



# COVID-19

## REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

**Date: Monday, August 17, 2020**

### Today's COVID-19 Numbers

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases: *</b> 1,632 (+37)  20715: 323 (+10) 20716 417 (+9) 20720 385 (+5) 20721 507 (+13)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: *</b> 24,719 (+277)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 768 (+2) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,593 (+39)  <b>Ranking:</b> 30th in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>Maryland Confirmed Cases *</b> 100,715 (+1,840)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,641 (+10)  Released from Isolation: 6,008 (+22) = 6%
<b>Testing *</b>  <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 1,645,642 (+28,860) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 1,056,867 (+14,699) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 2.12% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 5.23%		<b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker *</b>  Currently Hospitalized: 435 -8.4% Acute Care: 395 -8.6% Intensive Care 133 -7.8% Ever Hospitalized 13,652 13.5%
<p><i>* These figures represent changes since Friday, 8/14 (3-day change).</i></p>		

	MD Cases	PG Cases	Bowie Cases
8/14	98,875	24,442	1,595
8/15	+818	+146	+20
8/16	+519	+66	+10
8/17	+503	+65	+7
	100,715	24,719	1,632

Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

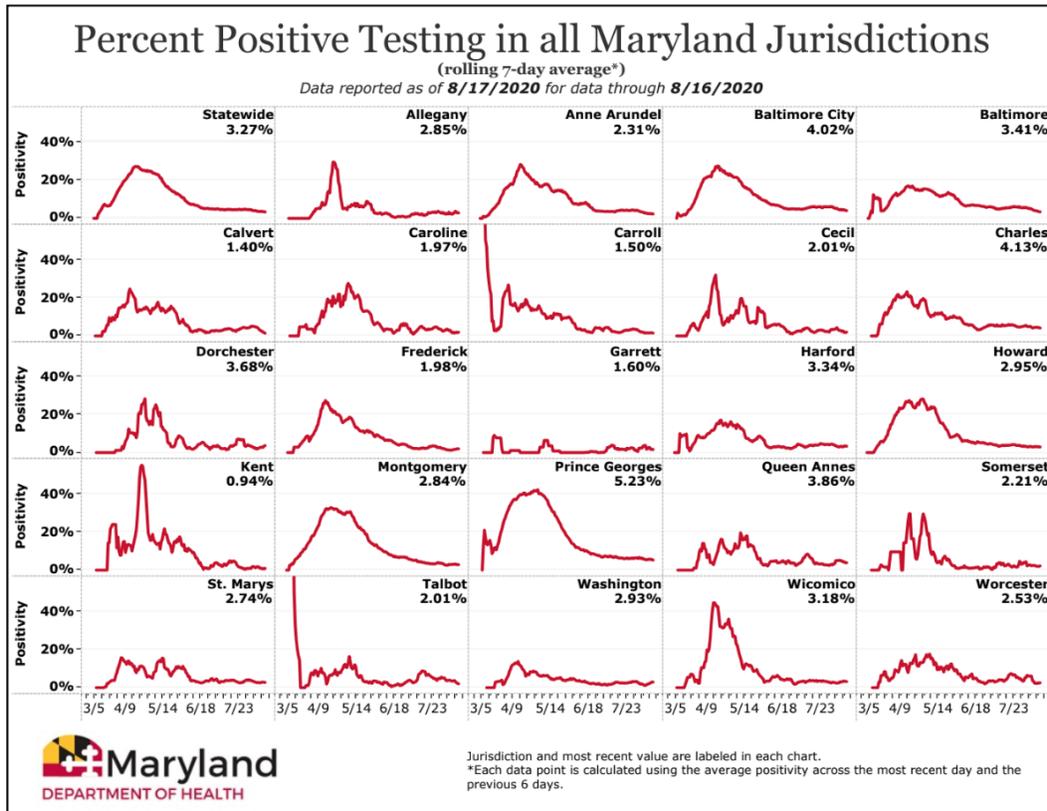
Visit the [Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard](#) to view data for all zip codes in the County and the [Maryland dashboard](#) for statewide data.

### COVID-19 Data

In national news, New York's infection rate reached 0.7%, the lowest it's been since the pandemic began, and one of the lowest in the country. Today, Maryland's daily positivity rate fell to a record low of 2.12%. Total COVID hospitalizations and ICU levels are also in decline, with the state reporting its lowest number of

new deaths since March 28. Several counties are also reporting record-low positivity rates. The positivity rate for 19 of the state’s 24 counties is below 3.5%, and the positivity rate for all but Prince George’s County is below 5%.

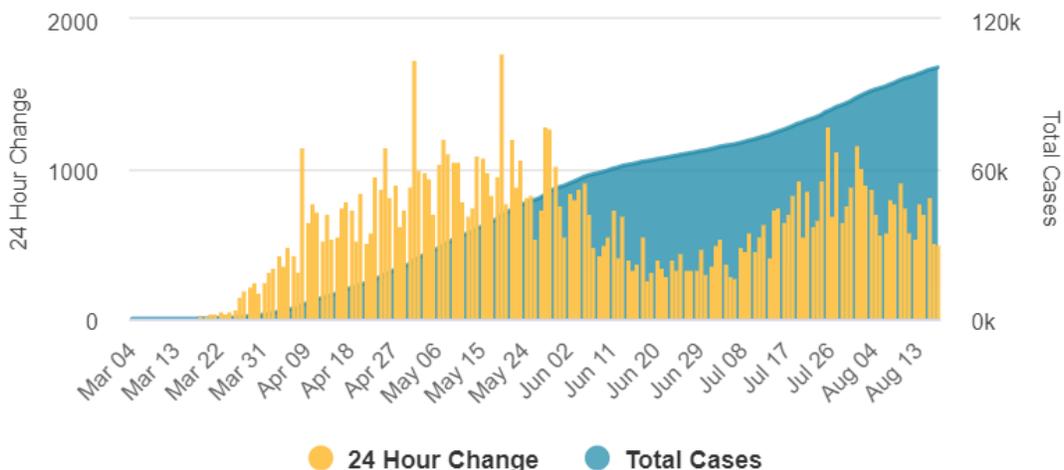
“Thanks to our early and aggressive actions and the continued vigilance of the people of Maryland, all of our key health metrics continue to steadily decline and we are doing much better than most of the rest of the country,” said Governor Hogan. “I want to thank the people of our state for helping us keep Maryland safely open for business by practicing physical distancing, wearing masks, and avoiding travel to hotspots.”



Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

### Maryland Cases Over Time

Confirmed Cases, Total over Time



Cases, Total Reported

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.

### **Rt. 3 Roadwork to Close Crossover at Forest Drive/Columbian Way for Next Several Weeks**

As part of the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration's MD 3 at Forest Drive Geometric Improvement Project, will temporarily close the Forest Drive/Columbian Way crossover in Bowie on Tuesday, August 18. Drivers will be directed to use the northern crossover at Sylvan Drive instead of the Forest Drive/Columbian Way crossover, which is slated to reopen Fall 2020. For more information on the project, visit the [project page](#) on the MDOT SHA website.

Drivers, please continue to stay alert and reduce driving speeds around work zones to ensure the safety of crews and other drivers.

### [Traffic Alert Press Release](#)

### **Prince George's County Fund Helps Small Businesses Impacted by the Pandemic**

Prince George's County is accepting applications for the Legacy Fund, a \$1 million grant from the Greater Washington Community Foundation. The grant provides access to capital for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The application period ends on August 28. Grants are for up to \$10,000, and can be used to support operating expenses including payroll, suppliers, rent, and other business costs. For more information, visit <https://fscfirst.com/legacy-fund/>

### **Metro Expanding Operations**

Metro is finalizing plans to restore most rail and bus service to pre-COVID-19 levels across the region. To support the effort, thousands of frontline Metro employees will transition to new work schedules as the region continues its gradual recovery and more customers are expected. Metrorail service changes take effect August 16, resulting in 87 of 91 Metrorail stations being open. On August 23, new Metrobus schedules will take effect across the region, including the restoration of bus service on routes that have not had service in months. Details at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

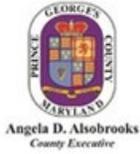
### **COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund**

Employ Prince George's (EPG) provides financial assistance to hourly workers who were making less than \$19 an hour before losing their job due to the pandemic. Assistance is in the form of a \$200 EPG Visa Cash Card. The Bowie City Council recently voted to make a \$20,000 donation to this fund. The next gift card giveaway in Bowie will be in late September, but you must apply now to be eligible. Learn more about this program and how to apply at [www.employpg.org/covid19](http://www.employpg.org/covid19).

### **Teen Smokers and E-Cigarette Users Have Increased Risk for COVID-19**

A recent study reported in the *Journal of Adolescent Medicine* Says Teen Smokers and E-Cigarette Users Have Higher Risk of Contracting COVID-19. The findings from a national sample of adolescents and young adults show that e-cigarette users and those who use both cigarettes and e-cigarettes are significant underlying risk factors for COVID-19. Source: [https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X\(20\)30399-2/fulltext](https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X(20)30399-2/fulltext)

### **Prince George's County's Face Covering Order**



# COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Prince George's County Face Covering Executive Order



All persons must wear a face covering inside all indoor retail stores or business establishments including gyms and large chain retail establishments.

**Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth**



**Retail and Business Establishments** must take all steps to ensure customers wear face coverings and also have frequent announcements during operating hours.

## Face Covering Exceptions

The Order does not require face coverings for individuals in an indoor retail or business establishment if:



Due to a bona fide disability or medical condition, it would be unsafe for the person to do so



Impedes communication by persons who have a hearing impairment or other disability where the mouth is essential



Would subject the person to an unsafe working condition determined by workplace safety guidelines



While seated at a table at an establishment and consuming food or beverages



To receive medical services requiring access to the face, mouth, or head



While in the water at a swimming pool

Any person age two (2) years old or younger



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