some cases, reverse their reopening plans. While the positivity rate in Maryland continues to decline, the number of hospitalizations in the state has increased for the past three days. It's a little early to tell, but hopefully this does not signal an upward trend in the outbreak as is happening in much of the country.

The best thing that Marylanders can do to protect themselves and others is to stay home as much as possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than ten, wear masks whenever out in public, and wash hands often. It is especially important to also avoid large gatherings this Fourth of July weekend.

Who Gets Sick?

The chart below is from the Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard. It provides a cumulative look at who has tested positive for COVID-19 in our county. There are two important things to note about these numbers: (1) The disease strikes people of all ages. (2) While the elderly do not represent a majority of the cases, they are most likely to experience severe symptoms of the disease and possibly die from it.



Marylanders Urged to Help with Contact Tracing

The Maryland Department of Health has announced a new state-wide campaign urging Marylanders to "answer the call" when "MD COVID" or "240.466.4488" appears on the phone. The campaign includes TV ads, radio spots and digital and social media ads designed to remind residents that they can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by answering the call from a contact tracer. The ads are in English and Spanish.

Governor Postpones Shutoffs for Another Month

Governor Hogan has extended the order to prohibit utility providers from shutting off service or charging late fees to August 1, 2020. This includes electric, gas, sewage disposal, water, telephone, cable and internet services.

City Government – What's Open and What's Closed?

The City of Bowie has eased 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

Open Beginning Week of July 6

- City Gymnasium open with restrictions.
- Permits required for ballfields. Residents only.
- Picnic permits required for pavilions and other permitted areas (max 100). Residents only.
- Ice Arena open with restrictions.

() **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
- Conference 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.)

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. They 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](#)

Bulk Items Now Picked Up on Trash Days

Large items, such as mattresses, couches, tables, etc. can now be put out for collection on your regular trash days. No appointments necessary. The only items that will require special pickup appointments are tires, appliances, and other large items that are all metal.

- Bulk items are large items that cannot fit in a trash can or bag; items include sofas, mattresses, tables, large toys, 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.

Please exercise care to ensure the health and safety of our crews when setting out trash. With the exception of bulk items, all other trash should be placed 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.)***

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

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, wear masks if possible, 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.

Message from Prince George's County about the 2020 Census

The current Prince George's County Self-Response rate as of June 29, 2020 is 63.4%. On August 11, 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will commence its door to door follow up operations for residents that have not completed their Census forms. To minimize door to door contact, we are asking community members to contact five family members or friends and encourage them to complete the Census online, by phone or via mail. The next Census will not take place again until 2030, so let's make sure Prince George's County gets the federal funding and resources it needs over the next 10 years!

At 78.8%, Bowie's response rate is above the County and State average but still under the 100% that we're aiming for. Please do your part now and fill out your census form. Call 1-844-330-2020 or visit www.census2020.gov. Non-responding households will begin to receive visits from census takers in August. (If you are part of the 78.8% of Bowie households that have already completed your form—we thank you!)

Also, please note that the Census Bureau is still hiring and will host its next *Virtual Bilingual Recruitment Information Session* on **Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 2 p.m.**

**LOOKING
FOR CENSUS
TAKERS & MORE**

United States
**Census
2020**

**THURSDAY
JUL 9**

2:00pm - 3:00pm

**VIRTUAL BILINGUAL
RECRUITMENT INFO SESSION**

Register at: bit.ly/julycensus2020