



COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: August 3, 2020

Tropical Storm Isaias Expected by Late Monday/Early Tuesday

Tropical Storm Isaias poses several possible threats to central Maryland over the next 24 -36 hours, with the heaviest impacts expected Tuesday between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. However, severe thunderstorms are also forecast for this evening and the tropical winds will be increasing overnight, so make sure your emergency precautions are completed as soon as possible.

On the current track, the greatest impact for Prince George's County is likely to be the high wind gusts, heavy rains, flash flooding, and flooding of small streams and tributaries. The strong winds and the saturated ground will likely cause trees to come down during the storm as well.

Be Prepared

City staff are monitoring the approaching storm and taking steps to prepare for the storm. We encourage residents to do the same.

- Have emergency supplies on hand including:
 - Flashlight
 - Battery operated radio
 - Food that can be prepared without electricity
 - First aid supplies and medications
 - Adequate specialized supplies for infants and pets
 - Paper list of contact numbers for family members, friends, doctors
- Make sure your cell phone and other electronic devices are charged.
- Fill up your gas tank.
- Secure outside items that may blow around in high winds (flags, lawn furniture, trash cans, etc.)
- Check your gutters and downspouts to make sure they're clear of debris.
- Clear storm drains near your home of branches, leaves, trash or other debris.
- Report electrical outages to BGE at 1-877-778-2222.

Trash and Recycling Collection Canceled for Tuesday, August 4

Due to the timing of the arrival of the tropical storm, and the strong winds and flooding that are expected to come with it, the City of Bowie will not be picking up trash or recycling on Tuesday, August 4. Please share this information widely with neighbors and family in Bowie.

Turn Around, Don't Drown!

As little of 12 inches of moving floodwater can be enough to float and carry away a small vehicle. Six inches of moving water can knock an adult off their feet. If you approach a flooded road, do not attempt to drive

through it.

Other Storm Related Cancellations

- City Hall and other city facilities, including the City Gym and the Ice Arena, will be closed to the public on Tuesday.
- Maryland and Prince George’s County COVID testing sites are closed on Tuesday, August 4 due to the storm.

More information

Please remember to maintain COVID precautions during the storm, especially if you must relocate to a hotel or to the home of family or friends. Make sure that you have masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant in your emergency supply kit.

- Visit our [hurricane preparedness](#) page.
- [Make or update your emergency kit.](#)

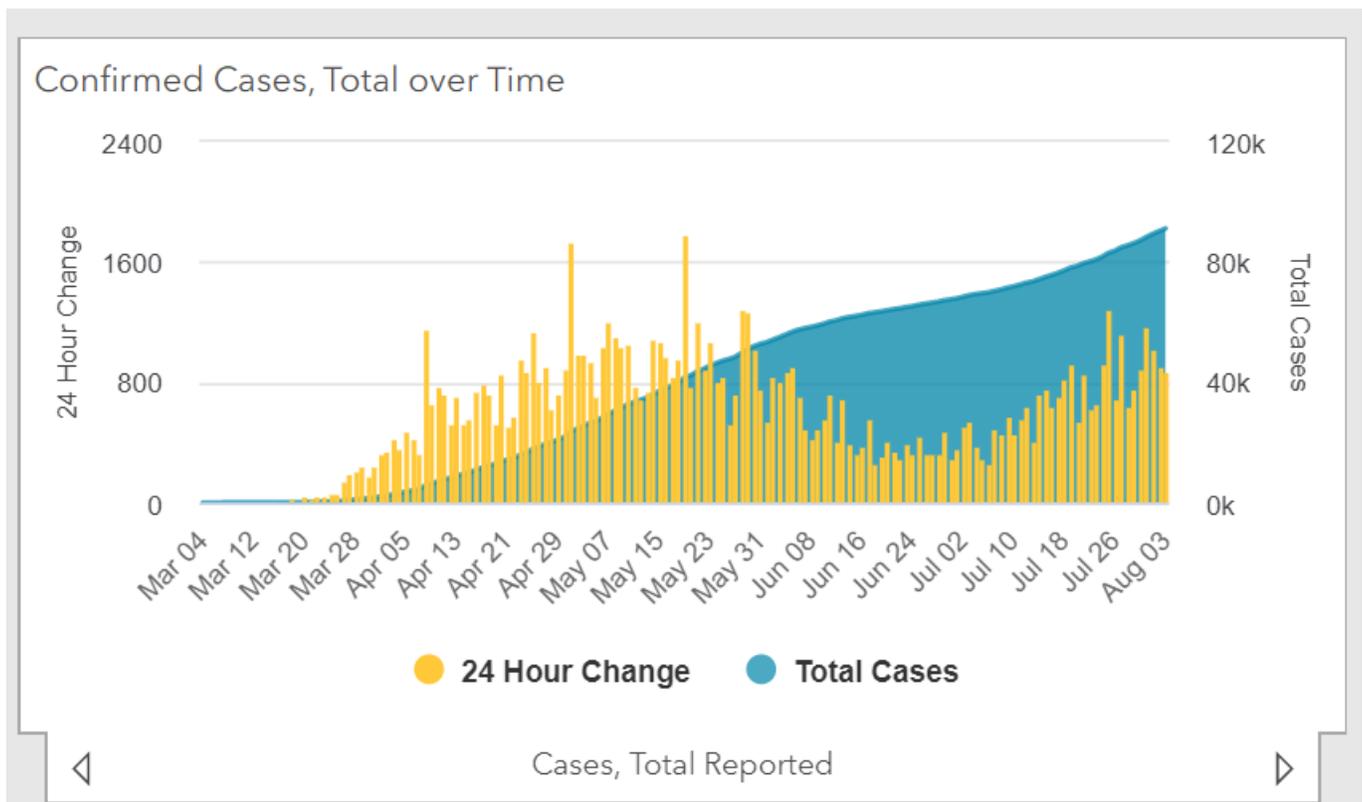
Today’s COVID-19 Numbers

Bowie Confirmed Cases: * 1,445 (+39) 20715: 292 (+3) 20716 349 (+8) 20720 358 (+10) 20721 446 (+18)	Prince George’s County Confirmed Cases: * 22,880 (+464) Total Deaths: 743 (+6) Ever hospitalized: 3,413 (+47) Ranking: 28th in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases * 91,144 (+2,798) Deaths 3,523 (+30) Released from Isolation: 5,740 (+148) = 6%
Testing * MD Tests Completed: 1,294,065 (+24,513) Negative Tests: 869,493 (+14,981) MD Positivity Rate: 4.13% PGC Positivity Rate: 6.11%	Maryland Hospitalizations * Data Tracker Currently Hospitalized: 548 -0.9% Acute Care: 413 -2.5% Intensive Care 135 4.6% Ever Hospitalized 12,832 14.0%	
<i>* These figures represent changes since Friday, 7/31 (3-day change).</i>		

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: 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.

Recovered COVID Patients Urged to Donate Plasma

The American Red Cross, in coordination with the US Food and Drug Administration, is asking individuals who are fully recovered from COVID-19 to sign up and donate plasma to help current COVID-19 patients. Those who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that may be able to attack the virus in others who are fighting the disease. This convalescent plasma is being evaluated as treatment for patients with serious or immediately life-threatening COVID-19 infections, or those judged by a healthcare provider to be at high risk of progression to severe or life-threatening disease.

[Details on the Plasma Donation Program](#)

[FDA Information on Plasma Program](#)

Prince George's County Takes Steps to Further Limit Gatherings

The Prince George's County Health Officer has announced a new directive that restricts most gatherings to

no more than 50 people.

The Health Directive says:

“Unless specifically otherwise specified in Council Resolution 64-2020, which specifically incorporates Executive Order No. 15-2020 (June 25, 2020), social community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events (“large gatherings and events”) are limited to a maximum of 50 persons at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Planned larger gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed.”

[View the June 25 Executive Order](#)

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.

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. More information about the Pantry can be found at www.bowiefoodpantry.org.

Other Food Resources

- [Capital Area Food Bank Food Assistance](#)
- [Prince George’s County Senior Nutrition Program](#)
- [United Communities Against Poverty Food Pantry](#)
- [Maryland Meals Site Search](#)
- [Prince George’s County Public Schools Meal Sites](#) (for PGCPs Children)

Evictions Remain on Hold in Maryland and Shutoffs Banned Through August

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.

Last week, the Governor also extended the emergency order prohibiting utility providers from shutting off or charging late fees for residential services, including electricity, water, phone, and internet, through September 1.

[View the order](#)

Prince George’s County Compliance Efforts

More than 80 inspectors from various County agencies are working to ensure compliance with State and County orders regarding social distancing, large gatherings, and the wearing of masks. Yesterday County Executive Alsobrooks announced that while education and compliance are preferred, the County will be imposing fines and other penalties on those who are willfully ignoring the orders.



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 a business is not in compliance when the Ambassadors return, then a \$1,000 fine is issued and a corrective compliance form must be submitted.



Third Visit

If a business remains non-compliant, they will be closed until they can come into compliance, with a full reopening plan and inspection required.

Information regarding applicable rules remains available at: mypgc.us/reopen

Prince George's County Shopping Website

The Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, **Experience Prince George's**, and the **Prince George's Chamber of Commerce** are working together to help local businesses and residents connect. Local businesses and professional services can list their goods and services in the County Cyber Mall. Then, everyone can use the shopping portal to find and support Prince George's County businesses. It is estimated that for every \$100 spent, approximately 70% or \$70 is returned to the local economy.

Buy Prince George's website



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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.*