



COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,134 (+6) 20715: 235 (+1) 20716: 281 (+1) 20720: 279 (+4) 20721: 339 (+0)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 19,285 (+103) Total Deaths: 699 (+7) Ever hospitalized: 3,078 (+3) Ranking: 22nd in the nation for highest number of cases.	MD Confirmed Cases 70,861 (+465) Deaths 3,275 (+9) Released from Isolation: 5,085 (+49) =7 %
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 746,274 (+11,932) Negative Tests: 532,247 (+8,265) MD Positivity Rate: 5.23% PGC Positivity Rate: 7.41% <i>Data current as of 7/8.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</p> Currently Hospitalized: 398 (-1.4%) Acute Care: 262 (1.1%) Intensive Care: 136 (-6.2%) Ever Hospitalized 11,182 = 15.7%	
<i>The figures presented here represent 24-hour changes.</i>		

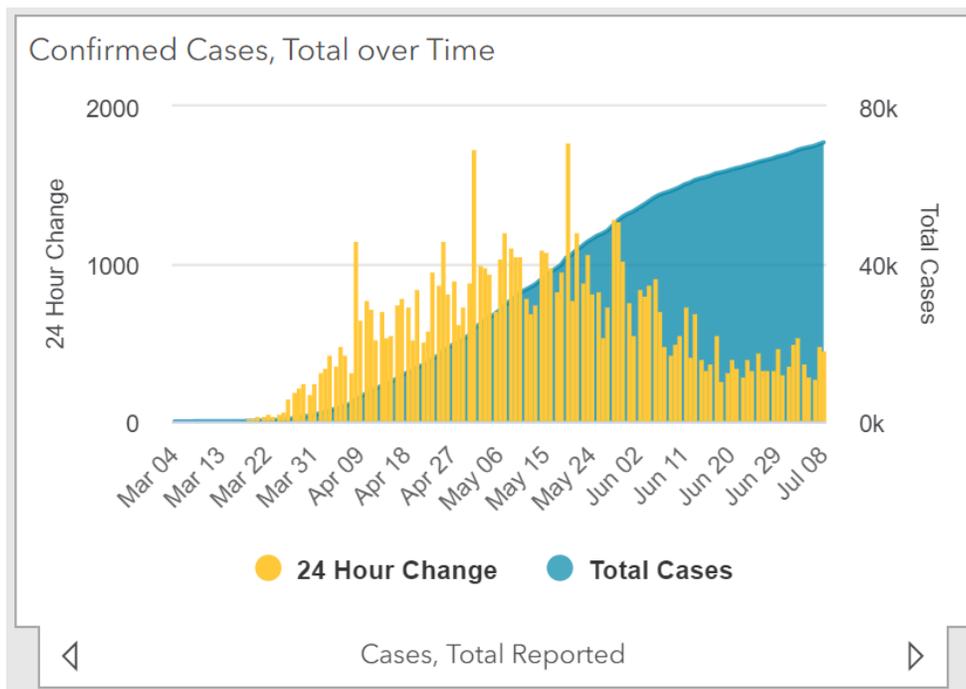
Source: Maryland Health Department COVID-19 dashboard

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.

Maryland Hospitalizations Decrease

Today, the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 dipped below 400 for the first time since April 1st. Most other numbers remain good, although the number of cases statewide continues to creep up a little. It is still too early to see if there will be a bump in case numbers as a result of more people being out and socializing during the Fourth of July weekend.

Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 Dashboard

220+ COVID Testing Sites Statewide

Maryland now has more than 220 testing sites available statewide. For more information about testing sites in Maryland, visit coronavirus.maryland.gov and click on the “Testing” tab. Prince George’s County Health Department operates several testing sites in the County. Appointments are no longer required. For more information, call 301-883-6627 or visit the [County testing webpage](#).

COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund

Prince George’s County Council Chair, Councilman Todd M. Turner has partnered with Employ Prince George’s to provide economic relief to District 4 residents who were recently laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. \$200 EPG Visa Cash Cards will be distributed to qualified District 4 applicants in the coming weeks.

EPG will review the COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund District 4 applicants individually. Cash cards are based on the availability of funding, and priority will be given to District 4 hourly workers who earned \$19 or less prior to being laid off due to the pandemic. Apply for a cash card or make a donation to the fund at www.employppedge.com.

Guidance for Visiting Beaches and Pools

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued [guidance for visiting beaches and pools](#). Although there is no evidence that COVID-19 spreads through water, the virus does spread easily between people in crowded places.

To reduce your risk: stay home if you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) or just aren’t feeling well. Keep at least six feet away from others both in and out of the water. Wear masks or face coverings when not in the water. Wash hands often with soap and water. Don’t share toys or other items with those outside your household. Avoid crowded areas.

Other CDC Guidance for Summer:

[Considerations for Travelers – Coronavirus in the US](#)

[Visiting Parks and Recreation Facilities](#)

[Considerations for Public Beaches](#)

Trash Collection Update

Yesterday, many residents contacted the Public Works Department to report that their trash collection was delayed or missed. In fact, what happened was that it was a long and very busy day for our crews. Because the city was closed on 7/3 for the holiday and because a lot of residents are putting out the bulk items that they had not been able to dispose of easily over the last few months, it took well into the evening to complete all of the Tuesday collection routes.

While we won't have another holiday to contend with until the end of the summer, we do expect trash volumes to remain high for the next few weeks. The trucks are filling up more quickly than usual and the crews are having to make more trips to the dump in Upper Marlboro to empty their loads. For this reason, your trash may not be picked up at your normal time, but it will be picked up.

Our goal is always to provide Bowie residents with reliable and efficient refuse collection, twice a week. We appreciate your patience and understanding as our crews work through the large loads on these long, hot days.

Note: *The County landfill has very limited hours for disposal of large items. However, Prince George's County is operating two bulk trash drop off sites in Bowie this month.*

Locations:

*Park and Ride lot on Northview Drive (near the movie theaters)
Saddlebrook West Neighborhood Park.*

Dates: 7/16 & 7/30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Parenting Discussion on Zoom – July 9

Counselors from Bowie Youth & Family Services will be participating in a virtual discussion tomorrow evening on parenting in the midst of a pandemic and social justice issues. They will provide an overview of their resources, discuss coping strategies for parents to manage anxiety, and share tips on talking to your children about what's happening in the world. They will also take questions from the virtual participants. The event is called "Parenting Your Way Through 2020" and has been organized by various members of the Bowie community. It takes place on July 9, from 7 to 8 p.m. To register for the Zoom conference call, visit <https://bowie.fyi/parenting-your-way-through-2020>.

WiFi on Wheels - Access the Internet at Your Local Library

While library branches are closed, drive-up WiFi is available. You can use access it from all library parking lots and outside facilities. Drive up to your [local branch](#) to check email, download eBooks, use online resources, and more.

Summer Learning in Prince George's County

Prince George's County Schools (PGCPS) is offering several, free Virtual Summer Learning opportunities. Check out the [latest PGCPS newsletter](#) for details on programs being offered.

Other News...

Chief Chat

The Police Department held a Virtual Town Hall in early June about police services. More than 100 questions were sent in by Bowie residents. The Chief and Deputy Chief answered a majority of questions that evening and covered a wide variety of topics. However, due to time constraints, not all the questions

were answered. In the latest [Chief Chat video](#), Chief John Nesky addresses the questions that they were not able to answer during the Town Hall. You can also [view the Virtual Bowie Police Department Town Hall](#).

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is hiring for the following positions:

- Equipment Operator – Streets (closes 7/8/2020)
- 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.

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JUL 9**
2:00pm - 3:00pm

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