



COVID-19 UPDATE

Monday, October 12, 2020

We have modified the information that is provided to you each day in this update. We are now focusing on the key metrics that are being tracked and analyzed to identify trends and to make reopening decisions. These metrics include case numbers, positivity rates, infection rate, and cases per 100,000 residents. On Mondays, we will also provide a weekly summary of hospitalizations and deaths.

COVID-19 New Case Tracking							
	20715	20716	20720	20721	Bowie Cases	Prince George's Cases	Maryland Cases
Today	417 (+2)	483 (+1)	522 (+1)	726 (+1)	2,148 (+5)	30,762 (+70)	131,861 (+504)
11-Oct	+1	+1	+2	+3	+7	+71	+562
10-Oct	+1	+2	+0	+3	+6	+119	+636
9-Oct	+2	+2	+3	+6	+13	+146	+734
8-Oct	+1	+1	+4	+1	+7	+130	+761
7-Oct	+1	+0	+2	+6	+9	+73	+460
6-Oct	409	476	510	706	2,101	30,153	126,222

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	254,619 (+1,181)	3.81%	2,916,220 (+23,955)	2.76%
11-Oct	253,438	3.92%	2,892,265	2.83%
10-Oct	252,081	4.10%	2,863,083	2.79%
9-Oct	250,293	4.42%	2,829,423	2.87%
8-Oct	248,813	4.25%	2,802,303	2.79%
7-Oct	247,251	4.29%	2,773,280	2.90%
6-Oct	246,114	4.41%	2,752,546	2.95%

Infection Rates		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
11-Oct	1.01	1.08
10-Oct	1.01	1.08
9-Oct	1.01	1.07
8-Oct	1.01	1.07
7-Oct	1.01	1.07
6-Oct	1.01	1.07
5-Oct	1.00	1.06
14-Day Weighted Average	1.00	1.06

Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	10.81	9.61
11-Oct	11.25	9.40
10-Oct	11.71	9.30
9-Oct	11.61	9.25
8-Oct	11.50	9.31
7-Oct	11.58	9.20
6-Oct	12.30	9.24

Weekly Summary of COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Deaths				
	Prince George's Hospitalizations	Maryland Hospitalizations	Prince George's County Deaths	Maryland Deaths
Today	4,046 (+4)	16,107 (+49)	837 (+1)	4,003 (+4)
11-Oct	+0	+52	+3	+5
10-Oct	+5	+50	+0	+5
9-Oct	+8	+58	+0	+10
8-Oct	+6	+55	+2	+6
7-Oct	+8	+52	+0	+6
6-Oct	4,023	15,791	831	3,967

Key	
Cases	<i>Represents the daily number of new positive cases.</i>
Positivity Rate	<i>The 7-day positivity rate is a rolling weekly average of the percent of new cases relative to the number of tests conducted. The goal is a positivity rate consistently below 5%.</i>
Cases per 100K persons	<i>Measures how widespread the virus is in a community. The goal is to have fewer than 5 new cases per 100K persons.</i>
Infection rate	<i>Shows how many people are infected by each positive case. The goal is an infection rate at or below 0.9.</i>
Data sources: <i>Except for the infection rate, all data provided here is from the State of Maryland's COVID dashboard. The infection rate is tracked by www.covidactnow.org. It is subject to adjustments and may have a 1-3 day lag time in reporting.</i>	

COVID Data Trends

Statewide, the percentage of cases in the younger age ranges, especially among those ages 20 - 29, continues to increase, while the number of new cases in the older age ranges is declining. Maryland hospitalizations decreased this weekend.

The US COVID-19 mortality is declining slowly. In fact, the recent rates are the lowest daily averages seen since July 10. However almost 700 Americans are still dying each day from the disease.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	3.81	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	10.81	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.01	Low risk range (<.9)

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

Halloween 2020

The City of Bowie will follow the recommendations of the CDC and the Prince George's County regarding Halloween. This means **we strongly recommend against traditional door-to-door trick or treating or trunk or treat events this year.**

Instead, the County Health Department has come up with some tips and suggestions for a safe Halloween and the City is working on some virtual activities/contests for families, including a costume contest, scarecrow making, and a pumpkin carving competition. Visit www.cityofbowie.org/fallfun for details.

- [Ideas for a Safe Halloween](#)
- [CDC Guidance on Halloween](#)

Maryland Wants to See Your Mask

Governor Larry Hogan announced the launch of the *#MasksOnMaryland Challenge* in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health. To support the State's ongoing health and economic recovery, Governor Hogan is challenging all residents, communities, local organizations, and businesses to participate by posting a picture or video wearing a mask to social media with the hashtag #MasksOnMaryland.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC published updated information about the risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 for adults and children with certain conditions. Data show that adults are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 if they have a body mass index of 30 or higher; smoke or have a history of smoking; or have underlying conditions such as cancer, heart conditions, Type 2 diabetes, or compromised immune systems.

Children are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 if they have conditions such as asthma, diabetes, severe genetic disorders, and inherited metabolic disorders. However, it is not yet known who is most at risk for the rare but serious complication from COVID-19 called Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C).

Food Giveaways

Over the next several weeks, the City of Bowie will be distributing emergency food supplies to those in need at five upcoming events. The first event is this Saturday, October 17 at Rockledge Elementary School from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. or until all food is given away. Each family will receive non-perishable items, including ingredients for a selection of meals. Funding for this program comes from the CARES Act.

Recipients should bring identification, a piece of mail addressed to your City of Bowie address, and a mask and remain in their vehicle when they arrive. Staff will verify eligibility, and volunteers will load food into vehicles. For your safety, volunteers will wear masks and gloves.

Note: Only City of Bowie residents are eligible for this program. Each recipient will be required to show identification and a piece of mail with a Bowie address on it in order to participate.



Governor Extends State of Emergency in Maryland

On October 6, Governor Hogan renewed his *Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID-19* that was first issued on March 6, 2020. Among other things the declaration authorizes the revised voting procedures that have been put in place for the November election and restates recommendations regarding the use of face coverings in public settings to the extent possible, continued social distancing, and avoiding large gatherings. It also means that all MVA expirations and deadlines for driver's licenses, vehicle registration, vehicle emissions testing remain extended until after the emergency.

Prince George's Schools System Invites Parents to Complete Survey on Distance Learning

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect us all in countless ways, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) administrators, teachers and staff continue to adapt their practices to meet the needs of students and families. Six weeks into the school year, they want to know how distance learning is working for your family. PGCPS asks that you complete the survey by Sunday, October 18.

[PGCPS Distance Learning Survey for Parents, Fall 2020](#)

Other News

Upcoming Virtual Meetings & Other Events

- 10/13, 7 p.m. – Bowie Advisory Planning Board Meeting re: Encompass Health Facility at Melford
- 10/19, 8 p.m. – City Council Meeting
- 10/21, 7 p.m. – Hall Road Annexation Discussion
- 10/24, 10 a.m. – Drug Takeback Day at the Bowie Police Department
- 10/26, 6 p.m. – Mayor Adams' Virtual State of the City Address – details coming soon

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

Prescription Drug Take Back Day



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:

Walktober

Did you know that walking is the state exercise of Maryland and that the Governor has proclaimed this month as *Walktober*? It's a great time to be outdoors, enjoying the changing scenery, and getting some exercise. There are wonderful trails all over Maryland to explore, including many right in our own backyard.

To help you explore what's nearby, we've created two videos:

- [Walking in Bowie Parks](#)
- [Washington Baltimore & Annapolis \(WBA\) Trail](#)

Leaf Collection Begins November 2

Curbside vacuum leaf collection begins on Monday, November 2. Each single family neighborhood in the city will have two collection dates. Leaves must be raked to the edge of the curb, but not in the street, by

7 a.m. on your scheduled date. See the schedule at www.cityofbowie.org/leafcollection. It will also be published in the Bowie Blade-News at the end of this month.

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.



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).