



TODAY'S COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

Monday, October 5, 2020

The following chart represents changes since Friday, 10/2 (3 days). Below the chart is a breakdown of cases by day for each of the previous three days.

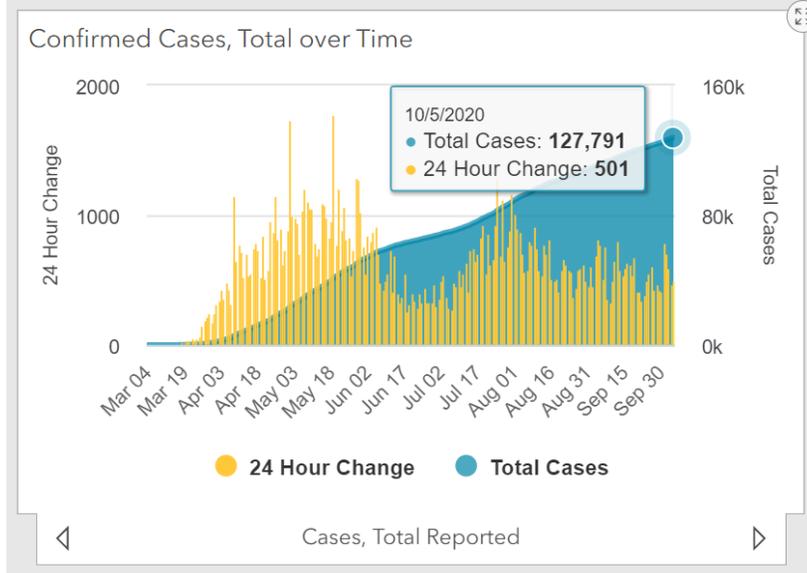
Bowie Confirmed Cases: 2091 (+28) 20715: 407 (+6) 20716: 473 (+10) 20720: 509 (+4) 20721: 694 (+8)	Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 30,088 (+297*) Total Deaths: 830 (+3*) Ever hospitalized: 4,018 (+2) Case Rate per 100k: 12.47 Infection Rate: 0.95** Ranking: 32 nd in the nation for highest number of cases.	Maryland Confirmed Cases 127,791 (+1,569*) Deaths 3,961 (+11*) Case Rate per 100k: 9.18 Infection Rate: 1.01** Released from Isolation: 7,657 (+51) = 5.9%
Testing MD Tests Completed: 2,734,800 (+19,570) Negative Tests: 1,540,526 (+7,969) MD Positivity Rate: 3.04% PGC Positivity Rate: 4.78%	Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker Currently Hospitalized: 338 4.6%* Acute Care: 253 4.1%* Intensive Care 85 6.2%* Ever Hospitalized 15,745 12.3%	
* These figures represent changes since Friday, 9/25 (3-day change)		
** The infection rate represents a 7-day rolling average. Last updated 10/3.		

	MD Cases	PG Cases	Bowie Cases
10/2	126,222	29,791	2063
10/3	+597	+114	+16
10/4	+471	+99	+7
10/5	+501	+84	+5
	127,791	30,088	2,091

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

US hot spots have shifted from southern urban areas to more rural areas in the center of the country. North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana are among several states that are experiencing significant increases in new cases.

Maryland's positivity rate is back above 3% and the County's rate is up slightly as well.

Prince George's County Metrics

Prince George's County remains in Reopening Phase 2. It is not likely to move to Phase 3 for a few more weeks or until three key metrics for COVID suppression show consistent and sustained progress.

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	4.78	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	12.47	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	Medium risk	Low risk range (<.9)

(*) Red represents an increase in these figures. Green would represent a decrease.

Restrictions Eased on Nursing Home Visits and Childcare Facilities

Governor Hogan ordered changes for nursing homes and childcare facilities last week:

- Indoor visitation can resume at nursing home facilities** where no new cases have been reported in 14 days or more. Compassionate care visits in support of residents in need of emotional and spiritual support may also resume. Rapid antigen tests can be used to screen visitors. The state will commit an additional \$6 million to help facilities cover the cost of nursing home staff testing.
- Childcare providers in Maryland** are now able to return to the full teacher to child ratios and capacities for which they are licensed. Childcare centers can now serve up to 20 three- and four-year-olds in a room with a ratio of one teacher to 10 students and up to 30 school-age students with a ratio of one teacher to 15 students.

[View announcement](#)

Other News

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

- 10/5, 8 p.m. – City Council Meeting (Agenda items: Resolution Declaring Black Lives Matter and Advancing Racial and Intersectional Equity, Police Department Update, City Development Policies, and Golf Course)
- 10/13, 7 p.m. – Bowie Advisory Planning Board Meeting re: Encompass Health Facility at Melford
- 10/18, 8 p.m. – City Council Meeting
- 10/21, 7 p.m. – Hall Road Annexation Discussion

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/calendar.aspx for more information and links to the virtual meetings.

County Seeks Input on Bowie Master Plan Update

The County Planning Department is working on an update to the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan. The Master Plan will carefully examine existing conditions and issues, and revisit the vision for the area. This document will also help to guide development in the area for the next several years. The project team is interested in engaging the community as much as possible in the process through a series of virtual chats on eight different planning elements. Visit www.mncppc.org/4957/Community-Chat-Series for the Zoom links to each chat.

October Master Plan Chats:



Bowie-Mitchellville & Vicinity
MASTER PLAN

Community Chat Series

October 1, 2020 6:00-7:00 p.m. Healthy Communities	October 12, 2020 7:00-8:00 p.m. Community Heritage, Culture & Design
October 6, 2020 7:00-8:00 p.m. Economic Prosperity	October 14, 2020 6:00-7:00 p.m. Transportation and Mobility
October 8, 2020 6:00-7:00 p.m. Natural Environment	<i>Post chats will be available on the website (see link to the right).</i>

During these **virtual sessions**, planning staff will lead/facilitate discussion of the eight key planning elements highlighted in the upcoming master plan.

Visit mncppc.org/4957/Community-Chat-Series for more information.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
Prince George's County Planning Department



Meals Giveaway for Seniors Age 60+

County Council Chair Todd Turner and the Prince George's County Department of Family Services have teamed up to provide meals to seniors who live in County Council District 4 (Bowie/Greenbelt).

- Meals are provided by Martin's Catering.
- Seniors must preregister to be eligible for this giveaway. [Registration form](#)

- All information requested on the form must be provided
- Then scan and return form to ejarchie@co.pg.md.us
- Or contact Evelyn Archie to apply by phone or text a picture of the completed form to her at 240-619-9775
- Registration deadline is October 7
The Bowie pickup date: October 16 at the Bowie Senior Center
- Masks must be worn at pickup

About Halloween

Last week, the CDC issued guidance that ranks the risks of various activities associated with Halloween. Traditional trick or treating or a trunk and treat events are ranked as high-risk activities. The [CDC Halloween guidance document](#) offers suggestions for some safer alternatives to door-to-door trick or treating.

The City of Bowie is awaiting guidance from the Prince George’s County Health Department about Halloween. When that it is released, we will publicize it widely and will likely recommend that Bowie residents follow whatever the local health officials are advising.

Hydrant Flushing Underway

The City of Bowie Public Works Department will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program in areas served by City water. Hydrant flushing began **September 28, 2020** and will take place Monday through Friday from approximately **9 a.m. until 3 p.m.** in accordance with the following schedule:

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will take place in areas served by Bowie Water, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., according to the schedule below:

DATES	NEIGHBORHOODS
SEPT 28 & 29	Buckingham, Derbyshire, & Forest Dr
SEPT 30 & OCT 1	Somerset & Bowie Forest
OCT 1 & 2	Tulip Grove
OCT 5 & 6	Foxhill & Long Ridge
OCT 7, 8 & 9	Kenilworth
OCT 12	Heather Hills
OCT 13, 14 & 15	Meadowbrook
OCT 16	Gradys Walk & Glenridge
OCT 19	Chapel Forge
OCT 20	Victoria Heights & Race Track Rd Townhouses
OCT 21	Idlewild
OCT 22	Yorktown & Overbrook
OCT 23	Whitehall
OCT 26	Rockledge

Flushing may cause some discoloration of the water for up to 24 hours.
Clothes washing should be avoided during this time.

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/flushing for more information

Election Information

Are you registered to vote? You still have time register if you have not already done so.

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
- 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

Mail-in Voting

- If you have already requested a mail-in ballot:
- Monitor your mailbox. The mailing of mail-in ballots is underway.
- Once you receive your ballot, fill it out completely, place it in the return envelope, sign the voter oath on the envelope, and seal the envelope.
- Return it to a secure ballot drop box located throughout the County by 8 p.m. on November 3, or via mail with a postmark on or before November 3. A secure ballot drop box has now been placed outside the City Gymnasium and is being guarded 24/hours a day.

Links to more information

- [List of Ballot Drop Boxes](#) (not all boxes have been delivered yet)
- [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

Get Counted Bowie!

As a result of a federal court order, the census deadline has been extended to October 31. If you have not completed your census, please do it now. It only takes 10 minutes! Make sure that every Bowie household is counted. Complete the census now at www.my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete it by phone. (Spanish language line: 844-468-2020).