



# COVID-19

## REOPENING UPDATE

### Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

**Date: Friday, July 10, 2020**

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,148 (+7)  20715: 237 (+1) 20716: 287 (+3) 20720: 282 (+1) 20721: 342 (+2)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases:</b> 19,510 (+54)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 703 (+3) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,094 (+4)  <b>Ranking:</b> 23rd in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>MD Confirmed Cases</b> 71,910 (+463)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,303 (+15)  <b>Released from Isolation:</b> 5,157 = 7%												
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Testing</b></p> <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 774,693 (+13,298) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 549,153 (+8,019) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 4.64% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 6.85%  <i>Data Current as of 7/10.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Currently Hospitalized:</td> <td>385</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-5.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acute Care:</td> <td>263</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-1.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intensive Care</td> <td>122</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-12.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ever Hospitalized</td> <td>11,300</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15.7%</td> </tr> </table>		Currently Hospitalized:	385	-5.1%	Acute Care:	263	-1.4%	Intensive Care	122	-12.2%	Ever Hospitalized	11,300	15.7%
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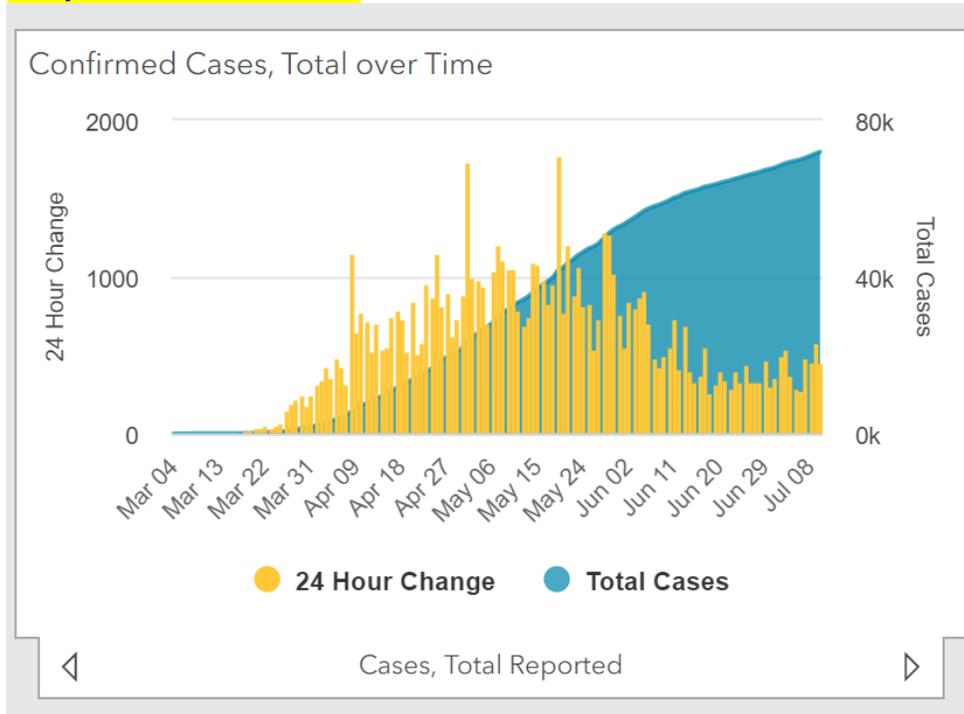
Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

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.

### US COVID-19 News

The US continues to set daily records with almost 60,000 new cases reported yesterday. Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Texas are among the states with the largest increases in cases. The death toll has begun to increase after months of decline in parts of the country and cases in the US military have more than doubled in the past month.

## Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 Dashboard

## Positivity Rate Higher for Marylanders Under 35

In keeping with trends states are seeing across the country, the positivity rate among Marylanders under 35 (6.13%) is 60.9% higher than the positivity rate for Marylanders age 35 and older (3.81%).

## Statement from Governor Hogan on July 9, 2020

“While we are seeing dramatic spikes in states across our region and across the nation, here in Maryland, the key health metrics continue to trend in a very positive direction... but this does not mean the crisis is behind us, or that we can afford to stop being vigilant and cautious.” In order to continue on the road to recovery he said “All Marylanders, regardless of age, must continue practicing physical distancing, wearing masks, and avoiding crowds and close gatherings.”

## 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](https://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 Test Results Are Taking Longer to Receive

Three major diagnostic companies: Quest Diagnostics, LabCorp, and BioReference Laboratories are warning that turnaround times for COVID-19 test results have slowed because of rising demand. One of the companies stated that results take an average of four to six days for the general population, versus two to three days back in early June. Tests for hospital patients and symptomatic health care workers are prioritized and are still averaging one day.

## FDA Issues Updated Advisory Against Use of Several Hand Sanitizer Brands

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an [updated warning](#) against the use of any hand sanitizers containing methanol. The FDA has seen an increase in hand sanitizers with methanol and has issued a recall on products made by multiple manufacturers. Review the products in the FDA list and

discard any hand sanitizers that have been recalled. Methanol can have many toxic effects such as changes in vision, vomiting, nausea, headache, or neurological symptoms. Consumers who may have been exposed to methanol and are experiencing these symptoms should seek medical attention immediately.

### **Mental Health Assistance**

The Maryland Department of Health has launched “MD Mind Health”, a new text-based mental health initiative to fight isolation and encourage mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Texts sent through the program will not only provide supportive mental health messages, but also will remind recipients that they can have immediate access to mental health services if necessary. Individuals that are in distress or need help can dial 211, chat through the 211 website, or text 898-211. All actions will link the individual to a call specialist. This service is available 24 hours a day/seven days a week.

### **Tax Filing Deadline is July 15**

The filing deadline for individual federal and state income tax returns is July 15.

### **Health Insurance Enrollment Deadline is Approaching**

Maryland Health Benefits Exchange (MHBE) is entering its last week of open enrollment for the Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment and the Easy Enrollment Health Insurance programs. **The deadline is July 15.**

To enroll, call the Prince George’s County Health Connect Call Center at 301-927-4500 or 240-719-2167, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Health Connect Navigators are also available through the County’s Health Connect partner, *We Are CASA*. Reach their bi-lingual health hotlines at 301-270-8432 or 240-270-1318. Prince Georgians can also visit [www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov) to enroll. Free consumer assistance is available by calling 855-642-8572 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

Even after these special enrollment deadlines have passed, anyone who loses job-based medical insurance coverage has 60 days from loss of coverage to enroll through Maryland Health Connection. That was true before the coronavirus and continues.

### **COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund**

Prince George’s County Council Chair, Councilman Todd M. Turner (District 4) has partnered with Employ Prince George’s (EPG) 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](http://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](#)

[Playing Youth Sports](#)

[Considerations for Events and Gatherings](#)

### **City of Bowie Gymnasium Opens for Members**

The City Gym opened to resident members on July 7. Only basketball shootarounds and skill building sessions are permitted at this time. No games are allowed, because they would involve close contact with others. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Masks are required when not on the court and COVID-19 waivers must be signed before using the facility. Members are encouraged to call ahead to reserve a time slot. More details can be found at <http://www.cityofbowie.org/gym> or by calling 301-809-2388.

### **County Bulk Drop Off Sites**

Prince George's County is operating two bulk trash drop off sites in Bowie this month. Dates are July 16 and July 30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. See details on what can be accepted and how the sites are operated on the [County website](#).

#### *Locations:*

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

### **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 (PCGPS) is offering several, free Virtual Summer Learning opportunities. Check out the [latest PGCPs newsletter](#) for details on programs being offered.

### **City of Bowie Job Openings**

The City of Bowie is hiring for the following positions:

- Risk Manager – Part Time (closes 7/24/2020)
- Crime Scene Investigator (closes 7/31/2020)
- Crew Leader – Parks & Grounds Division (closes 7/21/2020)
- Entry Level Police Officer (open)
- Communications Specialist II – Police Department (open)

For more information, visit [www.cityofbowie.org/jobs](http://www.cityofbowie.org/jobs).