



TODAY'S COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

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

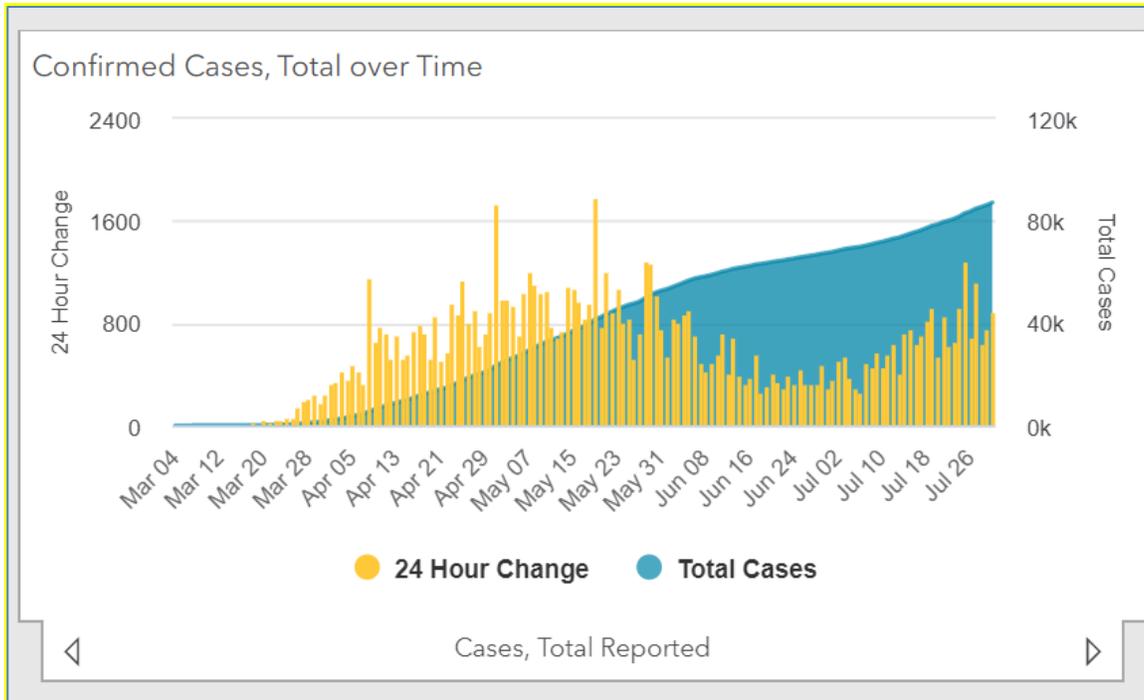
Thursday, July 30, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,393 (+17) 20715: 288 (+4) 20716 338 (+3) 20720 344 (+6) 20721 423 (+4)	Prince George’s County Confirmed Cases: 22,183 (+139) Total Deaths: 734 (+1) Ever hospitalized: 3,354 (+14) Ranking: 28th in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases 87,177 (+892) Deaths 3,488 (+10) Released from Isolation: 5,592 (+0) = 6%
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 1,186,132 (+25,689) Negative Tests: 806,788 (+14,114) MD Positivity Rate: 3.97% PGC Positivity Rate: 5.96%	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</p> Currently Hospitalized: 585 2.4% Acute Care: 446 4.6% Intensive Care 139 -4.1% Ever Hospitalized 12,500 14.3%	
<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 Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

Governor's Press Conference – July 29, 2020

Governor Hogan addressed the state on Wednesday about some of Maryland's increasing metrics and the surging numbers in other states. Based on the data and medical advice, he has instituted 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.

Expanded Mask Order

Effective Friday, July 31, at 5 p.m. all Marylanders over the age of five are required to wear face coverings in the public spaces of all businesses across the state.

Face coverings will also be required in outdoor public areas, whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing. The expanded order continues to provide certain exceptions, including for medical conditions.

[Read the governor's order](#)

Travel Advisory

Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher. Anyone traveling from these states should immediately get tested when they return to Maryland and should self-quarantine while awaiting results.

This public health advisory—which takes effect immediately—applies to personal, family, or business travel of any kind. Marylanders are advised to postpone or cancel travel to these areas until their positivity rates decline. As of today, this advisory applies to:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Louisiana
- Nebraska
- South Carolina
- Texas

[Read the travel advisory](#)

Prince George's County Update

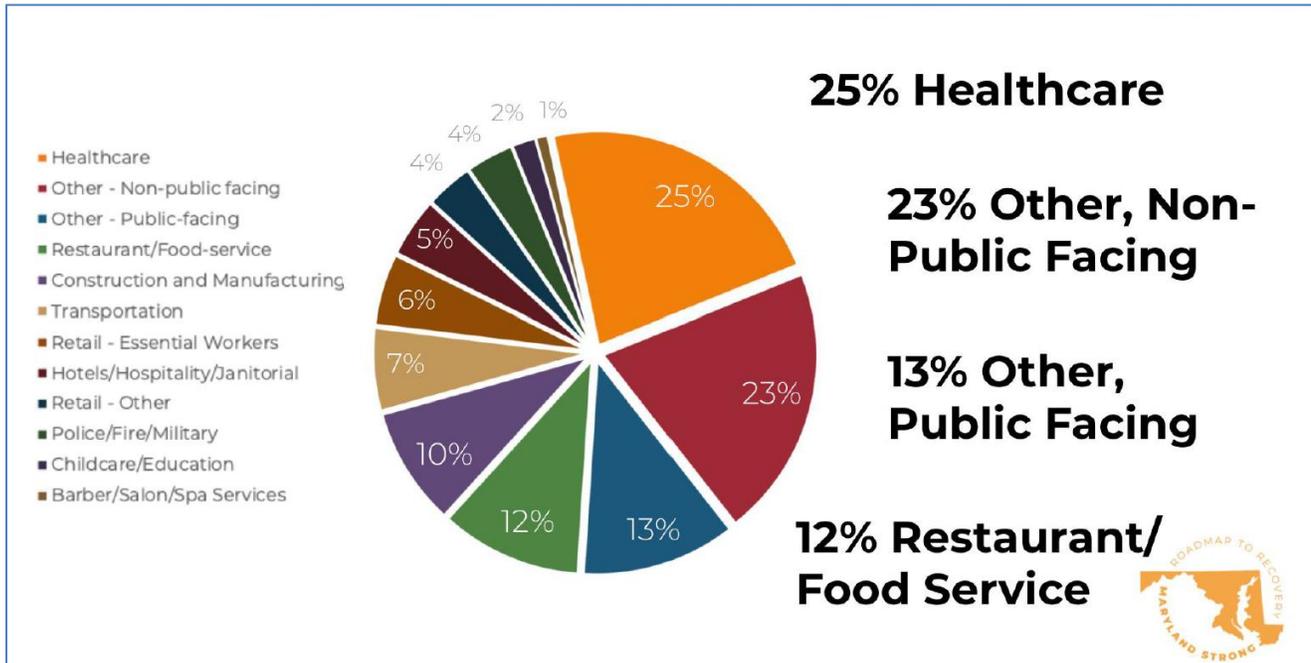
County Executive Alsobrooks and Health Officer Carter spoke at a press conference this morning about the current state of the pandemic in the County. They are concerned with the increase in new cases and a weekly hospitalization rate that is 24% higher than it was the previous week. They also noted that the recent increases “show a stubborn and persistent increase in community spread.”

They did not announce any new restrictions at this time, but did emphasize that in order to avoid a setback or shutdown, county residents and businesses must continue to comply with existing orders and take precautions to protect themselves and others, which means wearing face coverings, avoiding crowds, washing hands regularly, maintaining social distancing, and staying at home as much as possible.

They also emphasized many of the same points that Governor Hogan shared yesterday about what officials are learning from contract tracing regarding patterns of behavior and where and how the virus is spreading.

What Maryland Contract Tracing Interviews are showing:

- *Higher-Risk Gatherings (Percentage of Interviewed Cases):*
 - Family Gatherings – 44%
 - House Parties – 23%
 - Outdoor Events – 21%
- *Higher-Risk Locations (Percentage of Interviewed Cases):*
 - Work Outside the Home – 54%
 - Indoor/Retail Shopping – 39%
 - Indoor Dining at Restaurant – 23%
 - Outdoor Dining at Restaurant – 23%
- *Employment Information (Percentage of Interviewed Cases):*
 - Health care – 25%
 - Other – Non-public Facing – 23%
 - Other – Public Facing – 13%
 - Restaurant/Food Service – 12%



Bowie Update

In light of the Governor Hogan’s new orders, face coverings that cover the nose and mouth will now be required for anyone who enters the City Gymnasium, including those who are on the courts. This is a change in policy as masks were not previously required while playing on the courts or walking around the perimeter of the Gymnasium. The mask requirement will also apply to all who enter the Ice Arena when it reopens.

Furthermore, due to the risk of community spread, the City of Bowie has decided to cancel all public events through October.