



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, November 5, 2020

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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.

COVID-19 New Case Tracking							
	20715	20716	20720	20721	Bowie Cases	Prince George's Cases	Maryland Cases
Today	491 (+6)	522 (+1)	600 (+1)	798 (+3)	2,411 (+11)	33,821 (+170)	149,964 (+1,198)
4-Nov	+4	+2	+7	+3	+16	+163	+1,000
3-Nov	+0	+1	+1	+4	+6	+128	+771
2-Nov	+0	+2	+4	+3	+9	+112	+850
1-Nov	+1	+2	+1	+8	+12	+137	+864
31-Oct	+3	+2	+5	+2	+12	+174	+967
30-Oct	477	512	581	775	2,345	32,937	144,314

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	288,147 (+1,605)	5.09%	3,552,331 (+27,944)	4.21%
4-Nov	+1,542	5.24%	+25,270	4.10%
3-Nov	+993	4.96%	+19,887	3.93%
2-Nov	+1,163	5.08%	+26,814	3.94%
1-Nov	+1,359	4.88%	+29,754	3.84%
31-Oct	+2,002	4.75%	+32,984	3.77%
30-Oct	+1,267	4.68%	+28,397	3.71%

Cases per 100K Persons			Infection Rates		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K		County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
Today	15.76	14.98	3-Nov	1.10	1.13
4-Nov	15.54	14.24	2-Nov	1.10	1.13
3-Nov	16.78	14.53	1-Nov	1.10	1.13
2-Nov	16.07	13.86	31-Oct	1.10	1.12
1-Nov	15.55	13.69	30-Oct	1.10	1.12
31-Oct	14.74	13.29	29-Oct	1.10	1.12
30-Oct	15.02	12.78	28-Oct	1.10	1.12
			14-Day Weighted Average	1.10	1.12

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

Maryland is seeing increases in case numbers throughout the state, although a high percentage of new cases are in the Baltimore and Washington, DC regions. The CDC reports that as of November 1, there are currently 32 states with positivity rates above 5%.

Governor to Provide Update

Governor Hogan is holding a press conference at 5 p.m. today to provide an update on COVID-19 in Maryland. We will share any announcements or changes in operating posture in our Friday COVID-19 update.

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.09%	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	15.76	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.10	Low risk range (<.9)

(*) Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase and black signifies no change.

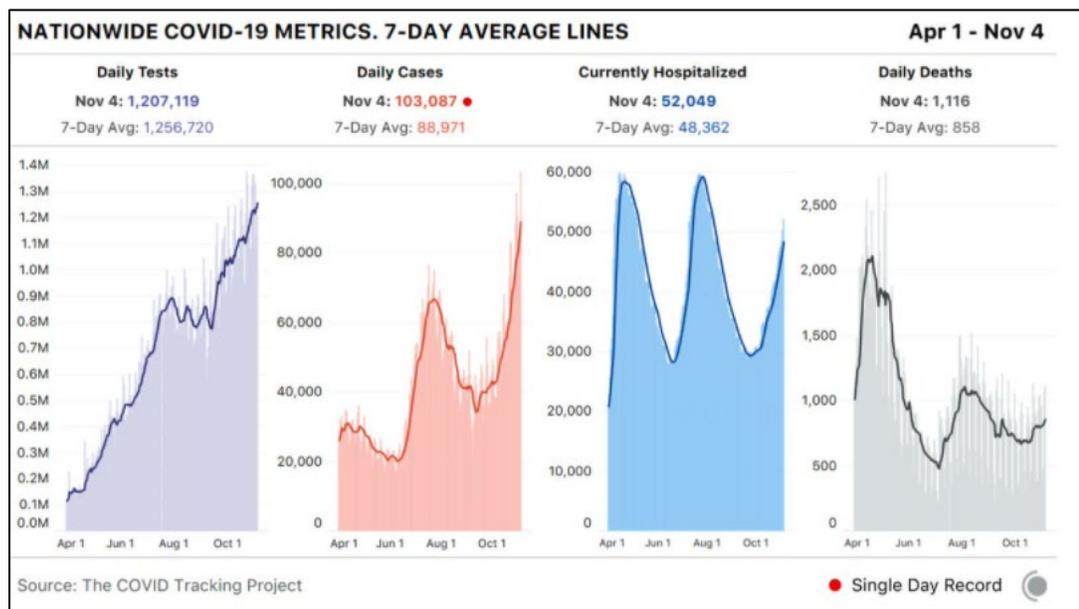
Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations increased by 15% in the last week.

Hospitalization Data Tracker		
Currently Hospitalized:	588	-1.1%
Acute Care:	431	-2.2%
Intensive Care	157	1.9%
Ever Hospitalized	17,435	11.6%

A Look at Nationwide Metrics

The graphic below is a nationwide look at four key metrics - new tests, new confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and new deaths.



Updated CDC Guidance

- [Considerations for Wearing Masks](#) (updated 11/4/20)
- [Busting Myths and Misconceptions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (updated 11/4/2020)

COVID Cases in Children are Increasing

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Children's Hospital Association issued a weekly report of COVID-19 cases among children are increasing at unprecedented levels with a record-high 61,000 new cases reported among children during the last week of October. More than 853,000 pediatric cases have been reported in the U.S. since the start of the pandemic, with over 20% of those reported in the past month. The numbers may be understated since many children likely go untested with mild symptoms

similar to the common cold or other viruses. Note: State definitions of children vary and in some cases, may include those up to age 20.

Six Flags Testing Site Has New Hours

The Maryland Department of Health testing site at Six Flags America in Bowie has modified their hours. Drive-thru testing is now available on Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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, November 7 at Village Baptist Church on Mitchellville Road 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, NOVEMBER 7
VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

**FREE EVENT
MASKS & ID REQUIRED**

WWW.CITYOFBOWIE.ORG/COBCARES

This program is for
City residents ONLY

Todd Turner Food Program

County Council Chair Todd Turner will host a “Senior Grab & Go” Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway for his constituents on Thursday, November 19 in the parking lot of the Bowie Senior Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

To be eligible for the giveaway, you must register for the event. The registration deadline is Thursday, November 12, 2020. You can find a link to the registration form at www.cityofbowie.org/food. Registration can also be taken over the telephone by calling Evelyn Archie in the Chair Turner’s Office at 240-619-9775.

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.

Other News

Upcoming Virtual Meetings & Other Events

- 11/7 & 11/13 – Free drive thru flu vaccination clinics for ages 3+ at the Senior Center
- 11/10 – Bowie Advisory Planning Board Hearing re: Expansion of EZ Storage on Gallant Fox La.
- 11/11 – Veterans Day. City government closed. No trash or recycling collection.
- 11/12 – Master Plan Update meeting

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

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.

FIGHT THE FLU
GET A FLU SHOT

FREE DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINICS
November 7 & 13, 2020
Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Dr., Bowie, MD
10 am - 2 pm

Flu shots available for adults & children age 3 and older.

For questions contact 301-809-2300

How it works:

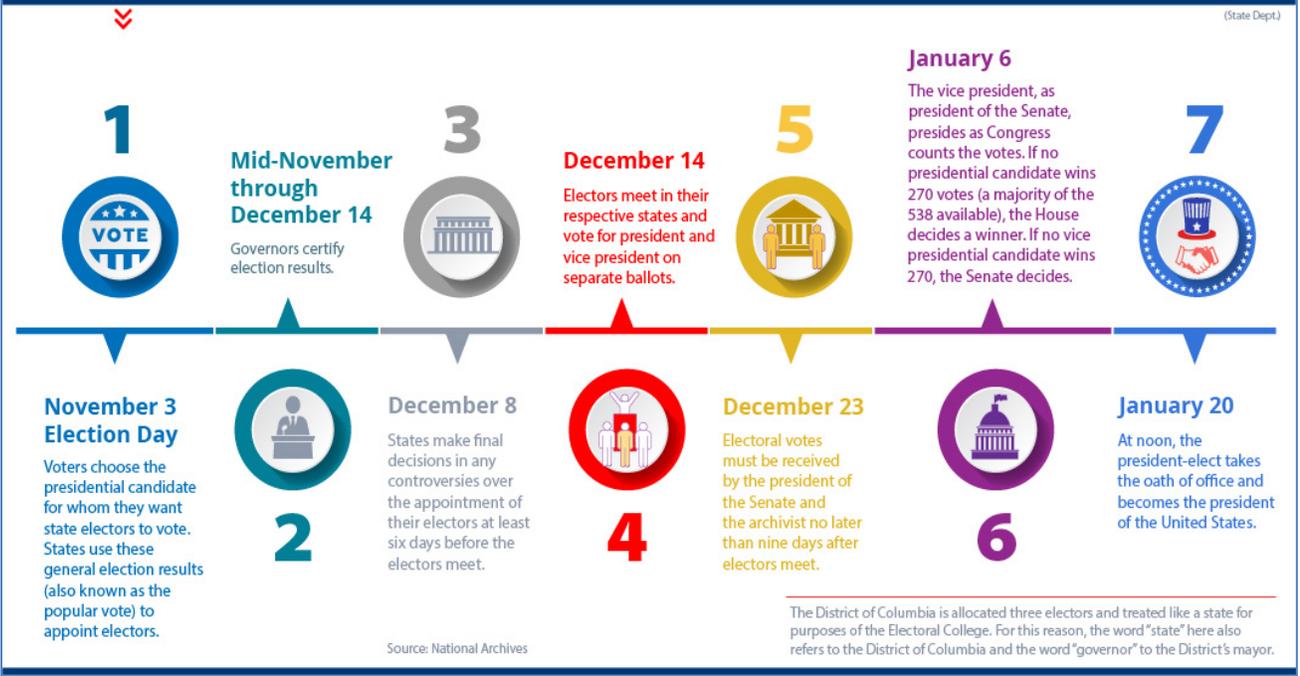
- Vaccines provided on a first come, first served basis
- Wear clothing that allows easy access to your upper arms
- Masks required for ages 3+
- Minors (under 18) require parent or guardian signature of consent
- Drive-thru event ONLY - no walk-ups, please

What Happens Next? Here’s the 2020-21 Electoral Timeline

The National Archives is responsible for managing the Electoral College process. Below is an infographic that shows some of the major election-related events that will occur between Election Day and Inauguration Day.

2020-21 electoral timeline

(State Dept.)



Bowie Reads Aloud

Yesterday, we sent out the monthly News Flash. It contained an item about *Bowie's Read Aloud* videos. The link to the *Thank You Helpers* book was not correct. It has been corrected and the complete list of books is provided below.

Follow the links below for our current offerings. We're adding more videos every week, so be sure to visit www.cityofbowie.org/bowiereadsaloud to see what's been added.

Book Title	Authors	Readers
That is My Dream	Langston Hughes & Daniel Miyares	Tim Adams, Mayor of Bowie
<i>Langston Hughes' poem Dream Variation, comes alive in this picture book about a world free of discrimination and racial prejudice illustrated by Daniel Miyares.</i>		
Mr. Lincoln's Way	Patricia Polacco	Roger Prince, Principal Rockledge Elementary School
<i>Mr. Lincoln is the coolest principal ever! At least everyone thinks so except "mean gene". Listen and find out why!</i>		
Bedtime Bonnet	Nancy Redd	Akin Omisani, Teacher Grace Christian School
<i>Celebrate Black culture and traditions in this delightful, loving ode to Black hair.</i>		
Thank You Helpers	Patricia Hegarty	Michael Esteve, District 1 Councilmember City of Bowie
<i>This celebration of helpers highlights the important jobs people do to keep us healthy and safe every day.</i>		
The Day You Begin	Jacqueline Woodson	Trasee Bradley, Chair Bowie Education Committee
<i>There will be times when you walk into a room for the first time and no one there is quite like you!</i>		
The Very Lonely Firefly	Eric Carle	Kathy Corley, volunteer
<i>A very lonely firefly goes out in search of other fireflies.</i>		
Grandfather's Journey	Allan Say	Kathy Corley, volunteer

This is a short read about a Japanese immigrant who has an American son, but goes back to Japan because he misses his homeland, only to long for the new country he's just left.

[I'm New Here](#)

Anne Sibley O'Brien

Adrian Boafo, City Councilmember

I'm New Here follows the immersion experience of three students learning to adjust to living in a new culture, learning a new language, finding their place and making new friends.

[The 13 Nights of Halloween](#)

Rebecca Dickenson

Kathy Corley, volunteer

[Corduroy's Halloween](#)

B. G. Hennessey

Kathy Corley, volunteer

[The Haunted Ghoul Bus](#)

Lisa Trumbauer

Kathy Corley, volunteer

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 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 at www.cityofbowie.org/leaves.