

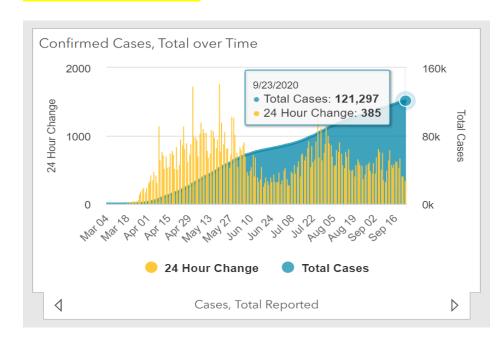
# Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,967 (+1) 20715: 383 (+1) 20716: 441 (+0) 20720: 489 (+0)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 28,784 (+69) Total Deaths: 821 (+3) Ever hospitalized: 3,972 (+14) Case Rate per 100k: 12.95 Ranking: 31st in the nation for highest number of cases.		Maryland Confirmed Cases 121,297 (+385) Deaths 3,902 (+7)	
20721: 654 (+0)			Case Rate per 100k: 8.66  Released from Isolation: 7,396 (+2) = 6.1%	
<b>Testing MD Tests Completed:</b> 2,441,225 (+19,158)		Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker		
<b>Negative Tests:</b> 1,430,808 (+7,706)		Currently Ho Acute Care:	ospitalized: 332 253	7.4% 9.0%
MD Positivity Rate: 2.63% PGC Positivity Rate: 3.94%		Intensive Car Ever Hospita		2.5% 12.5%
* These figures represent changes in the last 24 hours.				

Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

Visit the <u>Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard</u> to view data for all zip codes in the County and the <u>Maryland dashboard</u> for statewide data.

# **Maryland Cases Over Time**



Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

### **COVID Data Trends**

Hospitalizations across Maryland are up slightly but still good. The state's 7-day positivity rate and the daily positivity rate are below 3%. Prince George's positivity rate for today is also below 4%.

### Pop-up COVID Testing Site in Bowie This Friday

The Prince George's County Health Department will conduct a drive-through COVID-19 testing site at the Bowie Senior Center on **Friday, September 25, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** (Walk ups are also permitted.)

#### **Details:**

- Tests are free
- You need not have symptoms to be tested
- Minimum age for testing is 10 years old
- If you have been tested previously by the Health Department, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - have a known/suspected exposure to a positive case
  - have symptoms
  - are part of a County contact tracing case investigation and were directed to be tested
  - The Health Department also considers other retest requests on a case-by-case basis.
  - The on-site registered nurse will assess and determine if retesting outside of the above criteria meets CDC guidelines.
- The Health Department can usually conduct about 100 tests in a 2-hour period.

The Senior Center is located at 14900 Health Center Drive. More information about testing can be found at health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting.



# Johns Hopkins Officials Warn of 'Twin-Demic'

Health officials at Johns Hopkins University are warning the public to be aware of the so-called "twindemic" of the flu and the coronavirus. They are concerned that the coronavirus and flu season coinciding at the same time could stretch the healthcare system to its limits. You can help by doing your part – wear a mask in public, social distance, wash hands often, and get a flu shot this fall.

## U.S. Fatality Milestone Underscores Need to Remain Vigilant

With more than 200,000 U.S. fatalities due to COVID-19, it is critical to remain vigilant about the actions we can all take to prevent illness, for both our own health and that of our neighbors. There are still many unknowns about the long-term effects of COVID-19. While some people may experience mild illness or no symptoms at all, others may be sick for weeks, even if they did not have underlying health conditions.

### Phase 3 Vaccine Trials in the United States

There are now four companies in Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccination trials in the United States. The latest trial to move to Stage 3 is Johnson and Johnson's. It is different in that it is being developed to possibly need only one dose of the vaccine. The other three plan to be administered in two doses, on different dates.

#### **Other News**

# **Upcoming Virtual Meetings**

- 9/23, 7 p.m. Public Hearing on Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for Community Development Block Grant Program
- 9/24, 6 p.m. Public Hearing on Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report, 6 p.m.
- 9/24, 7 p.m. Encompass Health Stakeholders Meeting
- 9/26, 9 a.m. Virtual City Council Worksession and Retreat
- 9/29, 7 p.m. Virtual Town Hall Meeting for Old Bowie/Huntington

Visit <a href="www.cityofbowie.org/calendar.aspx">www.cityofbowie.org/calendar.aspx</a> for more information and links to the virtual meetings.

### Virtual City Council Retreat/Worksession

The City Council will meet for a retreat/worksession this Saturday, September 26 to discuss several items. Since this is a discussion and no formal actions will be taken, there will be no opportunity for public comment. The discussion is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 1 p.m.

## Agenda topics include:

- Stance on Economic Development/John Henry's King's recent poll
- Black Lives Matter Legislation
- City Council Rules of Procedure
- Council Priorities
- Lobbyist Agenda for next General Assembly Session
- Master Plan
- Taxes
- City's Financial Position as it Relates to COVID
- Process for Committee Interviews/Appointments during COVID

The retreat/worksession will be broadast live on the Bowie Government channel (Verizon 10/Comcast 71 & 996), on YouTube (@cityofbowiemd), and on the city website at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings.

### Old Town Bowie/Huntington Town Hall Meeting

Residents of Old Bowie/Huntington: Do you have questions or comments about local issues such as crime, traffic, and economic development? Please join the virtual Town Hall meeting to get your questions answered and share your thoughts about your community's needs. The meeting will take place on Zoom. The Zoom link is http://bowie.fyi/oldbowietownhall.

Some of the items to be discussed are listed below:

- New businesses moving into Old Bowie
- Parking challenges and resident feedback on parking
- 10th Street Park improvements
- Crime on 6th Street, speed bikes, policing
- Code enforcement questions and issues
- Road and sidewalk improvements and challenges
- Interest in new development, possible senior center

This meeting has been organized by District 1 Councilmember Michael Esteve. The Mayor and other members of the Council have been invited to participate as well.

## Stakeholders Meeting on New Physical Therapy/Rehabilitation Center Proposed for Melford

Encompass Health has submitted a Detailed Site Plan application that proposes the construction a one-story, 60-bed physical therapy/rehabilitation center in the Melford development. A virtual stakeholders meeting will take place via Zoom on September 24 at 7 p.m. Register at <a href="http://bowie.fyi/StakeholdersMeeting924">http://bowie.fyi/StakeholdersMeeting924</a>.

### Only 7 Days Remaining to Complete Your Census



#### **Election Information**

- <u>List of Election Day Vote Centers and Early Voting locations</u> for Prince George's County.
- Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers) about the Election
- Prince George's County Board of Elections 301-341-7300
- Maryland Board of Elections 410-269-2840



**Early Voting** 

Hours: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.