



COVID-19 REOPENING UPDATE

Remembering September 11, 2001



Today on Patriot Day, flags in Bowie and around the country are flying at half-staff to honor the memory of each person who lost their life as a result of the terrorist attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001.

We also honor the heroes of that terrible day and the days and months that followed. To those who rescued victims, who fought the fires, who managed the chaos, who cared for the injured, and who searched for survivors, we thank you and remember your sacrifices.

And, we know that many of you are still working as first responders and frontline workers to battle a new threat. To you, and to all frontline workers helping to get us through this pandemic – we appreciate your dedication and your hard work. Stay safe.

Friday, September 11, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,858 (+8) 20715: 363 (+2) 20716: 418 (+0) 20720: 466 (+2) 20721: 611 (+4)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 27,439 (+194) Total Deaths: 807 (+1) Ever hospitalized: 3,821 (+11) Case Rate per 100k: 10.68 Ranking: 32nd in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases 114,724 (+646) Deaths 3,828 (+4) Case Rate per 100k: 9.61 Released from Isolation: 7,186 (+20) = 6.2%
Testing MD Tests Completed: 2,150,638 (+22,614) Negative Tests: 1,318,152 (+8,503) MD Positivity Rate: 3.56% PGC Positivity Rate: 5.26%	Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker Currently Hospitalized: 369 3.0% Acute Care: 280 5.2% Intensive Care: 82 -3.2% Ever Hospitalized: 14,756 12.8%	
<i>* These figures represent changes in the last 24 hours</i>		

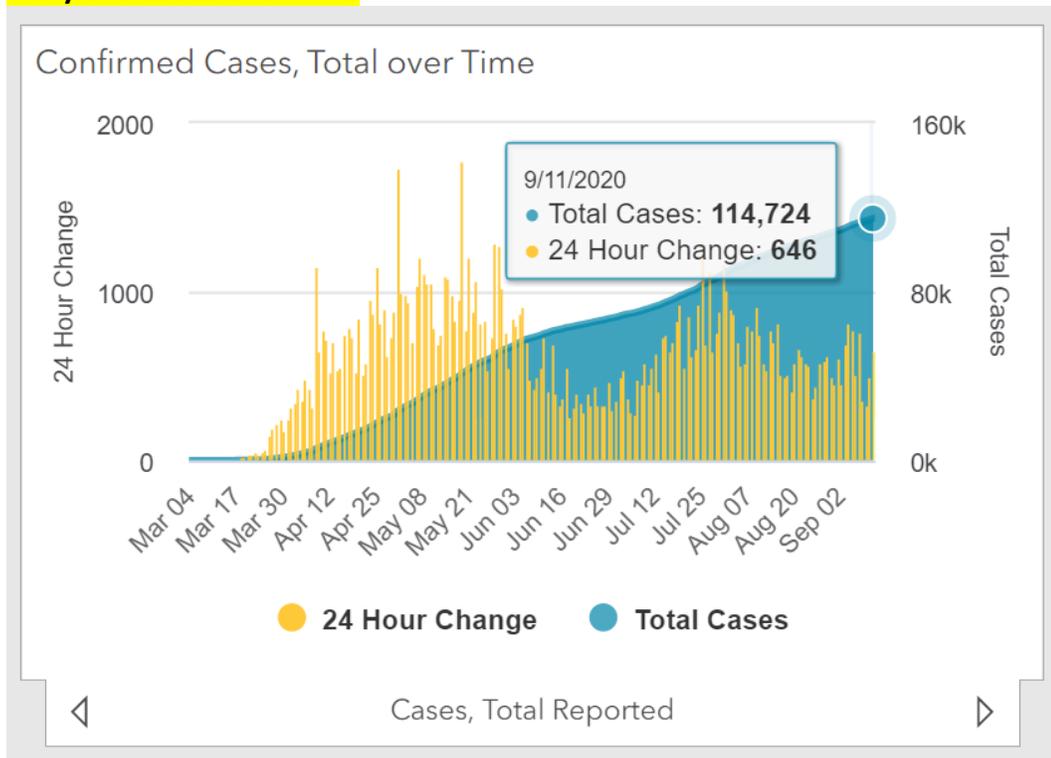
Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

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 Trends

New cases remain fairly stable in Maryland and the number of outbreaks in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, and other congregate living facilities around the state has been decreasing. While the US positivity rate has dropped to 8%, the CDC reports that 12 states have positivity rates between 11 and 20%.

Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

Some Unemployed Marylanders Are Now Eligible for Temporary Federal Supplemental Payment

The Maryland Department of Labor announced earlier this week that the Lost Wages Assistance [LWA] program begins today, Friday, September 11. The LWA program offers claimants an additional \$300 per week in retroactive federal benefits amid the coronavirus pandemic. Eligible claimants may receive up to 6 weeks of the extra benefit.

To qualify for the \$300 in federal benefits retroactive to the weeks ending August 1, 2020 through September 5, 2020, the federal program requires that claimants be eligible for a weekly benefit amount of at least \$100. Claimants will not need to file a separate application and will be notified of their eligibility for the LWA program in their BEACON One-Stop portal and by email.

Assisted Housing Relief Program

The state has launched the [Assisted Housing Relief Program](#), an eviction prevention program intended to help bring rental delinquencies current and provide relief for tenants through direct payments to their eligible property management company. Tenants in eligible properties will be credited rent rebates paid directly to the property management company, which will eliminate their rental debt and the threat of eviction. The program serves rental units in multifamily projects financed by DHCD's Community Development Administration using state funds or federal resources. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) Bans Utility Shutoffs Until November 15

In order to help households still struggling due to the effects of the pandemic, the Maryland Public

Service Commission has issued a ruling banning all utility shutoffs in the State of Maryland until after November 15. Learn more at the [Maryland PSC website](#).

Prince George's County Schools Meal Program

Free meals are available for pickup to all children ages 2 to 18 years old on Mondays and Wednesdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. , except on holidays. Children picking up meals do not have to show any form of identification. Adults picking up meals without children should show a student ID or most recent report card to support the number of meals requested. Information about pickup locations can be found on the [PGCPS website](#).

Covid-19 Special Enrollment Until December 15th Get Insurance! Stay Healthy!



Enrolling Is Easy:

- Get Free Assistance
- Get Financial Assistance (if applicable)
- Get Enrolled & Stay Healthy
- Everyone is Eligible to Apply

Call Healthcare Marketplace 301-925-8550

Other News

Get Lost in a Great Book With One of Our “Celebrity” Book Readers!

Bowie has teamed up with some local readers to provide a series of Read Aloud videos for our youngest residents. We hope you will enjoy seeing some familiar faces and have fun exploring some new books or getting reacquainted with some old favorites. We have launched this effort with five book readings that are available now; please check back often as we will be adding more books soon. We will also be adding craft “how to” videos to go with some of the books.

www.cityofbowie.org/readaloudbooks

Police Chief Talks about Use of Force in His Latest Chief Chat

View Chief John Nesky's latest [Chief Chat video](#) on YouTube and hear him talk about [Bowie Police Department's Use of Force Policy](#).

Election Information

Voters can cast their vote in the Presidential Election several different ways.

1. Mail-in Ballot

Any registered voter may vote by mail-in ballot. You don't need a reason to vote in this manner. It's

another way to vote if you don't want to or can't vote in person on Election Day or during the Early Voting period.

Mail in voting applications have been mailed to every registered voter. This is different from the primary election in June when registered voters automatically received their ballots by mail. For the General Election in November, **you must complete the application and return it to receive a mail-in ballot.**

You may also request a mail-in ballot application on the [State Board of Elections' website](#) at any time or call the Prince George's County Board of Elections to have one mailed to you. All mail-in ballot requests must be received at the Board of Elections by **October 20, 2020.**

Finally, you may also complete a mail-in ballot application in person at the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo. Currently, the office is open to the public by appointment only; call **301-341-7300** to make an appointment.

Ballots will be mailed out to those that have applied for them, at the end of September. **Once you have received and completed your mail-in ballot, you must mail or hand deliver your ballot to a voting location, a ballot drop-off box, or the Prince George's County Board of Elections (at the above mentioned address).** You cannot email or fax your completed mail-in ballot.

2. Early Voting

There will be 11 Prince George's County Early Voting Centers open October 26 through November 2, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Bowie Gymnasium, located at 4100 Northview Drive is one of these early voting sites.

3. On Election Day

There will also be 40 Election Day Vote Centers in Prince George's County open on November 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. View a list of these locations [here](#). Voters will be able to vote at any of these locations

Important Dates and Information:

- General Election: November 3, 2020, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- General Election Early Voting: Monday, October 26, 2020 - Monday, November 2, 2020, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- The City of Bowie Gymnasium will be a voting site for Early Voting and Election Day Voting; it will also have a drop-off box for completed mail-in ballots.
- The full list of Election Day Vote Centers and Early Voting locations can be found at the Prince George's County Board of Elections website.

[Prince George's County Board of Elections](#) 301-341-7300

[Maryland Board of Elections](#) 410-269-2840

The Census Countdown is On!

There are only **19 days left to complete the 2020 Census.** The final deadline for all responses is September 30.

Bowie is doing well compared to much of the country, in fact at 83.4% response rate, we're among the 600 best performing cities and towns in the US.

However, a response rate of 83% means that almost 17% of our households have not been counted yet, and every household not counted, equates to about \$18,000 in lost funding over 10 years. These areas

that are not being adequately counted are the very areas that will need well-funded services over the next 10 years.

Enumerators are knocking on doors all over Bowie now, trying to get non-responding households counted. You can avoid the knock on your door by completing your census now at www.2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020. The number to complete the census in Spanish is 844-468-2020.

If you would like to see how your neighborhood is doing in responding, visit www.cityofbowie.org/census.

Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Code Compliance – September 15, 7 p.m.

Bowie has regulations in place to ensure properties are being maintained in a safe and healthy manner. These regulations also help to keep our neighborhoods looking attractive, to protect the value of your property, and to instill a sense of pride in our community.

- Have you ever wondered how our Code Compliance Officers enforce these regulations?
- Would you like to know more about the standards you must maintain as a homeowner?
- Do you have questions about specific regulations?

We invite you to join us for **Code 101- Everything You Ever Want to Know About Bowie Code Compliance**. The virtual meeting will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m.** Register to participate at <https://bowie.fyi/Code>. Questions can be mailed in advance to publicinfo@cityofbowie.org or submitted during the meeting through Zoom.

