



COVID-19

REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, August 31, 2020

Today's COVID-19 Numbers

The data in this chart reflect three days of increases. The second chart below breaks down the data by day.

Bowie Confirmed Cases: * 1,764 (+22) 20715: 342 (+3) 20716 408 (+2) 20720 449 (+3) 20721 565 (+14)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: * 26,215 (+252) Total Deaths: 792 (+7) Ever hospitalized: 3,732 (+24) Case Rate per 100k: 11.39 Ranking: 32rd in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases * 108,249 (+1,585) Deaths 3,755 (+19) Case Rate per 100k: 8.72 Released from Isolation: 6,124 (+63) = 6%
Testing MD Tests Completed: 1,938,846 (+19,331) Negative Tests: 1,222,604 (+11,157) MD Positivity Rate: 2.8% PGC Positivity Rate: 4.37%	Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker Currently Hospitalized: 377 5.3% Acute Care: 270 7.5% Intensive Care 107 0.0% Ever Hospitalized 14,303 13.2%	
<i>* These figures represent changes since 8/28 (3-day change).</i>		

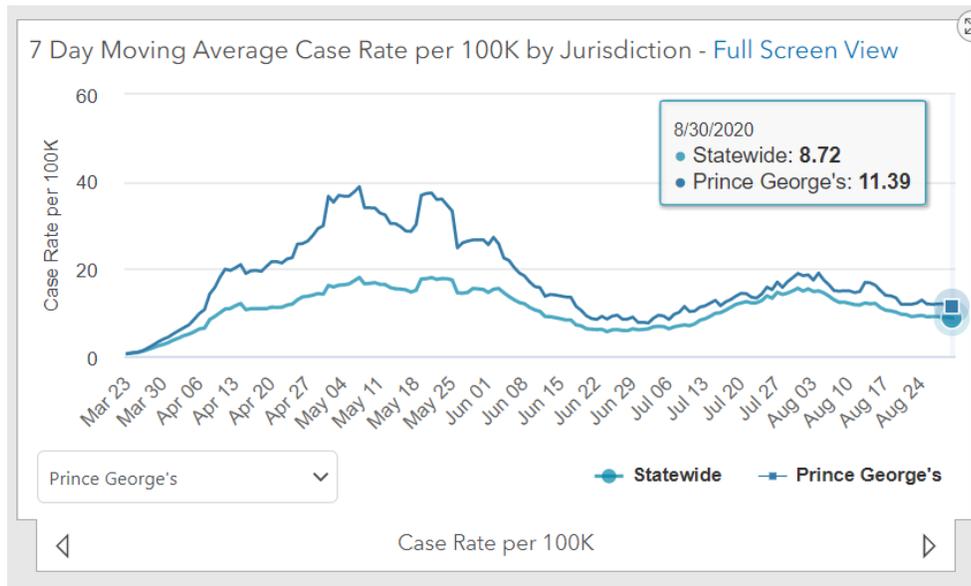
	MD Cases	PG Cases	Bowie Cases
8/28	106,664	25,963	1,742
8/29	+630	+101	+6
8/30	+497	+87	+4
8/31	+458	+64	+12
	108,249	26,215	1,764

Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

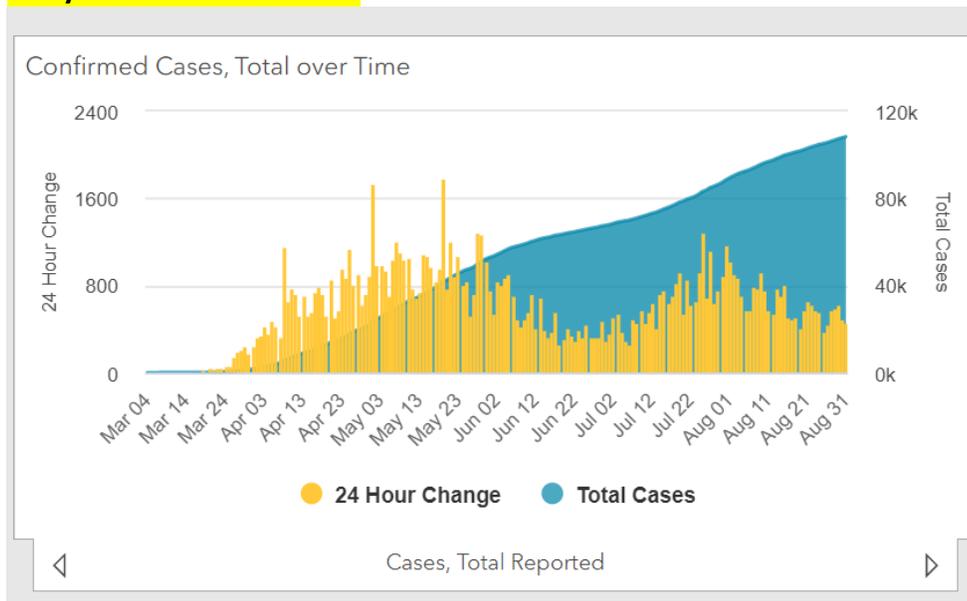
Visit the [Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard](#) to view data for all zip codes in the County and the [Maryland dashboard](#) for statewide data.

COVID-19 Data

Last week, the state of Maryland began reporting the number of new cases per 100,000 residents. As you can see from the graphic below, Prince George's County's rate is above the statewide average, but far below where the state and county were earlier this year. The new cases per 100,000 makes it easier to compare how different jurisdictions are doing. Places with larger populations are likely to have more cases, simply because more people live there. So, rather than comparing raw numbers of cases, this metric compares how widespread the infection rate is for an equal subset of the population.



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-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.

County Health Department Retesting Policy



COVID-19 RETESTS ARE AVAILABLE
AT PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TESTING SITES

CURRENTLY YOU MUST MEET AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE TEST:

- HAVE A KNOWN/SUSPECTED EXPOSURE TO A POSITIVE CASE
- HAVE SYMPTOMS
- ARE PART OF A COUNTY CONTACT TRACING CASE INVESTIGATION AND WERE DIRECTED TO BE TESTED

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ON-SITE REGISTERED NURSE CONSIDERS RETEST REQUESTS THAT DO NOT FIT INTO THESE CRITERIA ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

FOR MORE TESTING INFORMATION, CALL 311 OR VISIT [HEALTH.MYPGC.US/COVIDTESTING](https://health.mypgc.us/covidtesting).

Prince George's County Health Department logo

Retests are available at our Health Department's COVID-19 testing sites. Currently, to get more than one test at a County-operated site, residents must have a known or suspected exposure to a positive case, have symptoms of COVID-19, or be part of a County contact tracing investigation and have been directed to be tested. Otherwise, an on-site nurse will consider retesting requests on a case-by-case basis. Learn more about COVID-19 testing through our County Health Department [here](#).

Back to School Will Bring New Challenges

Wherever your child will be learning this fall, this school year is sure to be like no other. Here are links to two articles that may provide some helpful tips for the student and for the parents and caregivers who will be coping with a new normal.

- [Tips for parents and caregivers during COVID-19](#) (from the Fairfax County website)
- [How to give kids a sense of routine and stability in a school year that is anything but normal](#) (Washington Post article)

Resources for PGCPs Parents

Prince George's County Public Schools opened virtually today for the new school year. The system is offering a variety of resources to parents to help them cope with distance learning:

- **Troubleshooting at Home**

The [Distance Learning portal](#) provides helpful information in one place. Your child's classroom teacher or school registrar can also help to resolve many common issues.

- **Distance Learning Hotline**

Parents can call 240-696-6229, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for help with technical/equipment issues and/or instructional guidance and support.

- **Parent Support Centers**

Make an appointment to receive help with technology, navigating online platforms and other issues at one of nine Parent Support Centers across the county. Centers are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. [View locations.](#)

New Program to Help Small Businesses

Prince George's County is launching the Emerge Stronger program for County small businesses. Emerge Stronger was created to provide direct technical assistance, business operations, and financial management tools to help revamp businesses during the pandemic and beyond. The program is being done in partnership with Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, FSC First, and the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC). Learn more at www.emergestrongerpgc.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.

Election Information from Prince George's County

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Receive application in the mail and return it via the prepaid envelope or drop it off at the County Board of Elections.

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