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**Key Metrics Charts**
These charts provide data for the last seven days on key COVID-19 metrics that are being tracked and analyzed to identify trends and to make reopening decisions.

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Bowie Cases</th>
<th>Prince George's Cases</th>
<th>Maryland Cases</th>
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<tr>
<td>Today</td>
<td>467 (+5)</td>
<td>2,323 (+14)</td>
<td>142,425 (+684)</td>
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<td>27-Oct</td>
<td>+6</td>
<td>+16</td>
<td>+897</td>
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<td>22-Oct</td>
<td>448</td>
<td>2,252</td>
<td>137,979</td>
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Cases | Represents the daily number of new positive cases.
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Positivity Rate | 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%.
Cases per 100K persons | Measures how widespread the virus is in a community. The goal is to have fewer than 5 new cases per 100K persons.
Infection rate | Shows how many people are infected by each positive case. The goal is an infection rate at or below 0.9.

Data sources:
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.

COVID Data Trends
The fall surge has begun in the US and is expected to worsen over the next several weeks. The country is averaging over 68,000 new cases a day, which is a 22% increase over last week. In many parts of the country, the new cases are stressing hospital capacities. Nationwide, hospitalizations have risen an estimated 46% from a month ago.

In the National Capital Region, most jurisdictions are seeing their key metrics rising. Now is not the time
to let down your guard in any way. Wear a mask, socially distance from others, avoid large gatherings, get a flu shot, and wash your hands often. Also make sure you’re taking regular measures to stay healthy – get enough sleep, exercise, and maintain a healthy diet.

Prince George’s County Metrics

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<th>Key Metrics</th>
<th>Current status*</th>
<th>Goal</th>
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<td>Positivity rate</td>
<td>4.49%</td>
<td>Remain below 5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cases per 100K</td>
<td>13.86</td>
<td>New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infection rate</td>
<td>1.09</td>
<td>Low risk range (&lt;.9)</td>
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(*) Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase and black signifies no change.

Maryland Hospitalizations

The number of COVID-related hospitalizations is increasing. Today’s figure is the highest since August.

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<th>Hospitalization Data Tracker</th>
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<td>Currently Hospitalized:</td>
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<td>Acute Care:</td>
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A Look at Nationwide Metrics

The COVID Tracking Project is an organization launched by *The Atlantic* to collect and share COVID data from a variety of sources. The graphic below is a nationwide look at four key metrics - new tests, new confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and new deaths.

Our Area May Feel the Effects of the Latest Hurricane

Hurricane Zeta will come ashore on the gulf coast this evening. The remnants of the storm will impact our
weather on Thursday and Friday. The National Weather Service says rainfall will begin tomorrow morning and continue for 12 to 18 hours. Two to four inches of rain are predicted, with some heavy downpours and wind gusts up to 25 to 30 mph. Some small stream flooding is possible and clogged drains from leaves and debris may cause local area flooding.

Please – prevent flooding and help to protect your property by checking the storm drains near your home. Make sure they are clear of leaves and other debris tonight before the rainfall begins.

**COVID Safety at Polling Places**

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is working with the State Board of Elections and the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps to assign volunteer Health Ambassadors to polling places in jurisdictions throughout the state to help keep voters and poll workers protected from COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps is a statewide network of medical and public health professionals, health care students and other volunteers that is overseen by the MDH Office of Preparedness and Response. Their mission is to support public health initiatives and response capabilities in Maryland by volunteering their skills, expertise and time to assist the state and their communities in a crisis.

From October 26 through Election Day, Health Ambassadors will be assigned to polling places in jurisdictions that have requested assistance from the Board of Elections, including Baltimore City, Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, Harford County, Carroll County and Worcester County.

Health Ambassadors will:

- Reinforce public guidance for maintaining social distance and wearing face coverings
- Provide guidance on how to properly wear face coverings
- Distribute masks to people who need one
- Administer hand sanitizer and disinfect high-touch areas

Health Ambassadors complete required training to become a Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer. They also receive additional training to assist at polling sites. To become a Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps volunteer or Health Ambassador, visit the [Maryland Department of Health website](#).

**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](#).

**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 31 at Bowie Town Center 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 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**

- 10/26 to 11/2 – Early Voting at the City of Bowie Gym & 10 other County locations
- 10/29, 7 p.m. – Stakeholders meeting on proposed EZ Storage Expansion
- 10/31, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Food Aid at Bowie Town Center
- 11/7 & 11/13 – Free drive thru flu vaccination clinics for ages 3+ at the Senior Center
- 11/12 – Master Plan Update meeting

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

**Election Update**

While the City Gymnasium is still a popular voting location, the incredibly long lines of Monday have subsided. Throughout the day, most voters are now getting in and out in under an hour. Prince George’s County is posting *estimated wait times on its website*. The Maryland Board of Elections recommends voting between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. if you can, since that is traditionally the least busy time. During the first two days of early voting, over 4,600 people cast their votes in person at the City Gymnasium.

**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. You can also return your ballot my mail. No postage needed.
Early voting is underway at the City Gym and ten other Early Voting Centers in Prince George’s County. When you come to vote, be sure to dress for the weather. Due to social distancing, fewer people than usual are permitted in the building at one time.

Links to more information

- [List of Ballot Drop Box Locations](#) for Prince George’s County.
- [List of Election Day Vote Centers and Early Voting locations](#) about the Election
- [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](#)

**Free Flu Shot Clinics**
The City of Bowie is working with local health partners to offer two free flu shot clinics in November.
• November 7: Sponsored by University of Maryland, Capital Region Health
• November 13: Sponsored by the Prince George’s County Health Department

Both drive-thru clinics are free and will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center.

Details are in the flyer below.
The Planning Department has received an application from the owner of the EZ Storage facility to construct an addition to the existing EZ Storage facility on Gallant Fox Lane. The applicant is proposing a 3-story/48,708 sq. ft./478-unit addition on the 4.3-acre property, which is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial). According to the City’s Development Review process, the following virtual meeting and public hearing dates are scheduled:

- **Stakeholders Meeting**: Thursday, October 29, 7 p.m.  
  Link: [http://bowie.fyi/ezstorage](http://bowie.fyi/ezstorage)

- **Bowie Advisory Planning Board Public Hearing**: Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m.  
  Link: [http://bowie.fyi/bapbmeeting1110](http://bowie.fyi/bapbmeeting1110)

- **City Council Public Hearing**: Monday, November 16 at 8 p.m.  View the meeting live on Bowie Government TV (FIOS 10/Xfinity 71 & 996), [www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings](http://www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings), or on YouTube @CityofBowieMD. Testimony may be submitted in writing to ahernandez@cityofbowie.org by 7 p.m. on 11/16.

**Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Area Master Plan**

Find out more about your community and the challenges facing its future growth. The virtual presentation of the Playbook of Strategies for the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan project has been set for November 12th at 7:00 p.m. For information and how to register, go to: [http://www.mncppc.org/3390/Bowie-Mitchellville-Master-Plan](http://www.mncppc.org/3390/Bowie-Mitchellville-Master-Plan)

**Leaf Collection Begins Monday, November 2**

The City of Bowie Curbside Vacuum Leaf Collection Program begins November 2 and runs through mid-December. Every single-family neighborhood will have two collections during that time.

The schedule is posted by week this year, rather than by specific date. You can view the 2020 schedule at [www.cityofbowie.org/leaves](http://www.cityofbowie.org/leaves) to see which two weeks your neighborhood will have leaf collection.

Due to limited availability of the equipment the city usually leases for this program, crews will be working longer hours on more days to get the job done. By assigning a pickup week rather than a pickup date, the crews can be more efficient with their time and will have more flexibility in how they move through the neighborhoods during each week.
Leaves should be raked to the curb (but not in the street), by 7 a.m. on Monday of your scheduled week. Each afternoon, the progress will be posted on the city website at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves. It will show each neighborhood scheduled for that week and whether it has been completed. Please note that once the truck passes through your street, they will not return to it again that week.

We appreciate your understanding as we adapt to another modification in service for this year. Please call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 if you have questions about the Curbside Leaf Collection Program.

Please note: If you prefer to bag your leaves, they will be picked up on Wednesdays with yard waste. Use paper yard waste bags (no plastic bags).

View the collection schedule on the following page or at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves.
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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2
Adnell, Ashleigh, Ashleigh Station, Buckingham, Chapel Forge, Collington Station/Manor, Derbyshire, Dixon Crossing, Fairview, Grady's Walk, Hamptons, Harvey Manor, Highbridge Park, Huntington, Huntington Crest, Longleaf, Northridge, Oaktree, Old Chapel, Old Chapel Estates, Patuxent Overlook, Pointer Ridge, Rolling Hills, Spring Meadows, Stewarts Landing, Ternberry, Victoria Heights, Westview, Whitehall, Woodmore Estates, Woodmore Highlands

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9
Belair Greens, Belair Town 1, Belair Town 2, Devonshire, Enfield (excluding townhomes), Forest Hills, Glen Allen, Grovehurst, Idlewild, Meadowbrook, Mitchellville East, Northview, Overbrook, Peach Preserve, Rockledge, Saddlebrook (East & West), Tall Oaks, Yorktown

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16
Amber Meadows, Covington Manor, Foxhill, Heather Hills, Kenilworth, Long Ridge, Old Stage, Somerset, Tulip Grove

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23 (2ND COLLECTION)
Adnell, Ashleigh, Ashleigh Station, Buckingham, Chapel Forge, Derbyshire, Hamptons, Harvey Manor, Huntington, Huntington Crest, Northridge, Woodmore Estates, Woodmore Highlands

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30 (2ND COLLECTION)
Belair Greens, Belair Town 1, Belair Town 2, Enfield (excluding townhomes), Glen Allen, Meadowbrook, Mitchellville East, Oaktree, Overbrook, Peach Preserve, Pointer Ridge, Saddlebrook (East & West), Whitehall, Yorktown

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7 (2ND COLLECTION)

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14 (2ND COLLECTION)
Fairview, Forest Hills, Foxhill, Highbridge Park, Idlewild, Longleaf, Old Chapel, Old Chapel Estates, Patuxent Overlook, Rockledge, Rolling Hills, Somerset, Stewarts Landing, Tulip Grove

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