



# COVID-19

## REOPENING UPDATE

### Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

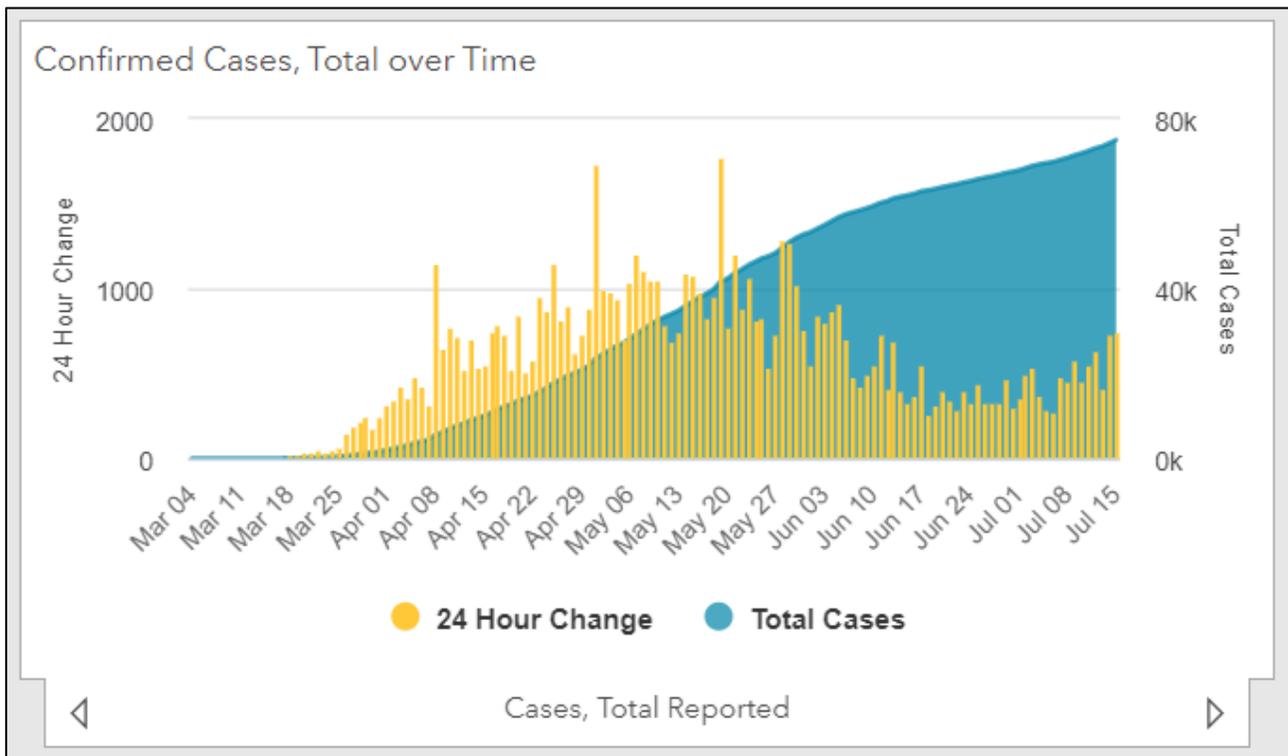
**Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020**

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,199 (+9)  20715: 243 (+2) 20716: 297 (+1) 20720: 300 (+4) 20721: 359 (+2)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases:</b> 20,099 (+143)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 717 (+2) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,167 (+6)  <b>Ranking:</b> 27th in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>MD Confirmed Cases</b> 75,016 (+756)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,341 (+7)  <b>Released from Isolation:</b> 5,238 (+0) = 7%
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Testing</b></p> <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 855,941 (+21,533) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 605,072 (+13,263) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 4.62% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 6.59%	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</b></p> Currently Hospitalized: 447 <span style="float: right;">7.7%</span> Acute Care: 318 <span style="float: right;">7.0%</span> Intensive Care: 129 <span style="float: right;">9.3%</span> Ever Hospitalized: 11,625 <span style="float: right;">15.4%</span>	
<p><i>Figures represent the change in 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.

### Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 Dashboard

### US COVID-19 News

The United States saw another record number of cases Tuesday with 67,417 new cases. At least 27 states have paused or rolled back their re-opening plans. Florida currently has 54 hospitals that have reached ICU capacity, and 40 that have 10% or less capacity available. Walmart has joined Costco, Best Buy and Starbucks in mandating masks inside their stores nationwide.

### Governor Hogan's Announcements Today

Governor Hogan held a press conference late this afternoon and addressed the following topics:

- **Fraudulent Pandemic Unemployment Insurance Claims**

The Maryland Department of Labor has uncovered a massive sophisticated criminal enterprise involving fraudulent identity theft and fraudulent claims using personal information acquired from past data breaches.

  - The investigation has identified 47,500 fraudulent claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance filed in Maryland equaling \$501 million.
  - The investigation is ongoing and involves similar investigations in other states.
  - There has been no breach of the Maryland unemployment insurance system or of claimants' information.
  - If you have a concern or suspect unemployment insurance fraud, email [ui.fraud@maryland.gov](mailto:ui.fraud@maryland.gov).
  - View more information about this investigation in the [press release](#) issued today.
  
- **Increasing COVID-19 Cases Across the Country**

There is concern that 40 states are experiencing spikes. Maryland does not currently consider the state to be one of them, but things could change if existing orders are not followed. The Governor reiterated what Marylanders need to do to stay safe and keep the state economy operating:

  - Avoid crowded bars, house parties, and large gatherings of any kind. This is especially true

for young adults whose positivity rates are 83.5% higher than the rest of the Maryland population.

- If you've been engaged in risky behavior get tested.
- Refrain from travel out of state to states with spiking numbers. If you must go, get tested when your return.
- Stay home as much as possible. You are still safer at home. This is especially true for older residents.
- Outside activities remain safer than inside activities.
- Employers should continue to permit and encourage telework whenever possible.
- Don't use public transit unless absolutely necessary.
- Physically distance from others.
- Wear masks in stores, on transit, and whenever you can't keep six feet apart from others.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Bars and restaurants must follow existing orders. 90% of businesses are complying, but there are some violators that are causing problems. The Governor has pressed local jurisdictions to step up enforcement of statewide orders.

- **Schools**

The Governor also spoke about decisions regarding whether to bring children back to school in the fall for the new school year.

- He stated that children should return to school when, and only if, we can keep them safe.
- School systems must submit their plans to the State Board of Education by August 14. After that time, the state will issue guidelines for all systems to follow.

### **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](#).

### **Prince George's County Schools Announce Plans for Fall**

Today, Schools CEO Monica Golson announced that PGCPs school buildings will not reopen to students in the fall. Instead they will begin the school year with distance learning. For at least the first and second quarters, instruction will be done remotely through a combination of approaches, including recorded lessons and live online sessions. PGCPs will provide devices and internet connectivity for those that need it and the system is developing a means of providing instructional and technical support to families. Additionally, all schools will serve as student meal sites and offer twice-weekly pickups. View the full announcement at [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org).

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

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

### **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.employppgedge.com](http://www.employppgedge.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.

### **Census Completion and Drive-up Event**

As part of the County Executive's 100 Events of Summer, the Office of Community Relations is hosting *Census Completion and Drive-Up Distribution* events throughout the County. The second event will take place on Saturday, July 18, 2020, from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Oakcrest Community Center. There will be free meals, back packs, personal protective equipment, census swag items and most importantly an opportunity to complete the Census on the spot. Special guest artist Kenny Sway will perform while participants drive thru safely.

This event is open to all residents, even if you have already completed your census. Please come early as there is a limited supply and it is a first come first served event.

### **Census Completion and Drive-Up Distribution - Oakcrest Community Center**

Saturday, July 18, 2020

12 – 2 p.m.

1300 Capitol Heights Boulevard, District Heights