



COVID-19 UPDATE

Monday, October 19, 2020

The format of the data in this update has been modified to provide updates 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 | 440 (+1) | 490 (+0) | 545 (+4) | 746 (+2) | 2,221 (+7) | 31,497 (+55) | 136,154 (+497) |
| 18-Oct | +4 | +1 | +2 | +1 | +8 | +75 | +530 |
| 17-Oct | +5 | +2 | +9 | +3 | +19 | +157 | +798 |
| 16-Oct | +4 | +1 | +0 | +4 | +9 | +108 | +781 |
| 15-Oct | +2 | +2 | +2 | +0 | +6 | +133 | +630 |
| 14-Oct | +1 | +0 | +2 | +3 | +6 | +91 | +575 |
| 13-Oct | 423 | 484 | 526 | 733 | 2,166 | 30,878 | 132,343 |

| 7-Day Positivity Rates | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | County Tests Completed | County % | State Tests Completed | State % |
| Today | 264,484 (+1,023) | 5.29% | 3,103,833 (+24,671) | 3.14% |
| 18-Oct | +1,401 | 5.39% | +29,528 | 3.14% |
| 17-Oct | +1,690 | 5.38% | +36,527 | 3.15% |
| 16-Oct | +1,446 | 5.19% | +27,647 | 3.09% |
| 15-Oct | +1,781 | 5.38% | +28,636 | 3.08% |
| 14-Oct | +1,282 | 5.34% | +21,891 | 3.09% |
| 13-Oct | +1,242 | 4.30% | +18,713 | 2.87% |

| Infection Rates | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | County Infection Rate | State Infection Rate |
| 18-Oct | 1.04 | 1.07 |
| 17-Oct | 1.03 | 1.07 |
| 16-Oct | 1.03 | 1.06 |
| 15-Oct | 1.03 | 1.06 |
| 14-Oct | 1.02 | 1.06 |
| 13-Oct | 1.02 | 1.06 |
| 12-Oct | 1.02 | 1.06 |
| 14-Day Weighted Average | 1.02 | 1.06 |

| Cases per 100K Persons | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | County Cases per 100K | State Cases per 100K |
| Today | 11.78 | 10.16 |
| 18-Oct | 11.72 | 10.24 |
| 17-Oct | 11.12 | 9.85 |
| 16-Oct | 11.72 | 9.74 |
| 15-Oct | 11.67 | 10.05 |
| 14-Oct | 11.39 | 9.78 |
| 13-Oct | 10.59 | 9.62 |

| Weekly Summary of Hospitalizations and Deaths | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Prince George's Hospitalizations | Maryland Hospitalizations | Prince George's County Deaths | Maryland Deaths |
| Today | 4,075 (+3) | 16,288 (+33) | 846 (+1) | 4,041 (+4) |
| 18-Oct | +0 | +40 | +2 | +1 |
| 17-Oct | +4 | +65 | +2 | +4 |
| 16-Oct | +21 | +43 | +0 | +4 |
| 15-Oct | +1 | +49 | +1 | +6 |
| 14-Oct | +0 | +52 | +1 | +10 |
| 13-Oct | 4,046 | 16,006 | 839 | 4,012 |

| 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

The CDC and Johns Hopkins University are reporting increasing COVID-19 figures in many parts of the country. Some experts are calling this the beginning of the fall surge. In Maryland, hospitalizations continue to creep up. The positivity rate and the infection rate are higher than desired, but still considered to be relatively stable. Prince George's County key metrics all increased today.

In response to the rise in new cases throughout Europe, the World Health Organization is warning that without effective countermeasures, daily death rates may reach four to five times the April peak there within the next few months.

Prince George's County Metrics

| Key Metrics | Current status* | Goal |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Positivity rate | 5.29% | Remain below 5% |
| Cases per 100K | 11.78 | New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk) |
| Infection rate | 1.04 | Low risk range (<.9) |

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

Maryland Allows for Some Fans to Return for Outdoor Sporting Events

Governor Larry Hogan and Maryland Secretary of Health Robert Neall, issued Executive and Public Health Orders, updating safe capacity limits for outdoor sporting and entertainment venues, while maintaining face covering requirements and public health protocols.

The Governor's Executive Order limits spectators at outdoor sporting venues to 10% of total capacity, including at M&T Bank Stadium and FedEx Field; and also limits occupancy to 10% for outdoor entertainment venues that have a total capacity greater than 2,500. However, it is not clear yet how these new orders will apply in Prince George's County.

Under the Health Secretary's Order, venues must follow social distancing protocols, and social gatherings at the venue, such as tailgating, are prohibited.

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.**

Visit www.cityofbowie.org/fallfun for some safer alternatives for Halloween this year and read about our Costume Contest, the Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and a Scarecrow Making contest. Also be sure to read Prince George's County's suggested [Ideas for a Safe Halloween](#).

County to Host Webinar on Resources and Support for Businesses

Prince George's County Executive, Angela Alsobrooks, will host a webinar entitled "Where Do We Go From Here" to discuss federal, state, and local resources and support for businesses on October 22 at 10 a.m. You must [register to participate in the Zoom call](#).

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 next event is this **Saturday, October 24 at Bowie Marketplace 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.

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.

What Parents Need to Know About COVID-19 Symptoms in Children

Below are some tips that the Fairfax County Health Department has compiled for parents about COVID-19 symptoms in children:

- **Children often have similar symptoms of COVID-19 as adults;** In children, symptoms are frequently mild and appear similar to colds, strep throat or allergies. Most commonly, children with COVID-19 have fever or cough. Children are also more likely than adults to show symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and other gastrointestinal problems.
- **Watch for Severe Symptoms:** Some children do get severely ill from COVID-19. Babies under one year of age and children with certain underlying conditions may be more likely than other children to have severe illness from COVID-19. Monitor and seek emergency care if any of the following emergency warning signs are observed:
- **Trouble breathing;** Pain or pressure in the chest that doesn't go away; New confusion; Can't wake up/stay awake when not tired; Bluish lips/face; and Severe abdominal pain.
- **Don't Ignore the "Little Things":** Call a healthcare provider to discuss whether a child needs to be evaluated or tested for COVID-19. Fairfax 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
- 10/24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Emergency Food Giveaway at Bowie Marketplace
- 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.

Election Information

Applications for mail-in ballots must be received by **October 20**.

Mail-in Voting:

When 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. No postage needed.

Ballot box locations in the Bowie area:

City of Bowie Gymnasium

4100 Northview Drive, Bowie

Bowie High School

15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie

Bowie State University – James Gym

14000 Jericho Park Road

South Bowie Community Center

1717 Pittsfield Lane, Bowie

Glenn Dale Community Center

11901 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale

Links to more information

- [List of Ballot Drop Boxes](#)
- [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
- [Maryland Board of Elections Rumor Control page](#)



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.

View live on

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

Prescription Drug Take Back Day



The poster features an orange pill bottle tipped over, spilling white pills. To the right, the text reads: "DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK", "Saturday October 24, 2020", and "10 a.m. - 2 p.m.". Below this, it states: "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 blue surgical mask icon.

Walktober

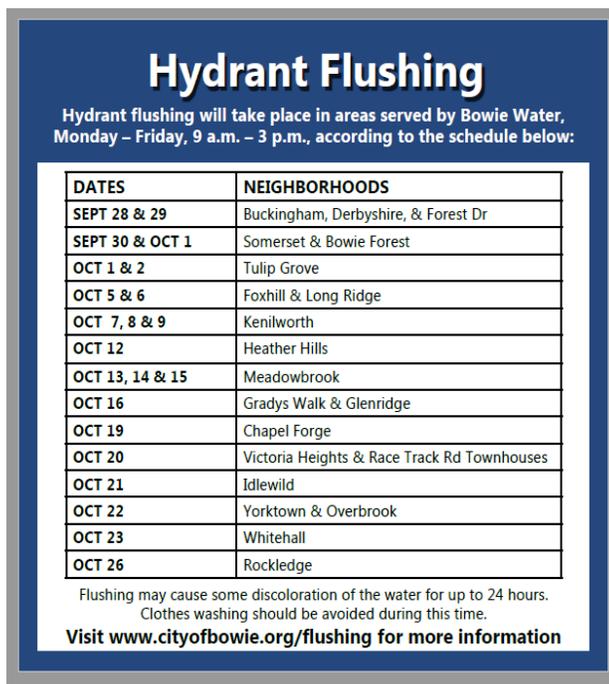
Did you know that walking is the state exercise of Maryland and that the Governor has proclaimed this month as *Walktober*? It's a great time to be outdoors, enjoying the changing scenery, and getting some exercise. There are wonderful trails all over Maryland to explore, including many right in our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



The poster has a blue header with the title "Hydrant Flushing". Below the title, it says: "Hydrant flushing will take place in areas served by Bowie Water, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., according to the schedule below:". A table follows with two columns: "DATES" and "NEIGHBORHOODS".

| 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