



# TODAY'S COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

## \*\*\*Tornado Watch in Effect\*\*\*

The National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Watch for the region from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. today. This means that weather conditions are such that a tornado could form along with severe thunderstorms this afternoon and evening. Monitor alerts and news reports for further updates and be prepared to move to a safe location in your home if a Tornado Warning is issued.

## Thursday, September 3, 2020

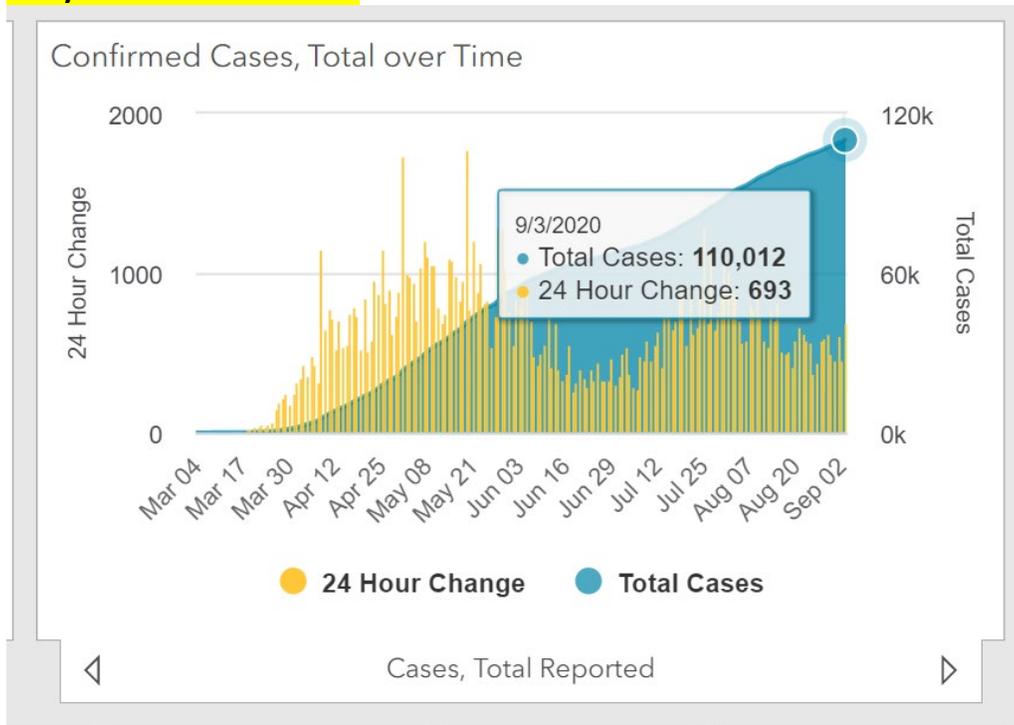
Full COVID updates are provided on Mondays and Fridays, and brief "snapshots" of COVID related data and other important information are provided on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,787 (+8)  20715: 346 (+2) 20716 410 (+1) 20720 453 (+1) 20721 578 (+4)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases:</b> 26,565 (+137)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 797 (+1) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,748 (+2) <b>Case Rate per 100k:</b> 11.36  <b>Ranking:</b> 32nd in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>Maryland Confirmed Cases</b> 110,012 (+693)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,634 (+11)  <b>Case Rate per 100k:</b> 9.06  Released from Isolation: 7,039 (+13) = 6%
<b>Testing</b> <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 1,989,891 (+24,960) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 1,247,593 (+11,266) <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 3.54% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 4.68%	<b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</b>  Currently Hospitalized: 382 <span style="color: red;">-0.8%</span> Acute Care: 270 <span style="color: red;">5.0%</span> Intensive Care 112 <span style="color: red;">3.2%</span> Ever Hospitalized 14,427 13.1%	
<p><i>* These figures represent changes over 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

## County Executive Alsobrooks Keeps Prince George's County in Reopening Stage 2

Today, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks held a press conference to discuss the state of COVID-19 in Prince George's County. Below are the key points from that briefing:

- Prince George's County will not be moving to Stage 3 yet.
- There has been marked improvement in health metrics, but there is still progress to be made before further reopenings can take place.
- Officials will re-evaluate conditions in a couple of weeks and make decisions in a safe and measured way.
- While the overall positivity rate is 4.1%, there are still 13 zip codes in the County with positivity rates above 5%.
- Metrics have still not returned to where they were in late June.
- The County saw a spike in cases after the Fourth of July weekend and is very concerned with it happening after this three-day weekend as well.
- In July, 40% of the new cases occurred after attending a family gathering.
- Residents are encouraged to not become complacent. Do not host or attend large gatherings.
- Continue wearing masks properly over the nose and mouth. The virus can live in the nose. Not covering your nose can expose others to the virus.
- Maintain six feet distance from those outside your household and wash hands frequently.
- Don't stop doing what you're doing. Protect yourself and each other. Respect the regulations when entering businesses or other indoor facilities.
- The County is establishing a \$2 million grant fund to help daycare centers and in-home daycare providers who have been hit extremely hard by the effects of the pandemic. The application period for these grants is September 4 – 18.

**Dr. Earnest Carter, Health Officer for Prince George's County** also addressed the decision to not move to Reopening Stage 3 yet. He said:

- Prince George's County is still very much in this fight and now is not the time to relax at all.

- It is an extremely difficult line to walk between the County's public health and its economic health, but to open further at this time would risk another surge in cases.
- One in four Maryland cases has occurred in the County and one fifth of all COVID-related deaths were Prince Georgians.
- The rate of infection (the number of people infected by someone who is positive) and the number of County cases is still higher than it was at the end of June.

**The County Executive also offered comments about how the upcoming election will be managed:**

- There will be 40, possibly 41 voting centers in the County and 11 drop box locations for ballots.
- Voters are encouraged to act now to apply for ballots and return them by mail, at drop box locations, or at the Board of Elections
- Important dates:
  - Ballots will be sent out at the end of September/early October to those who have submitted vote by mail applications.
  - Voter registration deadline is October 13.
  - Application submission deadline for a mail in ballot is October 20.
  - Early voting dates: October 26 - November 2
  - Election Day is November 3.