



COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, July 27, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: * 1,338 (+42) 20715: 273 (+8) 20716 330 (+11) 20720 326 (+11) 20721 409 (+12)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: * 21,770 (+560) Total Deaths: 730 (+4) Ever hospitalized: 3,328 (+39) Ranking: 28th in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases* 84,876 (+3,110) Deaths 3,447 (+25) Released from Isolation: 5,434 (+0) = 7%
Testing * MD Tests Done: 1,120,761 (+23,400) Negative Tests: 770,642 (+15,818) Daily MD Positivity Rate: 5.86% Daily PGC Positivity Rate: 6.16%	Maryland Hospitalizations * Data Tracker Currently Hospitalized: 536 -0.7% Acute Care: 391 1.0% Intensive Care 145 -5.2% Ever Hospitalized 12,339 14.5%	
<i>* These figures represent changes since Friday, 7/24 (3-day change).</i>		

	MD Cases	PG Cases	Bowie Cases
7/24	81,766	21,210	1,296
7/25	+1,288	+222	+11
7/26	+694	+126	+3
7/27	+1,128	+212	+28
	84,876	21,770	1,338

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

Over the last week, the COVID-19 metrics for Maryland have been mixed:

- More younger adults are contracting the disease.
- Almost 60% of today's new cases are Marylanders under the age of 40.
- Cases are growing faster in the Baltimore region, than the rest of the state.
- As the number of people being tested in Maryland increases, the percentage who test positive is declining.
- The daily number of new cases is now at the same level as was being reported in May and early June before Phase 2 began.
- Hospitalizations have been up and down. Today there are about the same number of people hospitalized as there were at the end of June.
- Maryland cases are increasing at a slower rate than more than half of US states.

US COVID-19 News

[The Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center website](#) shows how new cases are trending in each state.

Regional News

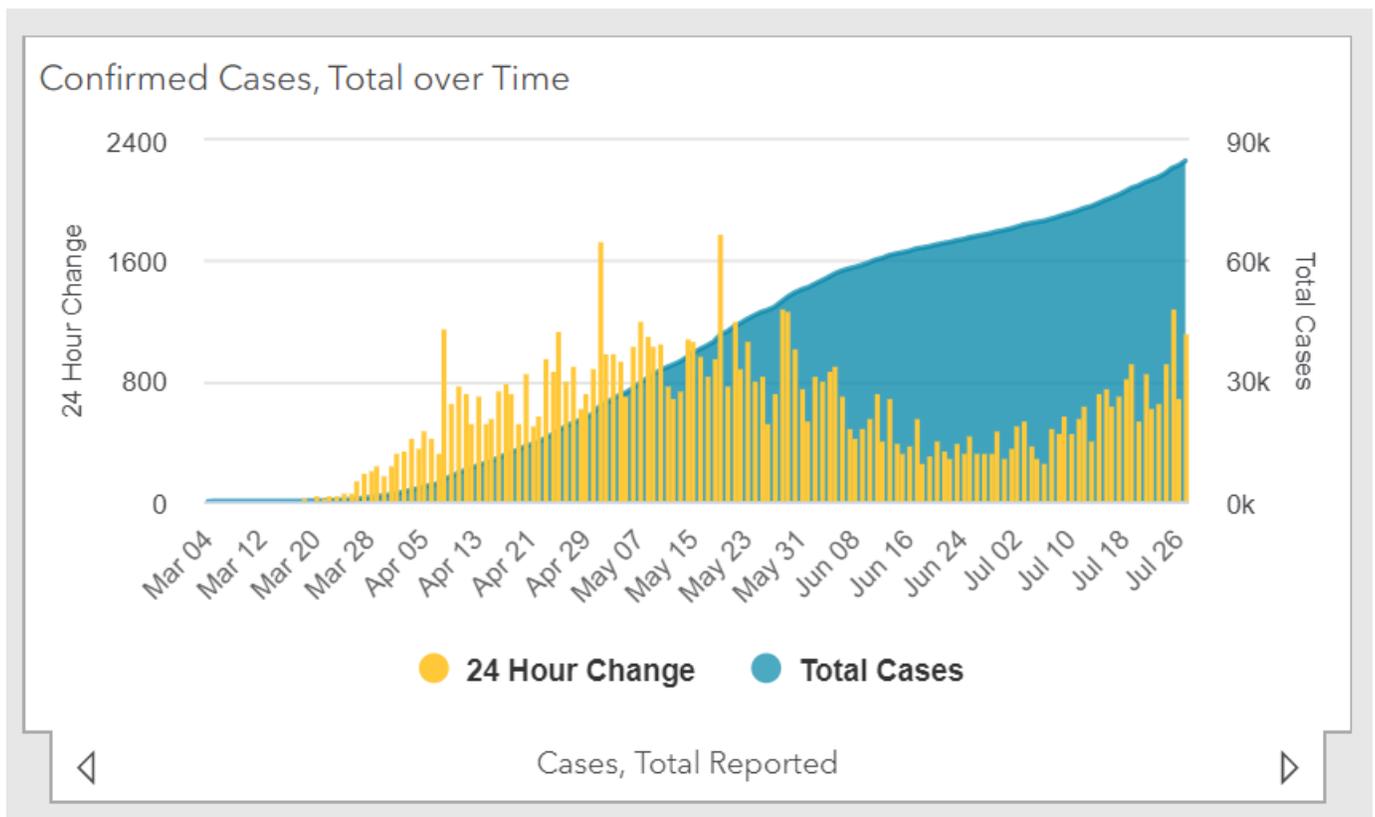
In an effort to address increasing numbers of cases, the following changes have been implemented by local governments in the region:

- **Washington, DC** Mayor Bowser issued a new very strict [mask order](#) on July 22 that requires masks to be worn when outside of the home, with very few exceptions. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

Beginning July 27, anyone coming into Washington, DC from a high-risk area who is not traveling for essential activities will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Maryland and Virginia are exempt from the order, which requires self-quarantining after visiting any one of 27 states on DC's current hotspot list. This requirement is similar to one put into place last week by New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

- **Baltimore City** has banned indoor dining at bars and restaurants in the city and expanded its [orders regarding face coverings](#) (effective 7/24, 5 p.m.)
- **Anne Arundel County** is limiting food service hours in bars and restaurants and restricting the numbers of persons permitted at indoor and outdoor social gatherings. (effective 7/24, 5 p.m.). [View order](#)

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

Testing is being offered at state, county, medical, and retail locations. Some private labs are experiencing delays in processing test results. State officials strongly advise Marylanders concerned about delays in testing turnaround time to use state-operated testing sites, where the turnaround time is generally as low as 24 - 48 hours.

- The **Maryland** website lists all testing locations in the state (including those operated by the state) at covidtest.maryland.gov.
- **Prince George's County** Health Department operates several testing sites in the County. See the current county list at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/COVID-19-Testing. You can also call the Health Department at 301-883-6627 for assistance.

Please note: Some outdoor testing sites suspend operations when air temperatures exceed 90 degrees. Check the current status before going to an outdoor testing site.

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.

Contract Tracing

Tracing how the coronavirus is spreading in an area is an important tool in combatting a potential surge in positive cases. The contract tracing process involves identifying infected people, determining who they have been in close contact with while infectious, and asking people who are potentially infected to stay home until it is clear they are not sick.

Governor Hogan stressed the importance of contract tracing at a recent press conference and shared this information:

- From June 11 to July 18, the state's contact tracers consistently conducted outreach to more than 80% of confirmed COVID-19 cases within 24 hours of the case being entered into COVIDLink, data management platform.
- Contact tracers have been successful in reaching nearly 75% percent of cases.
- Marylanders are encouraged to cooperate with the state's contact tracing efforts by answering calls from 'MD COVID,' or 240-466-4888. Learn more about COVIDLink and contact tracing in Maryland [here](#).

COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund

Employ Prince George's (EPG) provides financial assistance to hourly workers who were making less than \$19 an hour before they lost their job due to the pandemic. Assistance is in the form of a \$200 EPG Visa Cash Card. Learn more about this program and how to apply at www.employpg.org/covid19. The Bowie City Council recently voted to make a \$20,000 donation to this fund.

Evictions Remain on Hold in Maryland

In March, Governor Hogan issued an emergency order that prohibits Maryland courts from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can demonstrate that their inability to pay rent was the result of COVID-19—for example, because of lost or reduced employment, or needing to care for a school-aged child—or because they are diagnosed with, or under investigation for, COVID-19. The order remains in place during the state of emergency. The District Court of Maryland has delayed any hearings on failure to pay rent cases until August 31.

Read about other efforts to help Maryland renters at <https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/07/24/hogan-administration-announces-open-enrollment-for-assisted-housing-relief-program/>

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. You can 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.



BROWN STATION ROAD SANITARY LANDFILL



FULL REOPENING AUGUST 3

**FOR
RESIDENTIAL
CUSTOMERS**



Brown Station Road
Sanitary Landfill
11611 White House Road,
Upper Marlboro

MONDAY - SATURDAY
Closed Sunday
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

NOW AVAILABLE

(reopened June 11)

Household Hazardous
Waste Acceptance Site

Electronics Acceptance
Recycling Site

Thursday, Friday and Saturday ONLY
8 am - 3:30 pm

*Customers are required to follow all
mandated COVID-19 social distancing
protocols and to wear a face
covering or mask onsite.*

Other News...

Upcoming Hearings about the Future of the Sears Property

Seritage SRC Finance, owners of the Sears property, have filed a Basic Plan Amendment. They propose to redevelop the existing 10.81 acre former Sears property with up to 800 residential dwelling units (multifamily, townhouses, not to exceed 150 units and/or beds in an assisted living facility); retail uses, including restaurants and shops; a hotel use with a maximum of 150 rooms; and/or office uses.

Public hearings on the Bowie Town Center/Sears Redevelopment Parcel Basic Plan Amendment application will take place on the following dates:

- Bowie Advisory Planning Board (BAPB): July 28, 7 p.m.
- Bowie City Council: Monday, August 3, 8 p.m.

Testimony for the July 28 BAPB public hearing must be submitted to Planning Director Joseph Meinert at

jmeinert@cityofbowie.org by 6 p.m. on July 28. Register to participate in the Zoom virtual hearing at <https://bowie.fyi/BTC-BAPB-publichearing>.

The August 3 City Council meeting will be broadcast live on Bowie Channel 10 (FIOS) and 71 & 996 (Comcast), at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings, or on the city's [YouTube channel](#). Testimony for this public hearing must be submitted to the City Clerk at ahernandez@cityofbowie.org by 7 p.m. on August 3.

Census Update

Overall, Bowie households are making good progress on completing the census, with 79.4% of households responding.

The census count will continue into the fall. It enters a new phase next week when enumerators will spread out across the country to attempt to reach people who have not responded to repeated requests to complete their census form. Mask wearing enumerators will be knocking on doors of homes in an effort to get everyone counted. You can avoid a visit to your door by completing the census now online or by phone.

The 2020 Census will help to determine funding for schools, public safety, roads, healthcare, and more for the next 10 years and will determine congressional and state legislative representation. Every person not counted equates to approximately \$18,000 per person in lost funding over the course of 10 years. A complete count helps to make sure our county and our city get their share of funding. Remember every dollar received in federal funding, is money that does not have to be raised through local taxes or other means.

In Bowie, response rates vary greatly by census tract (from 55 – 85%). We're aiming for 100% all over the city, so please get counted now Bowie! Complete the census online at www.2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to do it by phone.

Finally, we'd like to give a special shout out to the residents of census tract 800403, which includes the neighborhoods of Rockledge, Saddlebrook West, Whitehall, and Old Chapel Estates. Their response rate is 85.9%, which is among the highest in the state of Maryland. So far only 100 cities in the US have reached that kind of response rate! Way to go!