



# TODAY'S COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

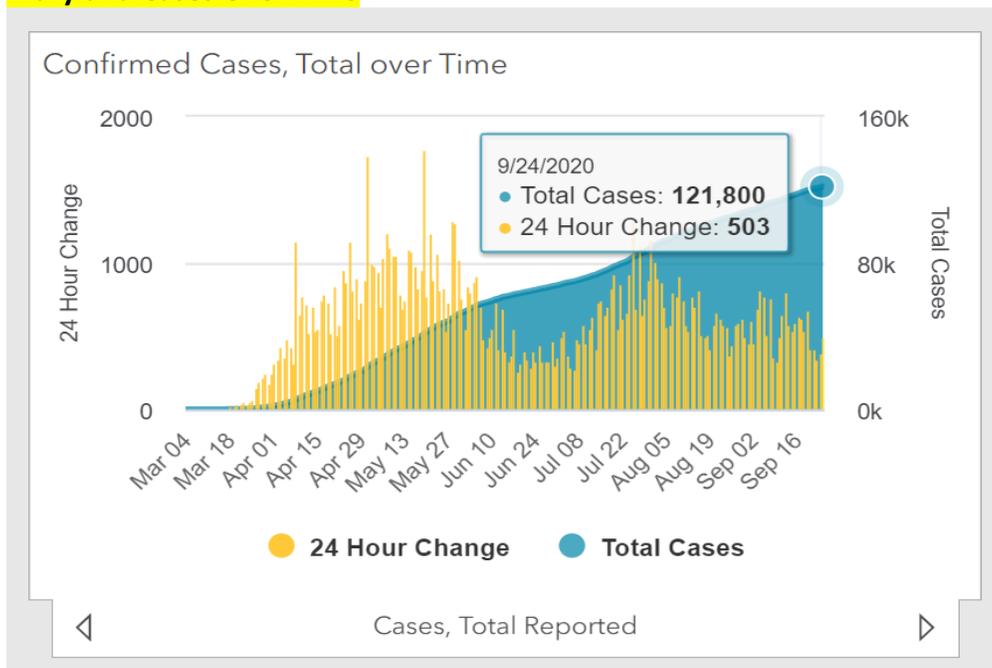
**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

<b>Bowie Confirmed Cases:</b> 1,972 (+5)  20715: 386 (+3) 20716: 442 (+1) 20720: 489 (+0) 20721: 655 (+1)	<b>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases:</b> 28,887 (+103)  <b>Total Deaths:</b> 822 (+1) <b>Ever hospitalized:</b> 3,979 (+7) <b>Case Rate per 100k:</b> 11.78  <b>Ranking:</b> 32 <sup>nd</sup> in the nation for highest number of cases.	<b>Maryland Confirmed Cases</b> 121,800 (+503)  <b>Deaths</b> 3,909 (+7)  <b>Case Rate per 100k:</b> 8.06  Released from Isolation: 7,416 (+20) = 6%
<b>Testing</b> <b>MD Tests Completed:</b> 2,464,927 (+23,702) <b>Negative Tests:</b> 1,439,779 (+8,971)  <b>MD Positivity Rate:</b> 2.63% <b>PGC Positivity Rate:</b> 3.7%	<b>Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</b> Currently Hospitalized: 349 <b>5.1%</b> Acute Care: 268 <b>5.9%</b> Intensive Care: 81 <b>2.8%</b> Ever Hospitalized: 15,299 <b>12.5%</b>	
<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.

## Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 dashboard

## COVID Data Trends

Today's case rate per 100,000 residents is 8.06 for Maryland and 11.78 for Prince George's County. Positivity rates for the state (2.63%) and county (3.7%) are good and trending downward as well. These metrics, along with the number of people a positive person infects (infection rate) are the three figures county officials are watching closely to determine when it is safe to move to the next phase of recovery.

## Prince George's County Executive Says Metrics are Improving

In public comments this morning, County Executive Alsobrooks said that the county's COVID-19 metrics were improving, but it was still too soon to move to Phase 3.

Health officials are looking for the following thresholds to be consistently met before taking the next step in reopening:

- **A positivity rate below 5%.**  
The County's positivity rate has greatly improved. It briefly dipped below 5% for a day, but went back up last week. Today's rate is 3.7%.
- **Infection rate at .9 or lower**  
Infection rates measure how many people are infected by a person who has the virus. The County's current rate is 1.05. The state's rate is 9.9. The goal is to consistently reach a rate of .9 or lower.
- **News cases per 100K residents at or below 5.0**  
At present, Prince George's County is averaging 11.7 new cases per 100K residents. That is considered in the "high risk" category.

## Other announcements made during the County Executive's press conference:

- The County's Animal Services Facility will reopen to the public for intake and adoptions. Appointments are required and other restrictions apply. Visit [environment.mypgc.us](http://environment.mypgc.us) for more information.
- County officials estimate that more than 11,000 residents remain uncaptured in the 2020 census.
- Today, the state began mailing ballots to those who have already applied for them. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is October 20.
- There will be 42 ballot drop boxes in the county. Half will be in place next week, and the remaining ones will be delivered by October 15.

## 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. and 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.
  - Those tested will be notified of their results within 3-4 days. They will also be provided with instructions on how to access an online portal for their results.

The Senior Center is located at 14900 Health Center Drive. More information about testing can be found at [health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting](http://health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting).



**POP-UP  
TESTING SITE**  
DRIVE-THROUGH AND WALK-UP TESTING

**WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.**  
**BOWIE SENIOR CENTER**  
**14900 HEALTH CENTER DRIVE**  
**BOWIE, MD 20716**

**[ SYMPTOMS OR NO SYMPTOMS ]**

**GET A FREE COVID-19 TEST FROM THE  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- **NO APPOINTMENT**
- **NO DOCTOR'S NOTE**





### Johns Hopkins Officials Warn of 'Twin-Demic'

Health officials at Johns Hopkins University are warning the public to be aware of the so-called “twin-demic” 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. It could also be very dangerous for someone to come down with the flu at the same time that they are battling COVID-19. 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.

## Other News

### Upcoming Virtual Meetings

- 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 Retreat/Worksession
- 9/29, 7 p.m. – Virtual Town Hall Meeting for Old Bowie/Huntington

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar.aspx](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar.aspx) for more information and links to the virtual meetings. Please note: The 30-day comment period for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report and the Community Development Block Grant Program CAPER Report are underway. Submit comments to [kstarr@cityofbowie.org](mailto:kstarr@cityofbowie.org).

### 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 <http://bowie.fyi/StakeholdersMeeting924>.

### Community Chat Series to Gather Input for Master Plan Update

The Prince George's County Planning Department is hosting a series of virtual chats about our community. This information will be used as the department formulates an update to the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan. During these virtual sessions, planning staff will lead/facilitate discussion of the eight key planning elements highlighted in the upcoming master plan. Topics and dates are listed below. The first chat about public facilities took place on 9/22.

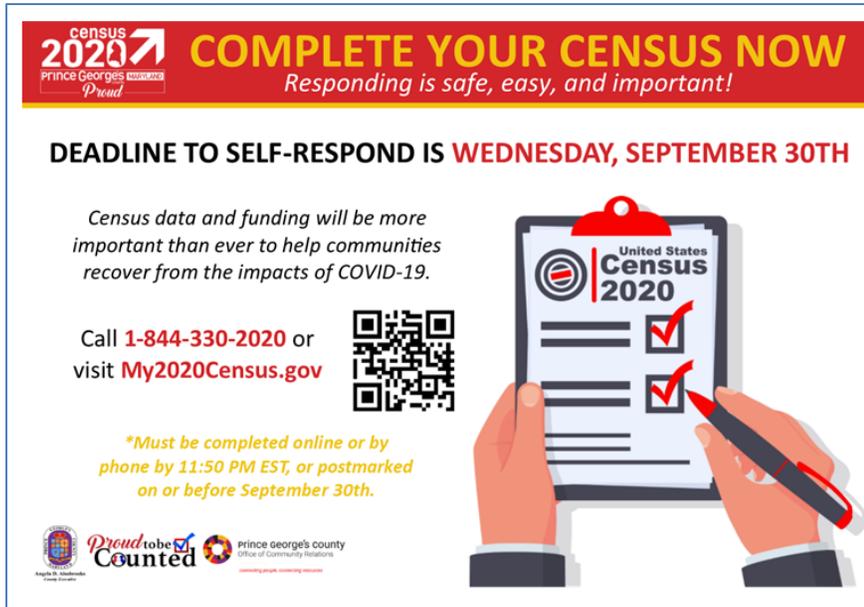
**NOTE:** The Community Chats will be held completely online with a link to the meetings being made available prior to the start of the meeting. **Interested community members are strongly encouraged to RSVP for these meetings.** For questions and comments, please email the project team at [BVMP@ppd.mncppc.org](mailto:BVMP@ppd.mncppc.org).

### Master Plan Community Chat Schedule

Date	Time	Topic	RSVP
September 24	6 to 7 p.m.	Land Use	<a href="#">RSVP for the September 24 event</a>
September 30	7 to 8 p.m.	Housing and Neighborhoods	<a href="#">RSVP for the September 30 event</a>
October 1	6 to 7 p.m.	Healthy Communities	<a href="#">RSVP for the October 1 event</a>
October 6	7 to 8 p.m.	Economic Prosperity	<a href="#">RSVP for the October 6 event</a>
October 8	6 to 7 p.m.	Natural Environment	<a href="#">RSVP for the October 8 event</a>
October 12	7 to 8 p.m.	Community Heritage, Culture & Design	<a href="#">RSVP for the October 12 event</a>
October 14	6 to 7 p.m.	Transportation and Mobility	<a href="#">RSVP for the October 14 event</a>

## Only 6 Days Remaining to Complete Your Census

Bowie's self-response rate currently stands at 83.6%. Make sure that every Bowie household is counted. Complete the census now at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 to complete it by phone. (Spanish language line: 844-468-2020)



The poster features a red header with the text "census 2020 Prince Georges County Proud" and "COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS NOW Responding is safe, easy, and important!". Below this, it states "DEADLINE TO SELF-RESPOND IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH". A central illustration shows hands holding a "United States Census 2020" form with two red checkmarks. Text on the left includes "Census data and funding will be more important than ever to help communities recover from the impacts of COVID-19.", "Call 1-844-330-2020 or visit My2020Census.gov", and a QR code. A note at the bottom left says "\*Must be completed online or by phone by 11:50 PM EST, or postmarked on or before September 30th." Logos for "Proud to be Counted" and "prince georges county Office of Community Relations" are at the bottom.

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## Election Information

Today the State Board of Elections began sending out mail-in ballots to those who applied for them. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is October 20.

- [List of Election Day Vote Centers and Early Voting locations](#) 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
- [Prince George's County FAQ page](#) about the General Election

**Register to VOTE! TODAY!**

The deadline to register to vote in the 2020 General Election is **October 13, 2020**. Don't wait to register and make your voice heard!

**Registering to vote is easy:**

- GO ONLINE** to [elections.maryland.gov](https://elections.maryland.gov)
- TEXT VOTE** to 77788
- CALL** (301) 341-7300 to have a form mailed to you
- FILL OUT** an application in person at the County Board of Elections

**County Board of Elections**  
 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A  
 Largo, MD 20774  
 Monday-Friday | 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
[elections.mypgc.us](https://elections.mypgc.us)

### Upcoming Grab & Go Meal Distribution Events

- **Friday, September 25 at 12:30 PM (Prepared Meals)**
  - Beltsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church – 4220 Ammendale Road, Beltsville
  - First Baptist Church of District Heights – 7234 Lansdale Street, District Heights
  - Turner A.M.E. Church – 7201 16th Place, Hyattsville (Prepared Meals & Groceries)
- **Saturday, September 26 (Groceries)**
  - First Baptist Church of Highland Park (11:00 AM) – 6801 Sheriff Road, Landover
  - Ebenezer Church of God (11:30 AM) – 7550 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills

If you're in need of food assistance, be sure to stop by one of these locations this week. Call 3-1-1 for more information.

### Food Drive for Bowie Pantry – October 4

Help support those in need by donating food and other personal items to the Bowie Pantry. A drive-through food drive takes place 10/4, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Kenhill Center. Monetary donations, made out to the Bowie Interfaith Pantry, will also be accepted.