



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.

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,570 (+15) 20715: 310 (+4) 20716 374 (+3) 20720 403 (+3) 20721 483 (+5)	Prince George’s County Confirmed Cases: 24,098 (+89) Total Deaths: 764 (+3) Ever hospitalized: 3,501 (+6) Ranking: 29th in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases 97,384 (+541) Deaths 3,612 (+8) Released from Isolation: 5,956 (+21) = 6%
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> MD Tests Completed: 1,503,630 (+18,015) Negative Tests: 981,454 (+10,838) MD Positivity Rate: 3.59% PGC Positivity Rate: 5.54%	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</p> Currently Hospitalized: 488 -7.7% Acute Care: 371 -9.0% Intensive Care 117 -3.3% Ever Hospitalized 13,348 13.7%	
<p><i>* These figures represent changes in the last 24-hours.</i></p>		

Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

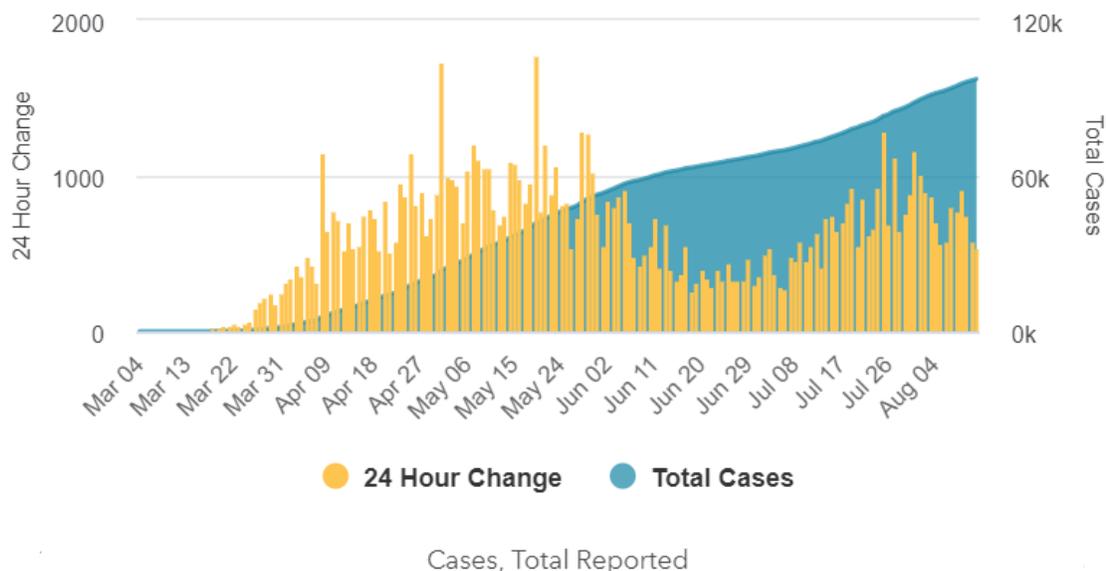
Visit the [Prince George’s County COVID-19 dashboard](#) to view data for all zip codes in the County and the [Maryland dashboard](#) for statewide data.

Current State, County, and City Data Trends

Today, Maryland’s hospitalization metrics declined across the board, with decreases in total current hospitalizations, acute care, and intensive care levels. As of August 12, total current hospitalizations are under 500. Prince George’s County’s 7-day positivity rate has gone up slightly today, but remains below 6% for a week now. Cases in Bowie are still in the double digits.

Maryland Cases Over Time

Confirmed Cases, Total over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

COVID-19 Testing

Find a testing site on the Maryland website: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>. Also, Prince George's County Health Department provides a list of their testing sites at health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting or you can call 3-1-1 to reach the Prince George's County Information line. Testing site information is constantly being updated, so be sure to check the status of a specific testing site before going.

The length of time it takes to receive your test results can vary greatly depending on where your test is done, and what kind of lab processes your test. In general, results are being returned faster from government labs than from private providers that may be sending their tests out of state to be processed.

This Week is Maryland's Tax-Free Shopping Week

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The Ever-evolving Battle Against COVID

Through these daily updates we have tried to help Bowie residents track and understand the changing COVID landscape. The information we have shared has changed over time as data tracking has become more sophisticated and the experts have learned more about the disease.

As a community and as a nation, we have become versed in a new vocabulary of public health tracking. First, we were watching the number of cases. Then we shifted focus to hospitalizations. Once state and county health officials put a testing infrastructure in place, we began tracking positivity rates, in addition to cases and hospitalizations. As time went by, we were able to see trends and how our actions influenced those trends. Looking back, there were definite spikes after Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, as some loosened their precautions to travel or gather with friends and family.

At present, the number of daily new cases seems to have plateaued; we are not seeing spikes into the multiple thousands like some of our southern neighbors. Hospitalizations are at their lowest levels since April, and while we see sometimes see daily upticks, the trend is lower.

Health officials have been working to bring the positivity rate under 5%, (meaning less than 5% of all tested patients have a positive test result) because it is believed that at that rate there is no longer widespread community transmission and what cases there are, can be managed through contact tracing and quarantining.

The current data in Maryland and Prince George’s County is promising, but as we have seen around the country and in our state after the summer holiday weekends, it can be undone in the blink of an eye. Prince George’s County Health Officer Earnest Carter, describes us as being at a critical juncture, where we can continue our forward progress or quickly slide backward into crisis. So, despite the encouraging signs, it is vitally important not to relax our efforts. We need to be vigilant – keep wearing masks, maintain social distancing (even from our friends and family), and wash hands often. Our ongoing careful diligence remains critical in combatting this persistent and insidious disease.

Travel Advisory Reminder

Marylanders are reminded to postpone or cancel travel 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 took effect on July 29 and applies to personal, family, or business travel of any kind. The District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia are exempt from this recommendation.

[Read the travel advisory](#)

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