



TODAY'S COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

Full COVID updates, with news items and case data will be published on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In general, on Tuesdays and Thursdays we will just share information about COVID-19 cases and other important information related to the virus.

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,273 (+3) 20715: 262 (+0) 20716 314 (+2) 20720 312 (+0) 20721 385 (+1)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 21,038 (+80) Total Deaths: 725 (+0) Ever hospitalized: 3,277 (+0) Ranking: 28th in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases 80,836 (+664) Deaths 3,409 (+4) Released from Isolation: 5,434 (+0) = 7%																									
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Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

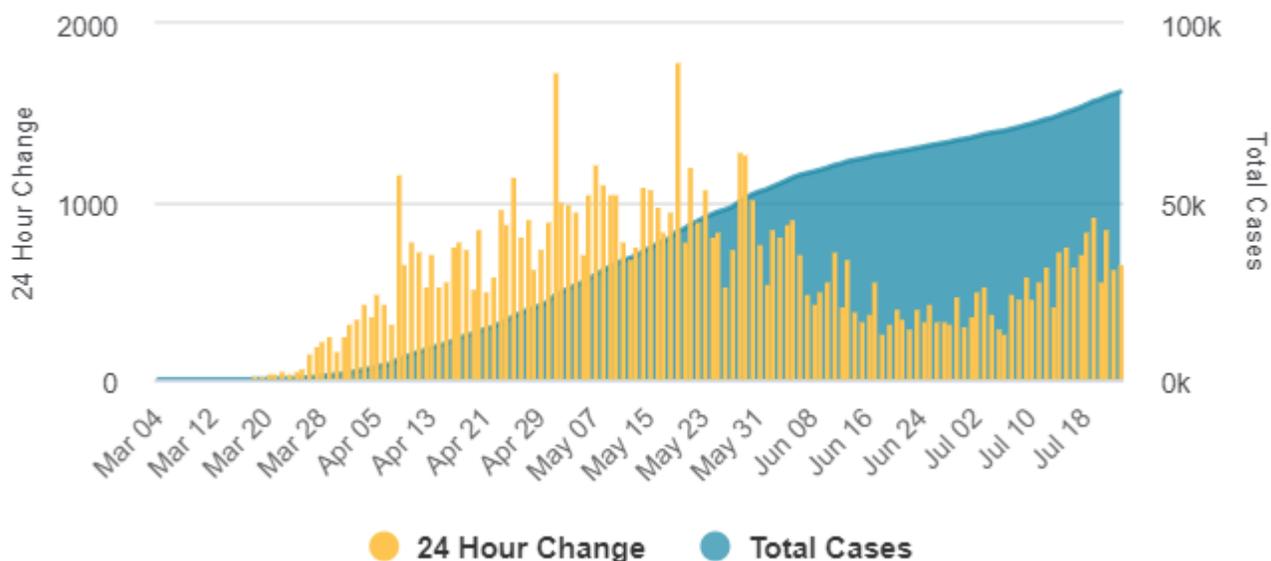
Visit the [Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard](#) to view data for all zip codes in the County and the [Maryland dashboard](#) for statewide data.

US News

Missouri, North Dakota and West Virginia recorded their highest case numbers ever on Wednesday, while Alabama, Idaho and Texas each reported a record number of deaths for a single day. Major League Baseball returns today, in a test to see if sports can safely operate in a pandemic environment.

Maryland Cases Over Time

Confirmed Cases, Total over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

Maryland Update

At a press conference Wednesday 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.

Prince George's Health Officer Issues New Directive for County Businesses

On July 21, Prince George's County Health Officer Earnest Carter issued an order to help ensure that all businesses and retail establishments that are currently permitted to be open are complying with State and County orders and directives regarding social distancing, face coverings, personal protective equipment, and signage. Violating businesses are subject to a fine of \$1,000 and individuals knowingly violating the order are subject to a fine of up to \$500.

[Read the Prince George's County Officer's Order](#)