



# TODAY'S COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

Full COVID updates are provided on Mondays and Fridays, and brief “snapshots” of COVID related data are provided on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,376 (+31)  20715: 284 (+10) 20716 335 (+5) 20720 338 (+7) 20721 419 (+9)	<b>Prince George’s County Confirmed Cases:</b> 22,044 (+174)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 733 (+2) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,340 (+6)  <b>Ranking:</b> 28th in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>Maryland Confirmed Cases</b> 86,285 (+761)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,478 (+20)  <b>Released from Isolation:</b> 5,592 (+0) = 6%
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Testing</b></p> <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 1,160,443 (+15,747) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 792,674 (+9,942) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 5.85% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 6.23%	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</b></p> Currently Hospitalized: 571 <span style="color: red;">4.9%</span> Acute Care: 426 <span style="color: red;">8.1%</span> Intensive Care 145 <span style="color: green;">-3.3%</span> Ever Hospitalized 12,448 14.4%	
<p><i>* These figures represent changes in the last 24-hours.</i></p>		

## Governor’s Press Conference

Governor Hogan addressed the state this afternoon about some of Maryland’s increasing metrics and the surging numbers in other states. Based on the data and medical advice, he is instituting the following changes:

- Because of a 28% increase in hospitalizations over the last two weeks, reopening plans are on hold. No further actions will be taken toward reopening at this time.
- On July 31, the mask order will be expanded to require masks in the public spaces of all businesses and outdoor public areas where you can’t maintain physical distancing.
- Residents are strongly advised not to travel to states where case numbers are surging. If you must travel to these states, when you return, individuals should get tested and self-quarantine until results are received.
- The list of states currently included in the travel advisory, where the positivity rate is above 10%, includes: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina, and Texas.

Other observations and areas of concern, outlined by the Governor:

- Prince George's County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County all have positivity rates above 5%.
- Maryland is not on the federal list of red zone states. State officials are working to keep it that way. The list was part of a report issued by the White House Coronavirus Task Force on July 26.
- There has been a dramatic shift in the case numbers to younger people – 56% of new cases are under age 40.
- State officials are trying to keep Maryland open for business in a safe way. This involves:
  - o Continuing to telework as much as possible.
  - o Follow the new mask order.
  - o Maintain social distancing of at least six feet apart.
  - o Avoid gatherings.
  - o Avoiding travel to areas that are surging.
  - o Following existing orders for restaurants and bars.

[View the new mask order](#) (page 9 - effective July 31, 2020)

### **How the Numbers are Changing**

Today the positivity rate for Prince George's County is 6.23%. This number is creeping higher, despite the increasing number of tests being done. (Last week, more than 18,000 tests were performed). We're still a long way from the high of 43% positivity rate during the week of April 19 – 25, when the County was testing about 1,000 people per day, but this rate is one of the metrics that officials watch closely when monitoring progress in controlling the spread of the virus.

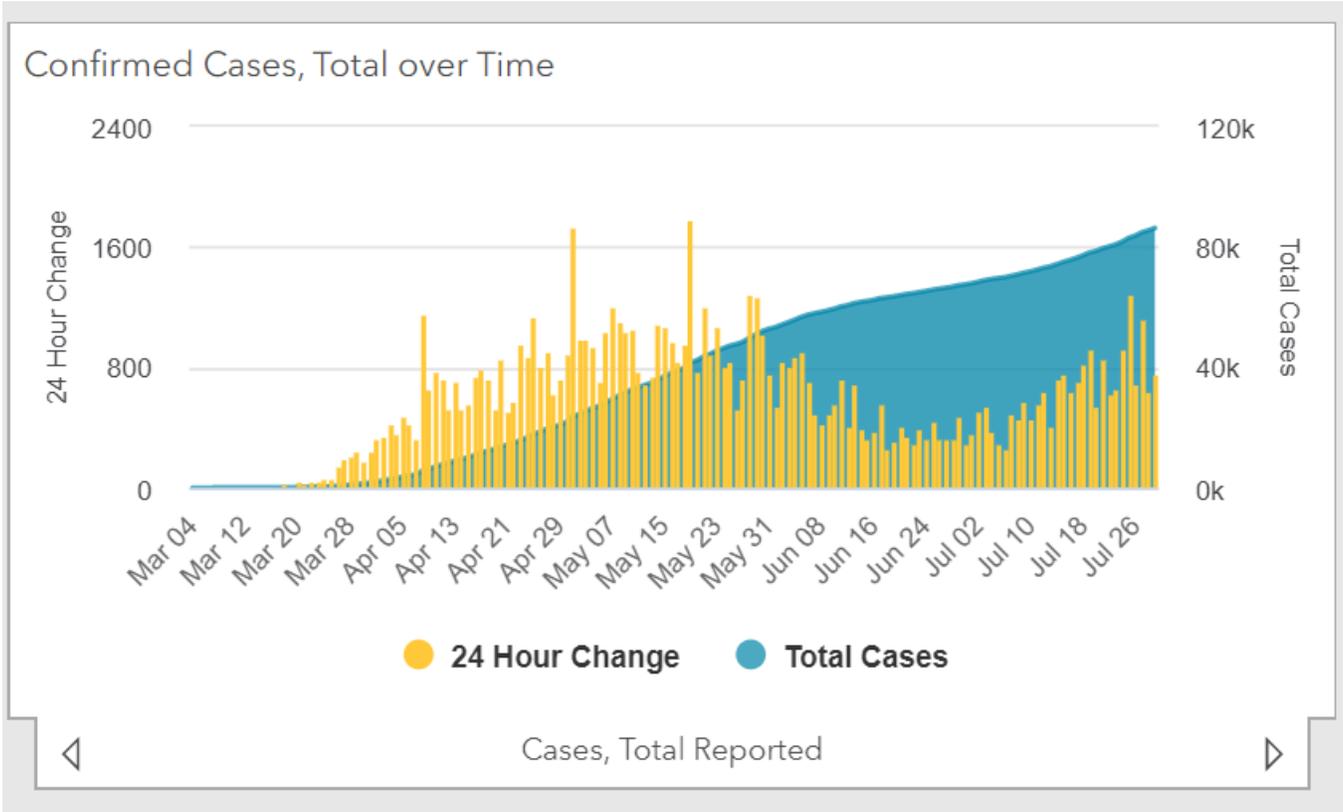
The number of hospitalizations today is 571. Hospitalizations across the state have been increasing since they hit a low of 385 on July 10. The highest number of daily hospitalizations due to COVID-19 was 1,711 on April 30.

Today, Bowie cases increased by 31, which is the largest one-day jump since the first week of May.

*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