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Prince George's County's Department of Public Works & Transportation's

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DPW&T Has You Covered During COVID-19



Prince George's County Government Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Page

Our region and the world have been greatly impacted by COVID-19, Prince George's County Government is committed to providing you with the most up-to-date and accurate information to help you navigate this global pandemic. You can find pertinent information and updates

at: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/Coronavirus>

We're Still Working for You

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Senior meals being loaded for transport

DPW&T has changed some of our work practices to promote social distancing and a safe environment for our employees, as well as residents and those visiting Prince George's County, while we continue to carry out the duties of our agency. TheBus and Call-A-Bus are still providing public transportation for essential travel such as medical and grocery store visits.

We have also partnered with the Prince George's County Department of Family Services to ensure that seniors who usually receive meals at Senior Nutrition Program sites receive home deliveries. For more information about this service, please call 301-265-8475.



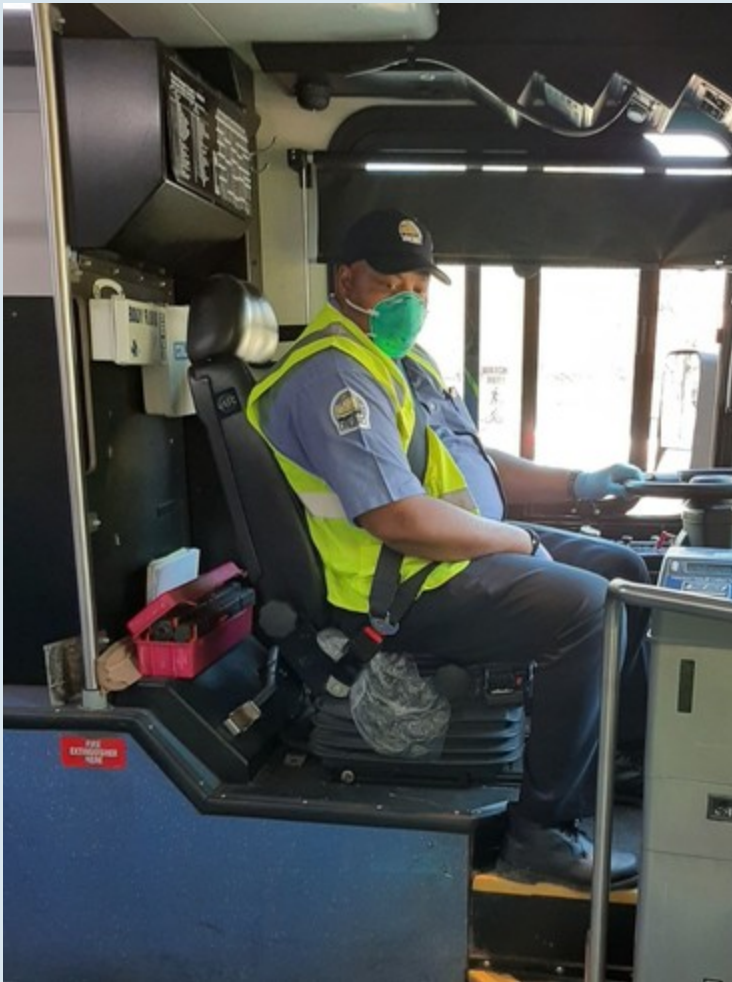
Bus stop improvements, road repaving, bridge replacements and other public works operation are being completed daily

The Office of Highway Maintenance, as well as our Office of Engineering and Project Management, have been hard at work. The reduction in traffic as a result of Governor Hogan's Stay At Home order, means that now is a good time to complete projects and resolve customer service requests (CSR). With so many people staying home and off the roads due to the coronavirus outbreak, there may be no better time to get that work done.

You can find more information about ongoing and upcoming projects by visiting our [Projects/Road Closures](#) page.

For service requests, utilize our 311 system online at countyclick311.com or by dialing 3-1-1.

TheBus Service Updates



Bus Operator Dixon donning a masks as he operates TheBus.

TheBus and Call-A-Bus continue to monitor the ever-changing crisis our region faces as we provide transportation throughout Prince George's County.

We have been scaling service since the pandemic's onset to fit the needs of our community, while keeping safety our top priority. One way that you can help is by boarding and exiting at the rear doors of TheBus, if possible. Riders with disabilities, mobility devices and parents with strollers can still board at the front. At this time, TheBus is free since we have suspended collection of fares to help minimize contact, promote social distancing and keep buses running according to schedule. Additionally, crews are disinfecting buses daily.

For updates on TheBus Service Reductions during COVID-19, visit: <http://ow.ly/wJp950yPQhS>



DPW&T crew member completing daily disinfection of TheBus fleet.

Face Coverings Required on All Maryland Public Transportation

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks

COVID-19
(Coronavirus)

EXECUTIVE ORDER

FACE COVERING REQUIRED

Effective Wednesday, April 15, 2020
County Executive Angela Alsobrooks requires that
All Prince George's County Residents & Visitors
must wear face coverings on ALL public
transportation and in ALL stores, including:

- Grocery stores
- Pharmacies
- Convenience stores
- Liquor stores

(You may use a homemade face covering like a bandanna, scarf, or t-shirt, or you may wear a disposable or cloth mask)

DON'T FORGET!

You must still practice
social distancing guidelines
~
6 feet of distance between
yourself and others.

Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
Prince George's County

An executive order requiring face coverings be worn on public transportation in Prince George's County went into effect April 15, 2020.

Governor Hogan and County Executive Alsobrooks have both mandated that face coverings be worn on all public transportation. With your help, these measures will help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- [Governor Hogan's Executive Order](#)
- [County Executive Alsobrooks' Executive Order](#)

If you don't have a face covering take a look at this at home mask making tutorial from CNN's Dr. Gupta [here](#).

#MasksOnMaryland



You can make masks easily at home from a bandana and hair ties, a t-shirt, or a scarf. **Please don't buy masks intended for health care professionals.**



Your cloth mask should fit snugly but comfortably and cover your nose and mouth. **As always, avoid touching your face as much as possible.**



Don't touch the front of your mask, and don't touch your face while removing it. **Wash your hands after taking it off and launder it frequently.**



Masks can help slow the spread of the virus, but it's still essential to **practice social distancing and stay home unless absolutely necessary.**

FOR HEALTH RESOURCES, VISIT [CORONAVIRUS.MARYLAND.GOV](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov).

Visit coronavirus.maryland.gov for more information.

Census 2020



WHAT IS THE U.S. CENSUS?

By law, every 10 years the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. Your participation determines representation and how billions in federal funds are distributed. If our community is undercounted, friends and neighbors miss out on an estimated **\$18,250 per person over a 10-year period.** Statewide, that's a total of \$26.6 billion over a 10-year period.



HOW THE U.S. CENSUS IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITY



REPRESENTATION
Determines the number of legislators Maryland has in U.S. House of Representatives.



SERVICES
Funds our roads, schools, SNAR, CHIR, WIC, school lunches, and many other programs.



COMMUNITY FUNDING
If our community is undercounted, we miss out on \$1,825 per person each year.



OUR FUTURE
Informs our planning for transportation, housing, schools, emergency response.



JOBS
Statistics help attract businesses and drive economic development.

EASY

You can complete your census survey by mail, phone, or online.

ACCESSIBLE

You can respond in 12 different languages over the phone or online.

SAFE

Your personal information is confidential, including citizenship and other sensitive data, by law.

The 2020 Census is available and your participation is vital. The Census is used to determine representation and the distribution of federal funding, including funding for roads.

If you don't participate your community will miss out on \$1,825 per person annually. By now every household should have received an invitation to take the 2020 Census. If you have not yet completed the Census, you can still complete it in just a few minutes.

The Census is available online and by phone, making it convenient to complete while you are home helping to stop the spread of COVID-19. Log on to my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020.

We'd Like to Hear from You



Although we are all staying home as much as possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, local and state health officials are encouraging everyone to responsibly participate in outdoor physical activities, like walking and biking while maintaining a social distance of at least six feet.

Walking, biking and pedestrian safety are important to us all and we would like your help planning for the future. The **Prince George's County Bike and Walk Survey** will be used to help shape the County's pedestrian and bicycle network plan. Please assist us by sharing and completing the survey, [here](#).

All participants who complete the survey and provide their contact information will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win a one-year membership to Capital Bikeshare. The raffle will take place once the COVID-19 pandemic is over.



Remember to be smart and do your part when going outside to get some exercise. Help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Maintain six feet of distance from others, do not play team or contact sports, and do not touch playground equipment.

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STAY HOME, SAVE LIVES

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