



# COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

## Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

**Date: Monday, July 13, 2020**

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,175 (+27) *  20715: 240 (+3) 20716: 292 (+5) 20720: 290 (+8) 20721: 353 (+11)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: *</b> 19,773 (+263) *  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 714 (+2) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,150 (+16)  <b>Ranking:</b> 24th in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>MD Confirmed Cases</b> 73,527 (+ 1,617) *  <b>Deaths</b> 3,325 (+6)  <b>Released from Isolation:</b> 5,230 (+73) = 7%
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Testing</b></p> <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 818,993 (+11,067) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 578,430 (+8,148) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 4.61% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 7.06%	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</b></p> Currently Hospitalized: 386 <span style="float: right;">-1.5%</span> Acute Care: 278 <span style="float: right;">-0.0%</span> Intensive Care: 108 <span style="float: right;">-5.2%</span> Ever Hospitalized: 11,467 <span style="float: right;">15.6%</span>	
<p><i>* The case numbers represent the change since 7/10. The other figures listed show change in the last 24 hours.</i></p>		

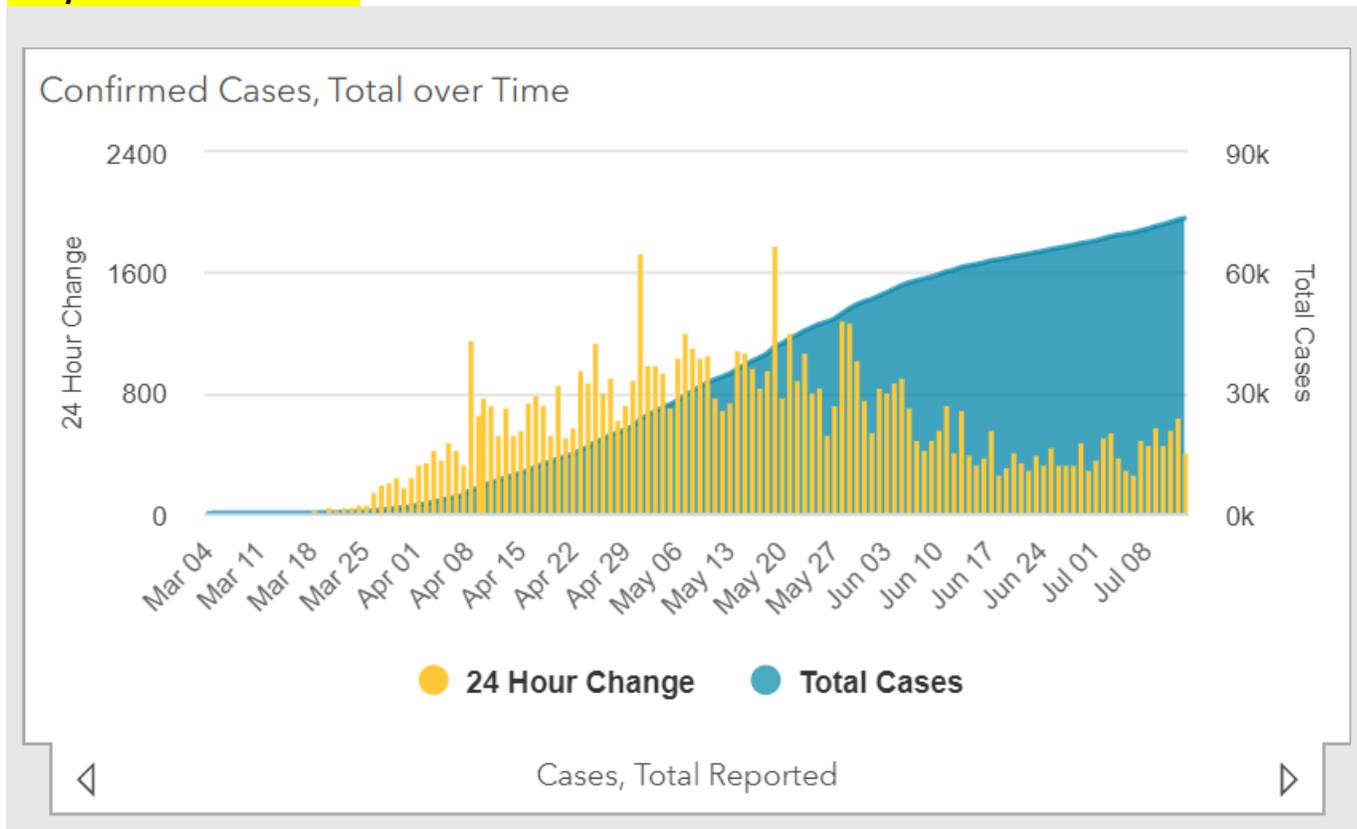
Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

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 state of Florida had 15,200 new cases on Sunday, which is a new one-day total for the US. On the other hand, for the first time in months, New York had no deaths related to COVID-19 yesterday and Washington, DC has not reported a death related to the virus in four days.

## Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 Dashboard

## Positivity Rate Higher for Marylanders Under 35

State health officials are monitoring the spikes and outbreaks in neighboring states, as well as the rising positivity rate among young people. As of July 12, the positivity rate among Marylanders under 35 is 6.46%, which is 83.5% higher than the positivity rate for Marylanders age 35 and older (3.52%).

## 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 and the dates, times, and locations are subject to change. 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).

### **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 access it from all library parking lots. 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).