



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, October 15, 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	426 (+2)	486 (+2)	530 (+2)	736 (+0)	2,178 (+6)	31,102 (+133)	133,548 (+630)
14-Oct	+1	+0	+2	+3	+6	+91	+575
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	413	479	519	722	2,130	30,502	130,159

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	258,924 (+1,781)	5.38%	2,985,460 (+28,636)	3.08%
14-Oct	+1,282	5.34%	+21,891	3.09%
13-Oct	+1,242	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%

Infection Rates		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
13-Oct	0.99	1.03
12-Oct	0.99	1.03
11-Oct	1.00	1.03
10-Oct	1.00	1.03
9-Oct	1.00	1.04
8-Oct	1.00	1.04
7-Oct	1.00	1.04
14-Day Weighted Average	0.99	1.04

Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	11.67	10.05
14-Oct	11.39	9.78
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

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 to 3-day lag time in reporting.</i>	

COVID Data Trends

There are modest but consistent increases in all statewide metrics this week. Currently about a third of the cases are in those under age 30. Prince George's County metrics remain at the "medium risk" level.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.38%	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	11.67	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	0.99	Low risk range (<.9)

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

CDC Refines Guidance about Who is Most Susceptible to COVID-19

On October 6, the CDC revised its information about who is most at risk of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19. The changes reflect recent data regarding adults who are overweight or who smoke or have a history of smoking. The guidance about the risk to children with underlying medical conditions was also revised to qualify the language more. It now says certain conditions **might increase risk**. The CDC says this was done to better reflect the quality of current available data and does not imply that children are not at risk.

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 for details.

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

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.

**Drive-through
FOOD AID
PROGRAM**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
ROCKLEDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

FREE EVENT
MASKS & ID REQUIRED

WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/COBCARES

This program is for
City residents ONLY

Food Programs

There are a variety of programs underway in Bowie and in the surrounding community to help make sure that no one goes hungry during these uncertain times. We have gathered the information together on a new page on our website so that it is easy to find and easy to navigate. If you are in need of food or know

someone who is experiencing food insecurity, we encourage you to visit www.cityofbowie.org/food.

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.

County Testing Sites



**GET TESTED!
IT'S FREE!**

Testing sites open as of
OCTOBER 1ST:

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville
6201 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782
Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cheverly Health Center
3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD 20785
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Adventist Medical Group
10709 Indian Head Highway, Suite D
Fort Washington, MD 20744
Monday, Tuesday, and Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

D. Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center
9314 Piscataway Road, Clinton, MD 20735
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**No appointment needed.
Questions? Call 311**

  **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
Prince George's County

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 Community Conversation on Social Justice – details coming soon.

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

Census Ends Tonight at 11:59 p.m.

Due to a recent Supreme Court decision, the US Census Bureau will be wrapping up its operations for the 2020 Census today, October 15. That means all residents who have not completed the Census yet will have until 11:59 p.m. tonight to respond to the 2020 Census, either online at www.my2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020 (844-468-2020 in Spanish).

Remember over the course of the next ten years, every person counted equates to approximately \$18,000 in funding for our county. If you and your family are not counted, our area will not receive its share of funding for important services such as public safety, education, roads, and public health.

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
- Bowie Government Channel: 10 (FIOS)/71 & 996 (Xfinity)
- Website: www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings
- Youtube: @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.

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



Prescription Drug Take Back Day

A graphic for DEA National Take Back Day. On the left, an orange pill bottle is tipped over, spilling white, round pills onto a white surface. On the right, the text 'DEA NATIONAL Rx TAKEBACK' is displayed in a stylized font, with 'TAKEBACK' in a red and blue oval. Below this, the date and time are listed: 'Saturday October 24, 2020 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.'. At the bottom, there is a note: '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!' accompanied by a small blue surgical mask icon.

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} 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](#)

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

Mail-in Voting:

If you have already requested a mail-in ballot:

- 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.
- Secure ballot drop boxes are now outside the City Gymnasium and Bowie High School and are being guarded 24/hours a day by the Bowie Police Department.
- Boxes are being installed this week at the South Bowie Community Center, Bowie State University and the Glenn Dale Community Center.

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