



# COVID-19 UPDATE

**Tuesday, October 20, 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
<b>Today</b>	<b>441 (+1)</b>	<b>490 (+0)</b>	<b>547 (+2)</b>	<b>750 (+4)</b>	<b>2,228 (+7)</b>	<b>31,617 (+120)</b>	<b>136,744 (+590)</b>
19-Oct	+1	+0	+4	+2	+7	+55	+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
<b>14-Oct</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>30,969</b>	<b>136,744</b>

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
<b>Today</b>	<b>264,604 (+120)</b>	<b>5.06%</b>	<b>3,121,799 (+17,966)</b>	<b>3.20%</b>
19-Oct	+1,023	5.29%	+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%

Infection Rates			Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate		County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
<b>19-Oct</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>11.55</b>	<b>10.14</b>
18-Oct	0.99	1.04	19-Oct	11.78	10.16
17-Oct	0.99	1.04	18-Oct	11.72	10.24
16-Oct	0.99	1.04	17-Oct	11.12	9.85
15-Oct	0.99	1.04	16-Oct	11.72	9.74
14-Oct	0.99	1.05	15-Oct	11.67	10.05
13-Oct	0.99	1.05	14-Oct	11.39	9.78
<b>14-Day Weighted Average</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.05</b>			

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

The number of Marylanders hospitalized for COVID-19 went up 6.9% today to a total of 464 patients. Prince George's County hospitalizations are low, but the positivity rate has been over 5% for 7 days now. The state is reporting 16 new outbreaks in congregate living facilities in the last week; however more than half of the 264 outbreaks in the state involve less than five residents.

Europe is averaging approximately 97,000 new cases per day, up 44% from one week ago.

### Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.06%	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	11.55	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	.99	Low risk range (<.9)

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

### Maryland Announces Vaccination Plan for State

In preparation for the time when a vaccine is available and mass inoculations can begin, each state is required to develop a vaccination plan and forward it to the CDC for approval. Maryland's plan, which was submitted last week, focuses on two major phases of vaccine availability and distribution.

Phase 1 will focus on the following priority groups receiving the vaccination:

- Frontline first responders and health care workers evaluating and caring for COVID-19 patients;
- Staff and residents of nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and assisted living facilities; and
- Essential workers, including public safety, education, and staff in congregate living facilities

Phase 2 will make vaccines widely available to the general population. Determining when Phase 2 of the vaccination plan can begin will be influenced by a number of factors:

- Availability of COVID-19 vaccine;
- Notification by CDC and state authorities that there is sufficient supply to begin Phase 2; and/or
- Achievement of targeted metrics for vaccination of high priority Phase 1 groups.

[View Maryland's Draft Plan](#)

### **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.

### **CDC Issues Updated Guidance on Holidays**

The CDC is offering [general guidance for the holidays](#) to help protect individuals and their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19. The agency says that these considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any local rules or regulations.

### **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](http://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](http://www.cityofbowie.org/food).

## **Other News**

### **Upcoming Virtual Meetings & Other Events**

- 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](http://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](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://twitter.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

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**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

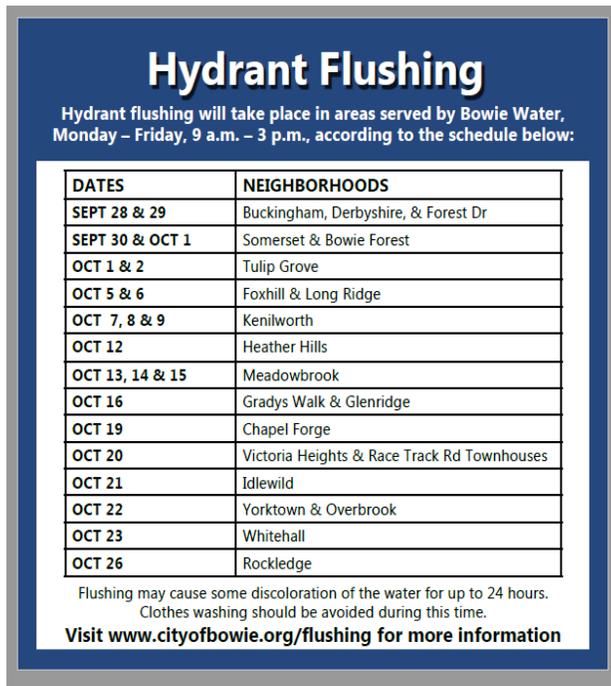
exercise. There are wonderful trails all over Maryland to explore, including many right in our own backyard.

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

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

### 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:

A blue poster with white text and a table. The title is 'Hydrant Flushing'. Below it, a line of text states: '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 with two columns, 'DATES' and 'NEIGHBORHOODS', lists the schedule. Below the table, a note says: 'Flushing may cause some discoloration of the water for up to 24 hours. Clothes washing should be avoided during this time.' At the bottom, it says: 'Visit www.cityofbowie.org/flushing for more information'.

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