



# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## UPDATES & GUIDANCE

### Summary

**Date:** March 13, 2020

Number of confirmed cases in Prince George’s County - 4

Number of confirmed cases in Maryland – 12

*(Includes presumptive cases. Figures may decrease if a presumptive case is negative.)*

### City Government Operating Status

**Emergency Operations Center** – Partial activation (7:30 a.m. – 5 .p.m., M-F) starting March 16.

In keeping with Governor Hogan’s orders, and the most current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the City of Bowie has made the following changes to operations and events:

STATUS OF CITY OF BOWIE PUBLIC FACILITIES		
<b>City Hall</b>	Open	Residents are encouraged to pay bills and conduct other city business by the city website or by telephone, if possible. Building closed to the public at 5 p.m. weekdays. Closed weekends.
<b>Senior Center</b>	Closed	Homebound meals and essential transportation will continue. See notes below.
<b>City Gymnasium</b>	Closed 3/16-3/27	Will follow PGCPS schools
<b>Ice Arena</b>	Closed 3/16-3/27	Will follow PGCP schools
<b>Kenhill Center</b>	Open to tenants Open for Y&FS	Youth & Family Services will continue to provide counseling services
<b>Kenhill Center - Bowie Television Studio</b>	Closed 3/16-4/3	Closed to producers & public
<b>Historic Properties</b>	Closed 3/16-3/27	Will follow PGCP schools. Includes City museums, Radio & TV Museum and Genealogy Library.
<b>City Parks</b>	Open	Leagues have canceled most practices & games on ballfields
<b>Playhouse</b>	TBD	Performances for 3/13-3/16 canceled. Decisions about other performances to be made soon.
<b>Police Department</b>	Limited access	See note below
<b>Meeting Rooms</b>	Canceled through 3/31	All use of meeting rooms at City Hall and the Kenhill Center by outside groups is canceled.

## SPECIAL INFORMATION

### Senior Center Transportation

Non-essential trips are canceled. Transportation will continue for Senior Center patrons as needed for grocery shopping, medical appointments, and prescription pickups.

### Senior Meals Nutrition Program

Homebound meals will continue to be delivered.

### Bowie Police Department

The door leading to the Police Department lobby is locked and the lobby is closed to the public. Visitors are still welcome to enter the small vestibule area just inside the front door. Communications Center staff will be happy to assist you there utilizing the intercom system. Or, call 240-544-5700 for assistance. Speed cameras bills may be paid online or at the Finance Department.

### City Council Meetings

Those wishing to submit testimony for public hearings or comments for the Citizen Participation portion of an upcoming Council meeting may do so by sending a text message (240-335-3282) or emailing written or video testimony/comments to [cityclerk@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbowie.org). They may also be mailed or dropped off at City Hall. For assistance with submitting testimony/comments, contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029.

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

<b>City Council Meetings</b>	Open	Residents are encourage to view meetings on the web or on the government channel. See note above about testimony and comments.
<b>City Committee Meetings</b>	Canceled through 3/31	Will re-evaluate alternatives for April and beyond.
<b>State of the City speech (3/18)</b>	Canceled	
<b>Job Fair (3/21)</b>	3/21 event canceled	Working to replace event with an online job fair.
<b>Green Bowie Expo (4/13)</b>	Canceled	
<b>Bowie Health Fair (4/25)</b>	Canceled	

Other events will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, in light of the Governor's order and depending on the spread of the virus.

## GUIDANCE

Follow CDC recommendations about hand washing hygiene, social distancing, and what to do if you suspect you may have COVID-19 ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov))

Consider using delivery or curbside pickup services for groceries and prescriptions

Prince George's County Health Department COVID-19 Hotline number: 301-883-6627

Maryland Department of Health Hotline number: 410-767-6871

The CDC has published a document that addresses questions about the potential spread of COVID-19 through water. View the document at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>. Virus transmission is not a risk with treated drinking water systems or sewage.

More information is available on the City's coronavirus page at [www.cityofbowie.org/corona](http://www.cityofbowie.org/corona).