



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Wednesday, October 14, 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
<b>Today</b>	<b>424 (+1)</b>	<b>484 (+0)</b>	<b>528 (+2)</b>	<b>736 (+3)</b>	<b>2,172 (+6)</b>	<b>30,969 (+91)</b>	<b>132,918 (+575)</b>
13-Oct	+6	+1	+4	+7	+18	+116	+482
12-Oct	+2	+1	+1	+1	+5	+70	+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	<b>411</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>30,356</b>	<b>129,425</b>

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
<b>Today</b>	<b>257,143 (+1,282)</b>	<b>5.34%</b>	<b>2,956,824 (+21,891)</b>	<b>3.09%</b>
13-Oct	+1242	4.30%	+18,713	2.87%
12-Oct	+1,181	3.81%	+23,955	2.76%
11-Oct	+1,357	3.92%	+29,182	2.83%
10-Oct	+1,788	4.10%	+33,660	2.79%
9-Oct	+1,480	4.42%	+27,120	2.87%
8-Oct	+1,562	4.25%	+29,023	2.79%

Infection Rates		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
12-Oct	0.97	1.05
11-Oct	0.98	1.05
10-Oct	0.98	1.05
9-Oct	0.98	1.05
8-Oct	0.98	1.05
7-Oct	0.98	1.05
6-Oct	0.98	1.05
<b>14-Day Weighted Average</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.05</b>

Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
<b>Today</b>	<b>11.39</b>	<b>9.78</b>
13-Oct	10.59	9.62
12-Oct	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

Key	
<b>Cases</b>	<i>Represents the daily number of new positive cases.</i>
<b>Positivity Rate</b>	<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>
<b>Cases per 100K persons</b>	<i>Measures how widespread the virus is in a community. The goal is to have fewer than 5 new cases per 100K persons.</i>
<b>Infection rate</b>	<i>Shows how many people are infected by each positive case. The goal is an infection rate at or below 0.9.</i>
<b>Data sources:</b> <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 <a href="http://www.covidactnow.org">www.covidactnow.org</a>. It is subject to adjustments and may have a 1 to 3-day lag time in reporting.</i>	

### COVID Data Trends

Maryland hospitalizations increased to 416 today, with ICU cases showing the largest increase. The good news is there are no new COVID-related hospitalizations reported in Prince George's County today. Almost all jurisdictions in the National Capital Region had an increase in cases over the last seven days. Johns Hopkins is reporting that new cases are up over last week in more than 30 states, with North Dakota now having the most cases per capita.

### Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.34%	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	11.39	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.97	Low risk range (<.9)

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

## Vaccine Trials Update

Johnson and Johnson's late stage COVID vaccine trial has been temporarily halted due to an unexplained illness in one of those involved in the trial until it can be determined if the illness is related to the vaccine. An independent Data Safety Monitoring Board, which oversees the trial, will review the case and determine if it is safe to resume the trial. This marks the second of four Phase 3 trials that are currently on hold.

## 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](http://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.

## Drive-Up Flu Shot Clinics for Seniors on November 7 and November 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

There will be two no-cost, drive-up flu shot clinics at the Bowie Senior Center. The clinic on November 7 will be in partnership with the Bowie Health Center (University of Maryland Capital Region Health). The vaccine for the November 13 clinic will be provided by the Prince George's County Health Department. **Residents, age 55 and up, are eligible to participate in one of these clinics.**

Currently, the only option available at the clinics is for the regular dose which is typically recommended for those under 65 years old. Check with your doctor to determine if a high dose is recommended and where it is available.

## 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.*



### Vehicle Emissions Testing to Resume

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) announced the reopening of all Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations statewide beginning October 19. VEIP stations have been closed since March, and during the closure many stations were used as drive-through COVID-19 testing sites.

Customers who had VEIP testing dates from March through October should have received new dates in the mail. As part of the VEIP station reopening plan, MDOT MVA is implementing several safety and operational changes to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19, these procedures include: mandatory use of face coverings; social distancing enforcement; and sanitation efforts.

## Other News

### Upcoming Virtual Meetings & Other Events

- 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
- 10/27, 7 p.m. – “Bowie Speaks: A Conversation about Equality” – details to follow

Visit [www.cityofbowie.org/calendar.aspx](http://www.cityofbowie.org/calendar.aspx) for more information and links to the virtual meetings.

### Mayor’s Virtual State of the City Presentation – October 26, 6 p.m.

It has been tradition for the Mayor to speak to business leaders each year about the financial state of the city, provide updates on major projects, and discuss the goals and challenges ahead.

This year’s State of the City event is still sponsored and moderated by the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, but like everything else in 2020, it will be a different kind of event. Mayor Adams will talk directly to all of Bowie – residents, business owners, and those who work here, about where the city stands today and about the goals that he and other Councilmembers have for the coming year.

The address, entitled ***One City One Bowie: Standing Strong Together*** will take place via Zoom. Those who register to participate on Zoom will be able to submit written questions through Zoom during the event. The presentation will also be broadcast live on the Bowie Government Channel, on YouTube, and on the

City website.

Viewing options:

- Zoom: [bowie.fyi/stateofthecity](https://bowie.fyi/stateofthecity)
- Bowie Government Channel: 10 (FIOS)/71 & 996 (Xfinity)
- Website: [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings)
- Youtube: [@cityofbowieMD](https://www.youtube.com/@cityofbowieMD)



**CITY OF BOWIE** 

**MAYOR ADAMS'  
STATE  
OF THE CITY  
REPORT  
2020**

**Mon, October 26  
6 p.m.**

Mayor Timothy Adams will provide an update on important issues facing Bowie and goals for 2021.

**View live on**

- Zoom: [bowie.fyi/stateofthecity](https://bowie.fyi/stateofthecity)
- Website: [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings)
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- Youtube: [@cityofbowieMD](https://www.youtube.com/@cityofbowieMD)

**ONE CITY ONE BOWIE:  
STANDING STRONG TOGETHER**

Prescription Drug Take Back Day



**DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup>  
TAKEBACK**

**Saturday  
October 24, 2020  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

This event will be **drive-thru only**. Drop off will be in the police department parking lot (behind City Hall)  
Thank you for wearing a mask!

### 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](#)

### 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](http://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 6, 2020**  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Economic Prosperity

**October 8, 2020**  
6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Natural Environment

**October 12, 2020**  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Community Heritage,  
Culture & Design

**October 14, 2020**  
6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Transportation and Mobility

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](http://mncppc.org/4957/Community-Chat-Series) for more information.

Past chats will be available on the website (see link to the right).

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

## 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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/flushing) for more information**

## Election Information

### ***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 Supreme Court decision yesterday, the census deadline **now appears to be October 15**. 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](http://www.my2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 to complete it by phone. (Spanish language line: 844-468-2020).