

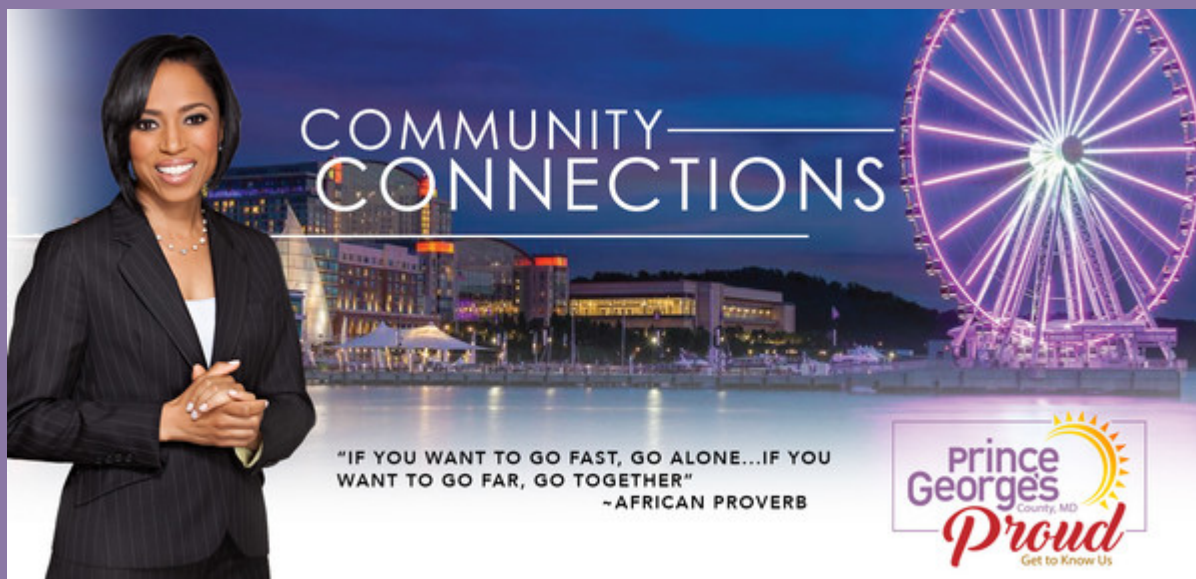


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Community Connections Newsletter: COVID-19 Update

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Monday, May 11, 2020

COVID-19 Update: The Path Forward for Prince George's County

Dear Prince Georgians:

As of this morning, we have more than 9,800 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 327 of our beloved residents have died from this virus. We are heartbroken over the terrible toll this virus is taking on our County, and to those of you who have lost loved ones or who are suffering right now, know that I am grieving with you and I am praying for you. I think about you every day.

The coronavirus is having a significant impact on our County as we continue to see our cases increase, but let me be clear, this is not because we are not doing our part. New data from the University of Maryland COVID-19 Impact Analysis Platform, which tracks mobile phone data, shows that Prince George's County is in the top 3% among all counties in the

nation in terms of social distancing practices. The data also shows that we have the largest number of imported cases of actively infectious people traveling to our County since the beginning of March, more than any other county in the State. While a number of underlying factors made us vulnerable to this virus, to include a good number of essential employees and frontline workers, I want to thank Prince Georgians for taking our advice to heart and doing their part to help slow the spread of this virus.

While the rest of the State may continue to open, given the terrible impact COVID-19 is having on our County, we must take a measured and smart approach to reopening non-essential businesses and resuming gatherings with family, friends, and neighbors. This approach includes continuing to increase our testing capacity. We are working hard to purchase more tests at the local level, and we are also partnering with Montgomery County on this front. We also continue to request additional tests from the State. In addition, we hope to have antibody testing capacity in the next 10-14 days.

Another key component to reopening is contact tracing, and we have secured contracts for additional contact tracers and will also identify and train County employees to begin that important work as well. Contact tracing allows us to find people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and have them self-quarantine before they inadvertently infect others.

As an additional measure in our fight against COVID-19, we have opened a quarantine facility for residents who are not able to safely quarantine or self-isolate at home. To qualify for this facility, a resident must be tested at our Health Department testing site. As a reminder, COVID-19 testing is available through our Health Department by calling 301-883-6627. More information on this facility is included below.

I am also excited to announce that our Emergency Rental Assistance Program is now accepting applications. This program provides temporary rent and utility assistance to residents who qualify, up to \$1,800 per month for up to 3 months. More information is included below about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Finally, I want to discuss an unsettling trend we have seen from our hospitals. We are finding that some of our residents are waiting too long to go to the emergency room with life-threatening conditions because they are worried about contracting COVID-19 in the hospital. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please do not hesitate to go to the emergency room. Our hospitals are taking excellent infection control measures to ensure that patients coming to the hospital for other reasons are not being exposed to COVID-19.

Prince Georgians, I know this is very hard. Mother's Day was this past weekend, and so many of us were not able to be with our mothers, grandmothers or other family members in-person. This is lonely and isolating and frustrating, and I want you to know that I feel it, too. However, I am asking you to trust me when I say we need to stay strong and hold on just a little while longer. Continue to stay home except for essential activities, continue to practice social distancing, and continue to wear face coverings when at stores or on public transportation. This not only helps keep us safe, but it also keeps our loved ones safe. We must stay the course, and if we continue to do so, we will be able to safely reunite with family and friends sooner rather than later.

Yours in service,

Angela Alsobrooks

Prince George's County Executive

COVID-19 Updates

Emergency Rental Assistance Program



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Prince George's Emergency Rental Assistance Program



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

Temporary rental assistance available to help with rent and utility payments for tenants whose employment income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Program starts on Monday, May 11, 2020

Applications will be accepted and last until all available funds are allocated.



Eligibility:

Renter households residing in Prince George's County:

- ☒ Must demonstrate that they are at risk of losing their rental housing or having utilities shut off due to COVID-19.
- ☒ Must provide supporting documentation of hardship.
- ☒ Must have a current income at or below 80% of area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

**Please
Note!!**

Applicants should visit the Emergency Rental Assistance Program webpage at mypgc.us/renthelp, or call 211 or (301) 864-7161.

Payments will be made directly to the landlord or utility company.

Visit our webpage for more detailed information: mypgc.us/renthelp



The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program is now accepting applications to help with rent and utility payments for County residents whose employment income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. This temporary assistance may help prevent arrears and late fees from accumulating. Depending upon need, applicants may be eligible for a maximum of up to \$1,800 per month for a maximum of up to 3 months of emergency rental assistance. Visit mypgc.us/renthelp to determine if you are eligible for the program, what

supporting documentation is needed, and to apply. Applicants can also call 211 or 301-864-7161 to apply.

PGCPS Graduation & Other Updates



Commencement Speaker:
TARAJI P. HENSON

Special Guests:
JOE CLAIR
JOE HADEN
KENNY LATTIMORE
TAYLOR THOMAS
and many more!

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#PGCPSFUTUREREADY2020
WWW.PGCPS.ORG

**JOIN US FOR AN
eGRADUATION
CELEBRATION FOR
THE CLASS OF 2020**

Prince George's County Public Schools and ABC7 are honoring our graduates — the unstoppable, unforgettable Class of 2020. This is one graduation celebration you don't want to miss!

SATURDAY 05.30 | 7 PM
WJLA 24/7 NEWS (COMCAST 808, FIOS 508, DIRECTV/DISH 8)
CHARGE (OVER THE AIR CHANNEL 7.2)

SUNDAY 05.31 | 12 PM
ABC7

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will host a virtual graduation celebration in honor of the Class of 2020 with a commencement address by Oxon Hill High School

alum Taraji P. Henson! The celebration will air on ABC7 News. Additional details on the celebration are forthcoming.

Last week, State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Karen Salmon, announced that schools are closed for the remainder of the school year. The last day for PGCPs seniors is May 15. For all other students, distance learning will end on June 8. Students who may be missing work from quarter four have from June 9 to June 16 to make up that work.

PGCPs has also announced that supper will be offered at meal sites. Breakfast and lunch will continue to be served twice a week, while the snack will be discontinued and replaced with supper. Students can get meals for two days on Mondays and three days on Wednesdays. Parents may pick up meals for students who are unable to come to the site by showing a student ID or report card. Meals are available from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For a complete list of meal sites, [click here](#).

2020 Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program Canceled



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) has been canceled.

The SYEP team is working hard to identify some virtual employment and online training opportunities for this summer. As these opportunities are finalized, the SYEP team will follow up with applicants via email, our website and social media.

A graphic featuring a large, distressed red stamp with the word "CANCELED" in bold, capital letters. The stamp is placed over a circular photograph of three young people (two women and one man) smiling. Behind the photo is the "YOUTH@WORK SYEP" logo, which includes the text "PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM". Below the logo, the name "Angela D. Alsobrooks" and title "County Executive" are printed. In the bottom left corner of the graphic is the "Prince Georges County MD Proud" logo with the tagline "Get to Know Us".

YOUTH@WORK SYEP
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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County Executive

Prince Georges County MD
Proud
Get to Know Us

Website: syep.mypgc.us

@PGCSYEP



Unfortunately, the 2020 Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SYEP team is working hard to find other avenues of opportunity for our young people this summer. For more information, please visit our website.

June 2 Primary Update

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

JUNE 2ND

VOTE BY MAIL ENCOURAGED



Last week, the Prince George's County Board of Elections discovered that an error was made in the mailing of some ballots. The State Board of Elections is responsible for mailing ballots to voters, and some Prince George's County voters unfortunately received instructions on how to fill out their ballots in Spanish only. All Prince George's County voters were supposed to receive information in both English and Spanish. After discovering this error, our local Board of Elections immediately notified the State, who agreed to send new instructions to all affected voters. If voters affected by this error do not wish to wait for the new instructions to come in the mail from the State, they can access instructions on how to cast their ballot from our local Board of Elections online at elections.mypgc.us.

As a reminder, the primary election will be held on June 2. Don't forget to make sure you're registered and don't forget to vote. Residents who are already registered to vote should be receiving their ballots in the mail. All ballots are dated April 28, 2020 but they are NOT due then. They **must be postmarked on or before June 2**. Check out the [voter guide](#) for more information.

Department of Parks & Recreation Summer Camps Canceled

Summer Programs 2020



UPDATE: ALL TRADITIONAL SUMMER CAMPS ARE CANCELED

in their entirety, including **Day Camps** and **Extended Care**, **Summer Playgrounds**, **Xtreme Teen Centers** and **Safe Summer Centers**. The Department will offer creative virtual programming that will include exciting and engaging activities for Prince George's County residents and youth.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County announced plans for the summer in light of COVID-19. All traditional summer camps are canceled in their entirety, including Day Camps and Extended Care, Summer Playgrounds, Xtreme Teen Centers and Safe Summer Centers. The Department will offer creative virtual programming that will include exciting and engaging activities for Prince George's County residents and youth. Golf courses will reopen in mid-May with social distancing guidelines and safety protocols to help keep employees and patrons safe as they enjoy the "greens". Tennis courts will reopen this week. All events and classes that were scheduled for June are canceled. Pools will remain closed until further notice.

All registered participants will automatically receive full refunds for canceled programming. Parents and guardians do NOT need to make a request. Refunds take approximately three weeks to process and will be applied to the card used for the original transaction. Additional time is required to process refunds for cash, check and money order payments. Contact the Customer Service Help Desk at CustomerService@pgparks.com or call 301-699-2255, TTY 301-699-2544.

Grab & Go Play



Available only on Fridays (12pm -2pm) at the following sites:
 Marlow Heights Community Center • Oakcrest Community Center • Glenarden Community Center
For More Info Call: 301-699-2255 TTY 301-699-2544



Starting May 8, the Department of Parks and Recreation is giving out free leisure kits at 3 community centers in Prince George's County. Each kit includes fun items for kids such as jump ropes, chalk, art kits, games, and more! Visit any of the 3 community centers listed below every Friday from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

- **Marlow Heights Community Center:** 2800 St. Clair Drive, Marlow Heights, MD 20748
- **Oakcrest Community Center:** 1300 Capitol Heights Blvd., Capitol Heights, MD 20743
- **Glenarden Community Center:** 8615 McLain Avenue, Glenarden, MD 20706

Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) Update



Given the operational challenges presented by the present COVID-19 state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, the County Executive has suspended the deadlines normally imposed for responding to MPIA requests. The deadlines are suspended until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. Once those actions have occurred, a new notice will be issued that contains the amended dates for each affected deadline. The entirety of the County Executive's notice on

MPIAs can be read [here](#).

Quarantine Facility



Prince George's County is opening a quarantine facility for residents who are tested for COVID-19 by our Health Department but are not able to safely quarantine or self-isolate at home. Residents may also be eligible for this facility if they live with a person 65 years or older who has an underlying health condition. To qualify, residents must be tested at a Health Department testing facility. The County will provide infection control methods to help prevent further transmission, food, access to medications for other health conditions, social services, transportation to any needed medical care, and needed medical evaluations. As a reminder, residents must schedule an appointment to be screened for COVID-19 at our testing site by calling our hotline at 301-883-6627.

Mental Health Webinars



**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

In recognition of National Mental Health Awareness Month, the County Executive's Health and Human Services team is hosting a series of virtual mental health mini-webinars. Sessions will be held every Thursday throughout the month of May and are open to the entire community.

May 28th	11:00 am:	Grief and Vicarious [Indirect] Trauma
	12:00 pm:	Early Childhood and Social Emotional Health

We look forward to you joining us throughout the month of May as we continue to build a Healthy and Well Prince George's.

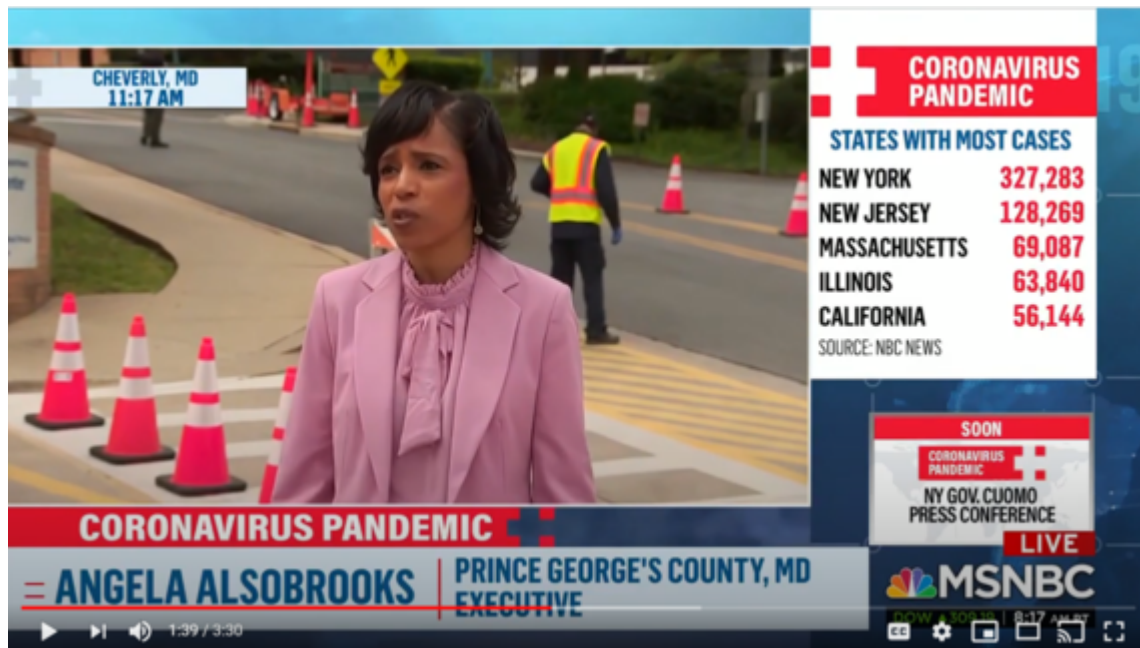


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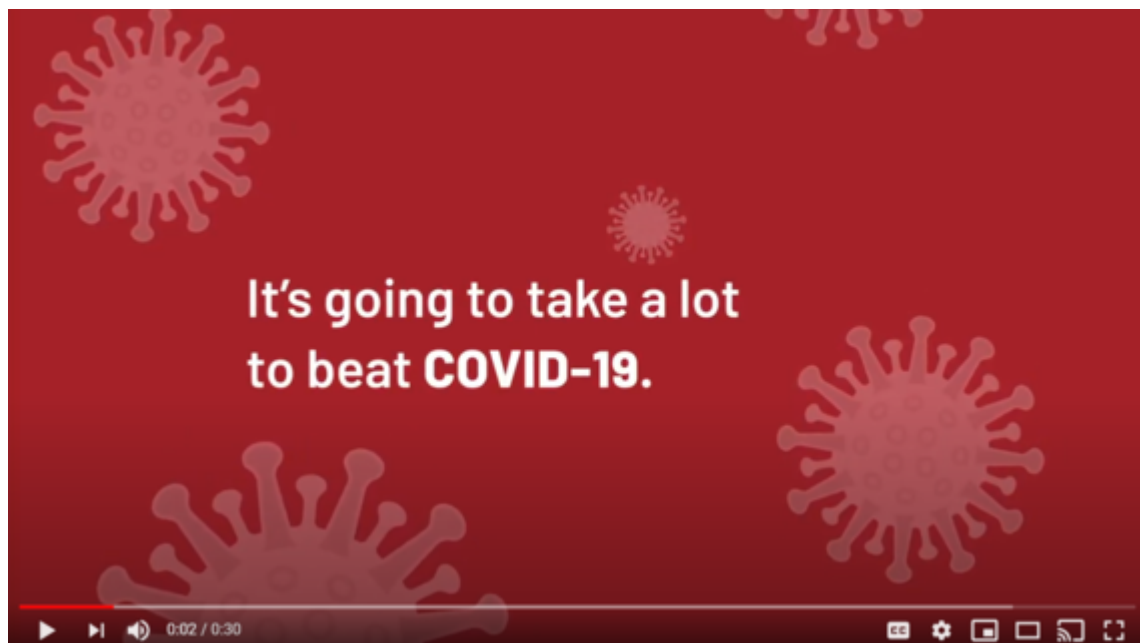
Every Thursday in May we are holding mini-webinars on mental health, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. The next mini-webinar will be held on May 14 at 11:00 AM. County Executive Alsobrooks will host a community meeting for mental health awareness at 12:00 PM on May 14. To participate in either of these mini-webinars, visit <https://bit.ly/MentalHealthWebinars> at the meeting time on May 14.

County Executive Alsobrooks Discusses COVID-19 and Prince George's County on MSNBC



County Executive Alsobrooks recently appeared on MSNBC to discuss COVID-19, its impact on our County, and our County's response to the pandemic. Watch the [interview here](#).

Video: Together, We Can Beat COVID-19



COVID-19 is rude and indiscriminate, and it's going to take all of us doing our part to beat it. From staying home to wearing face coverings, we can all be part of stopping the spread of this virus in our community. Working together, we will make it through this crisis. Watch our latest COVID-19 video [here](#).

State of Maryland Updates



On May 6, 2020, State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon announced that schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. Governor Hogan relaxed some of the restrictions of his Stay-At-Home order, now allowing elective surgeries as deemed necessary with doctors using their professional judgment. Additionally, he broadened the list of outdoor activities allowed under the order, assuming social distancing protocols are properly followed. Some of these activities include camping, fishing, golf, and tennis. State parks and beaches reopened only for nearby residents to utilize for fresh air and exercise. For more information, read the Governor's [update here](#).

Effective Saturday, May 9, 2020, the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery will open to visitors with limited hours. Please visit the [State's website](#) for additional information.

The State's new unemployment application portal had some issues on roll-out, including some claimants finding their applications inactivated. The Labor Department has made adjustments and has updated information and instructions for claimants [here](#).

For more information and updates from the State, visit the Governor's [webpage](#).

Prince George's Proud Moments

Video: Local Businesses Step Up to Support First Responders



We are Prince George's Proud of all the County businesses who donated products and services like masks, sanitizers and gloves to the first responders in our career and volunteer fire stations. Thank you for your support, which not only benefitted our firefighters and EMS personnel, but also County residents. See our [video here](#).

Mother's Day Grocery Giveaway



County Executive Alsobrooks delivers a box of groceries to a resident's car.

On Saturday, May 9, County Executive Alsobrooks joined Council Member Calvin Hawkins for a Mother's Day Grocery Giveaway. 500 boxes of free groceries were handed out to residents, including a number of boxes that were delivered directly to seniors. Thank you to

everyone who made this grocery giveaway possible, including all the volunteers who came out to assist on Saturday.

IKEA Donates Resources to Prince Georgians in Need



Our Office of Community Relations picked up a generous donation from IKEA in College Park.

We would like to give a huge thank you to IKEA for their generous donation of towels, washcloths, pans, bed frames, mattresses, and so much more for residents in need during these difficult times. Our Office of Community Relations stopped by on Friday, May 8 to pick up this generous donation and ensure these resources get to those in need.

2020 Census

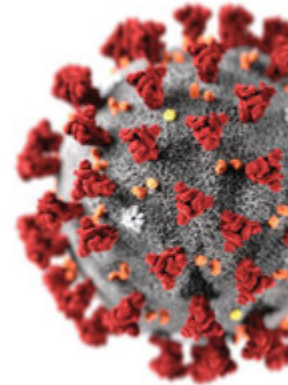
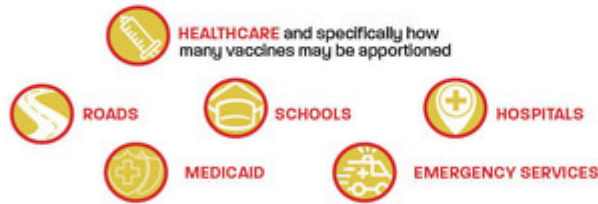
The Census & COVID-19



Take 10 Minutes for a Healthy Community

How does participation in Census impact emergencies such as COVID-19?

Participation in the 2020 Census affects apportionment of services and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funding for things including:



Complete your Census questionnaire NOW

Visit [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) online or by phone at 1- 844-330-2020.

PGCensus2020.org    @PGCensus2020

A complete Census count is going to be critical as we fight and rebuild after COVID-19 has left our community. Accurate Census counts are how we ensure our community gets the resources we need, such as for our healthcare and our schools. Take ten minutes now to complete your Census at [my2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).

Additional Graphics & Materials

COVID-19 Testing



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County Executive

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) New Testing Site



**The FedExField COVID-19 Screening Site
is closed as of Wednesday, April 29th.**

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**
Prince George's County

Beginning Monday, May 4th

COVID-19 testing operations will fully move to the
Prince George's County Health Department's Cheverly Clinic.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday ~ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Please
Note!!**

**Testing is available by APPOINTMENT ONLY.
You must call our hotline to be seen at this site.**

Reminders:

- 1** If you are sick, DO NOT WAIT to get medical care, especially if it is difficult to breathe.
- 2** If you are tested for COVID-19, DO NOT WAIT for your results to get medical care if your symptoms worsen.
- 3** COVID-19 testing at our testing facility is available regardless of insurance coverage.
- 4** COVID-19 testing at our testing facility is free for residents, regardless of insurance coverage.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit: health.mypgc.us/coronavirus

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, fever) and need COVID-19 testing, please call our hotline:



HOTLINE
301-883-6627

County Council eComment



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

New Ecomment Portal for Council Virtual Sessions



Given the current state of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and under the Governor's "Proclamation and Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency – COVID-19" and the Prince George's County State of Emergency Declaration, the County Council is operating under emergency procedures.

The Prince George's County Council will meet virtually until further notice. To encourage civic engagement, the Council has established an eComment portal to serve as an alternative method of public participation in the Council's virtual meetings. The portal allows citizens to register to speak on agenda items that are scheduled for public hearing and/or submit a comment or letter into the official public record, in lieu of verbal testimony.

eComment replaces the request to speak form.

Prince George's County Council
eComment Portal

Please note, that written testimony or comments will be accepted in electronic format, rather than by U.S. mail.

For those unable to use the portal, comments/written correspondence may be emailed to: **clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us** or faxed to **(301) 952-5178**. All testimony and comments received by the deadline will become part of the public record of the meeting and, when feasible, shared and noted at the meeting.

Registration and comment submissions should be received by 3:00 p.m. on the day BEFORE the meeting.

Testimony and comments will not be accepted via social media or by telephone/voice mail message.

For More Information on Public Hearing Notices and Signing Up to Speak:
<https://pgccouncil.us/458/Public-Hearing-Notices-Sign-Up-to-Speak>

Do Not Wait to Seek Medical Care





#PGCCOVID19

DO NOT WAIT

If you are sick, **DO NOT WAIT** to get medical care especially if it is difficult to breathe. If you get worse, call 911. If you can't talk, text "911" for immediate help.

If you got tested for COVID-19, do not wait for your results to get help.

COVID-19 testing in Prince George's County is available by appointment only. Call **(301) 883-6627**.
Need insurance? Call **(301) 927-4500**.

  **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
Prince George's County

State Beaches



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County Executive

STATE BEACHES

State beaches are opening for nearby residents for exercise and fresh air, not for beachgoers.

Governor Hogan's Stay-At-Home order remains in effect. Maryland residents must stay home except for essential activities.

If you leave home for an essential activity, please remember to practice social distancing and wear a face covering when in stores and on public transportation.



WSSC Water: Tips to Reduce Usage



YOU'RE SPENDING MORE TIME AT HOME BE MINDFUL OF YOUR WATER USE



TURN OFF
FAUCET WHEN
WASHING HANDS



TAKE A SHORTER
SHOWER



FIX ANY
WATER LEAKS



SAVE MORE WATER
BY USING THE
DISHWASHER



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