



# COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

## Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

**Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,270 (+10)  20715: 262 (+2) 20716 312 (+3) 20720 312 (+0) 20721 384 (+5)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases:</b> 20,958 (+91)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 725 (+0) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,277 (+10)  <b>Ranking:</b> 28th in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>Maryland Confirmed Cases</b> 80,172 (+627)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,405 (+3)  <b>Released from Isolation:</b> 5,434 (+54) = 7%
<b>Testing</b>  <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 1,000,179 (+21,021) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 702,661 (+17,839) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 4.23% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 5.85%	<b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</b>  Currently Hospitalized: 505 <b>4.3%</b> Acute Care: 368 <b>4.2%</b> Intensive Care 137 <b>4.5%</b> Ever Hospitalized 11,997 14.9%	
<p><i>* These figures represent changes 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.

### Maryland News

At a press conference late this afternoon, the Governor spoke about current conditions in Maryland. He stated that overall, Maryland's numbers remain good, but that there are some concerning trends that officials are monitoring. These include a higher positivity rate for those under age 35 and an uptick in hospitalizations.

He, once again, asked Marylanders to refrain from traveling to areas experiencing rapidly increasing positivity rates and advised anyone who does travel to one of these areas to get tested and self-quarantine until testing negative. He also emphasized that individuals should continue to take the following precautions to prevent another surge here and to keep Maryland open for business:

- Wear cloth face coverings in public, on transit, and in stores
- Social distance
- Stay at home as much as possible

- Telework when possible
- Avoid public transit as much as possible
- Avoid large gatherings
- Follow occupancy limits and social distancing orders in effect for bars and restaurants

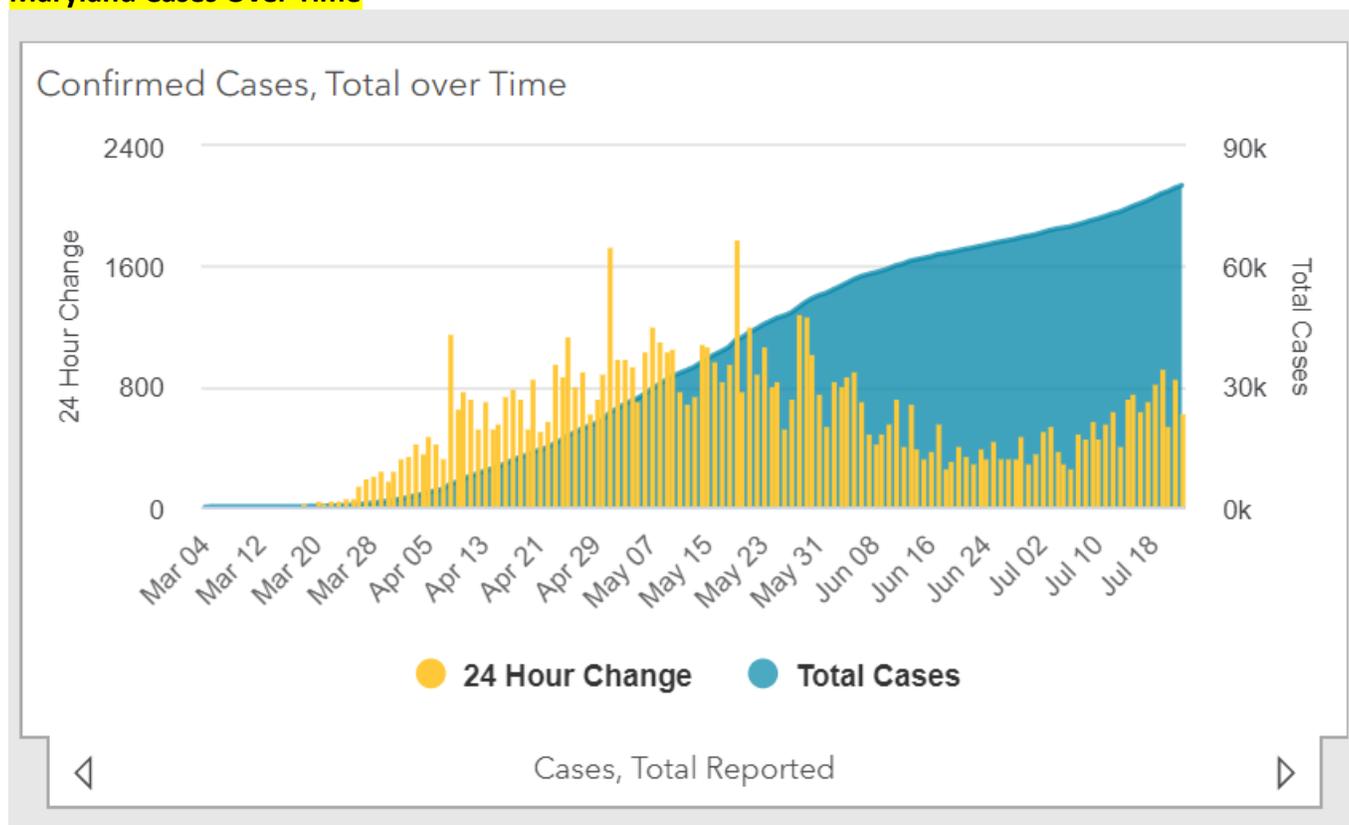
He stated that he does not intend to take further statewide actions to restrict activities at this time; however, he is prepared to take statewide actions if, and when, they are deemed necessary by health experts.

Local school systems will have the flexibility to make their own decisions about reopening, while following benchmarks set by the Maryland Department of Education. These benchmarks must address curriculum, health and attendance, and must also identify learning gaps, with a focus on special education, food programs and bridging the digital divide.

### US COVID-19 News

California now surpasses New York for the most cases in the nation, as the U.S. returns to almost 1,000 coronavirus deaths in a single day. [The Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center website](#) shows how new cases are trending in each state.

### Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: State of Maryland. Visit the [Maryland COVID-19 Dashboard](#) to view an interactive version of this chart. Hover over the chart on the state site to see the number of new cases for a specific day.

### COVID Testing Information

- Find a testing site on the **Maryland** website – [covidtest.maryland.gov](https://covidtest.maryland.gov)
- See where **Prince George's County** is currently operating testing sites - [health.mypgc.us/covidtesting](https://health.mypgc.us/covidtesting) or call 301-883-6627

***Please note:*** Some outdoor testing sites have suspended operations during the extreme heat. Check status before going to an outdoor testing site.

### **Bars and Restaurants**

Governor Hogan encouraged local jurisdictions and local liquor boards to enforce directives that are in place to control the spread of the coronavirus. He is concerned with the increasing number of COVID-19 cases connected to non-compliance with public health requirements, particularly in bars and restaurants.

Current rules for Maryland bars and restaurants:

- Bars and restaurants are open for seated service only, with physical distancing and capacity restrictions.
- Customers must be seated at least six feet apart from other guests.
- Standing and congregating in bar areas is strictly prohibited.
- All staff must wear a face covering while working and interacting with customers.
- Restaurants or bars with booths must have every other booth closed.
- No more than six people may sit at a table.

### **Prince George's County Creates COVID-19 Ambassador Compliance Team**

On July 17, the County Executive announced the formation of a COVID-19 Ambassador Compliance Team. This group, comprised of more than 70 inspectors from multiple County agencies, is responsible for conducting inspections at restaurants, retail establishments and businesses across the County, ensuring that these establishments are adhering to COVID-19 protocols such as facial covering requirements and social distancing.

Initially they are focusing on distributing information packets regarding COVID-19 protocols, monitoring for capacity compliance, appropriate social distancing and face coverings, and ensuring hand washing and sanitizer is staged for use by patrons and staff.

Business and retail establishments that are violating these protocols will be given a short period of time to come into compliance. If they are not in compliance during a second visit, they could be subject to a fine of \$1,000. Those who remain non-compliant on a third visit, would be shut down until they come into compliance. More information on safety protocols for businesses can be found online here. Any resident who would like to report a violation of COVID-19 safety protocols can call 311 or send an email to [covid-19@co.pg.md.us](mailto:covid-19@co.pg.md.us).

## City of Bowie Gymnasium Open to Members for Basketball Skill Building and Walking

The City Gym reopened to resident members on July 7 for basketball shootarounds and skill building sessions. 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 [www.cityofbowie.org/gym](http://www.cityofbowie.org/gym) or by calling 301-809-2388.

Members can also escape the heat and do their daily walks around the interior perimeter of the Gym. Eleven times around equals one mile. Hours are noon to 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays.

## Take Precautions When Temperatures are Soaring

Air temperatures are dangerously hot today and will remain so for the next couple of days. Be sure to drink lots of water and know the signs of heat exhaustion versus heat stroke if you must be outside for any period of time.



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# COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Prince George's County Ambassador Compliance Team

A compliance team comprised of County employees and partners will be visiting retail and business establishments throughout the County.

Our goal is to make sure that businesses are in compliance with the safety measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, such as capacity limits, face coverings and social distancing.



## Beginning Saturday, July 18, 2020



**First Visit**  
Ambassadors will visit to ensure businesses are in compliance.

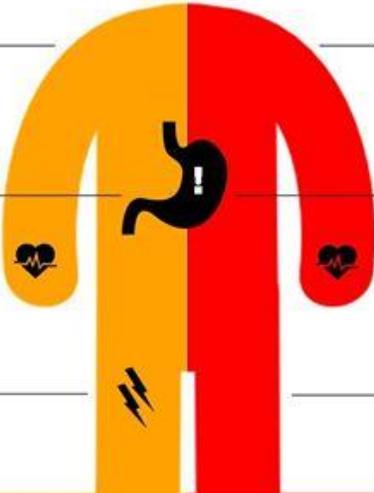
**Second Visit**  
If Ambassadors return and the business is not in compliance, they will receive a \$1,000 fine.



**Third Visit**  
If the problems are not addressed, the business WILL BE CLOSED until it can come into compliance.



Information regarding applicable rules remains available at: [mypgc.us/reopen](http://mypgc.us/reopen)

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
 Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin 
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get to a cooler, air conditioned place</li> <li>• Drink water if fully conscious</li> <li>• Take a cool shower or use cold compresses</li> </ul>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">CALL 9-1-1</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives</li> </ul>	
 Weather.gov/socialmedia Weather.gov/heat	 	 @SacramentoOES SacramentoReady.org

### Food Giveaways

Food giveaways are taking place regularly in different parts of Prince George's County. If you are in immediate need of groceries, please call 311 to find out when the next event is scheduled. Also visit the Bowie Pantry (located behind the Kenhill Center) on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings from 9 - 11 a.m. (and on the evening of 7/28). More information about the Pantry can be found at [www.bowiefoodpantry.org](http://www.bowiefoodpantry.org).

- **Prince George's County Schools – Meals for Students**

Breakfast & Lunch (June 29-August 13, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.)

Bowie Locations:

- Benjamin Tasker Middle School
- High Bridge Elementary School
- Pointer Ridge Elementary School

- **Meals Giveaway for Seniors Age 60+ - – Application Deadline is Today**

County Council Chair Todd Turner and Prince George's County Department of Family Services have teamed up to provide meals to seniors who live in County Council District 4 (Bowie/Greenbelt).

- Each resident will receive a box with a breakfast and three (3) lunches ready to go.
- Meals are provided by Martin's Catering.
- Seniors must [preregister online](#) or contact Evelyn Archie to be eligible for this giveaway.
- Call Evelyn Archie at 240-619-9775 or email her at [ejarchie@co.pg.md.us](mailto:ejarchie@co.pg.md.us).
- **Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 22.**
- A meal box can be picked up on behalf of a registered senior by another driver/walk up person with identification or a copy of senior's registration form.
- Bowie date: July 31 at the Bowie Senior Center.
- Greenbelt date: July 29 at the Greenbelt Community Center.
- On pickup dates, those picking up meals must
  - Wear a mask.
  - Check - in at the registration station.
  - Remain inside their vehicle and staff will place meals in the back seat or trunk.

### **Maryland Nonprofits Can Apply for Grant Assistance**

The State of Maryland will begin accepting applications for the Maryland Nonprofit Recovery Initiative (NORI) today. Eligible nonprofit organizations can receive up to \$50,000 in grant assistance for operational support. Visit the [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development site](#) for details.

### **Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) Provides Help to Young Businesses**

The Bowie BIC, together with their partners, the Maryland Women Business Center and the Maryland Small Business Development Center, offers a variety of online webinars and one on one sessions to help local businesses survive and thrive during these uncertain times. Visit [www.bowiebic.com](http://www.bowiebic.com) for more information.

The Bowie BIC was recently recognized as the 2020 Most Innovative Entrepreneurship Center of the Year Award for its Accelerator Program for Minority Businesses. Learn more about the award on their website or in [this video](#). The Center is located at Bowie State University and receives financial support from the City of Bowie.

### **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).

### **Reopenings**

Beginning August 16, Metro will add more buses, more trains, and more hours of service, restoring most service to pre-COVID-19 levels while maintaining a strong response posture to COVID-19. Metrorail will add 15 hours more service per week, with opening times returning to normal and the system closing two hours later each night in anticipation of potential increases in ridership after Labor Day.

On August 23, Metrobus will begin offering more buses and running more frequent service, restoring

approximately 75% of pre-pandemic service.

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