



COVID-19 UPDATE

Friday, November 6, 2020

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COVID Data Trends

In Prince George's County and across the state, most of the key COVID metrics are moving in the wrong direction. The number of cases in Maryland today (1,576) is nearing the two highest single day totals every reported in the state (1,730 on 5/1 and 1,784 on 5/19). The US continues to break records, recording at least 121,000 new cases yesterday. Sixteen states set daily records and three set records for the most deaths in a single day. In 28 states, there have been more cases reported in the past week than any other seven-day stretch.

In response to rising metrics, Montgomery County has reduced the limits for certain indoor activities and gatherings to 25% of capacity and a maximum of 25 persons.

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	497 (+6)	525 (+3)	605 (+5)	803 (+5)	2,430 (+19)	34,070 (+249)	151,505 (+1,541)
5-Nov	+6	+1	+1	+3	+11	+170	+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	480	514	586	777	2,357	33,111	145,281

7-Day Positivity Rates

	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	289,993 (+1,846)	5.39%	3,587,697 (+35,366)	4.37%
5-Nov	+1,605	5.09%	+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%

Cases per 100K Persons

	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	16.04	15.54
5-Nov	15.76	14.98
4-Nov	15.54	14.24
3-Nov	16.78	14.53
2-Nov	16.07	13.86
1-Nov	15.55	13.69
31-Oct	14.74	13.29

Infection Rates

	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
5-Nov	1.08	1.14
4-Nov	1.09	1.14
3-Nov	1.09	1.14
2-Nov	1.09	1.14
1-Nov	1.09	1.14
31-Oct	1.09	1.14
30-Oct	1.09	1.14
14-Day Weighted Average	1.09	1.13

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	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.	

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	5.39%	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	16.04	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.08	Low risk range (<.9)

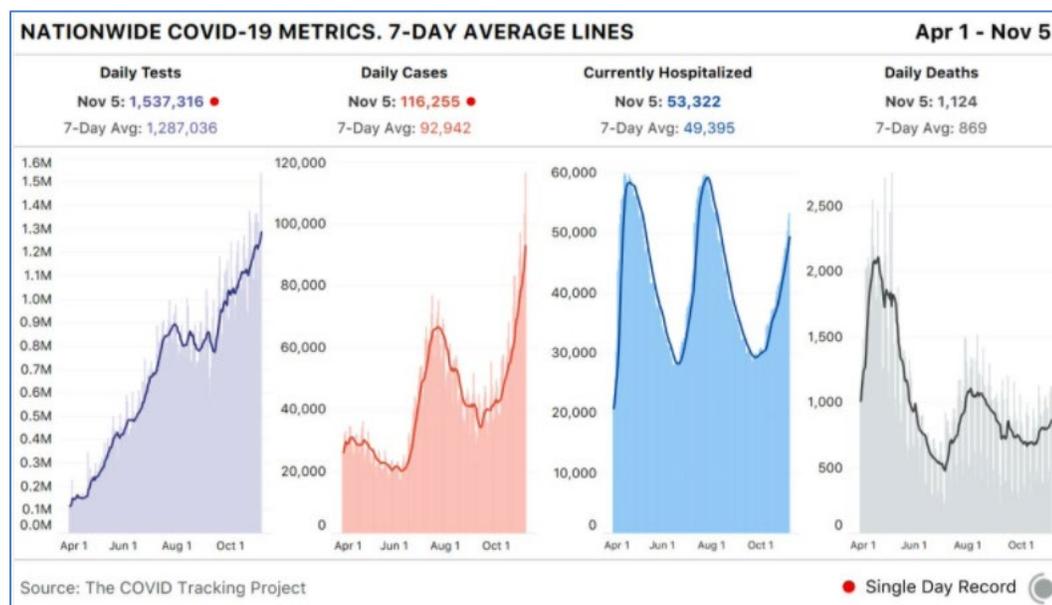
(*) Green represents a decrease in these figures. Red represents an increase and black signifies no change.

Maryland Hospitalizations

Hospitalization Data Tracker			
Currently Hospitalized:	609		3.5%
Acute Care:	457		6.0%
Intensive Care	152		-3.1%
Ever Hospitalized	17,537		11.5%

A Look at Nationwide Metrics

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



Governor's Remarks on November 5, 2020

Governor Hogan held a press conference yesterday afternoon to provide an update on COVID-19 in Maryland. He acknowledged that the US is in the midst of a major surge, that this virus will be with us well into next year, and that our worst time may be over the next few months. He did not make changes to current restrictions, stating that "Our statewide metrics do not yet warrant taking drastic immediate actions. However, the upticks in some of our metrics here and the spiking numbers in other states do place us, once again, at a pivotal moment in this fight."

Below are excerpts from a press release issued by his office after the event:

In response to the nationwide fall COVID-19 surge and rising positivity rates, case rates, and hospitalizations in Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan today provided a detailed update on the state's preparedness and urged Marylanders to follow all public health protocols.

*"Thanks to the heroic efforts of so many state employees working around the clock, and because of the vigilance and support of the people of Maryland, we are in a much better position than we were this spring, and Maryland is also much better prepared than most states to be able to withstand this next surge," said Governor Hogan. "However, I cannot stress strongly enough that we cannot afford to let our guard down. **The weeks and months ahead will be difficult, and our collective actions will determine whether we can continue safely on the road to recovery.**"*

Fall Surge Preparedness:

The state's contact tracing operation continues to show that social gatherings are the most likely source of transmissions. The number one activity of those who have become infected with COVID-19 continues to be family gatherings, followed by house parties. [View the data here.](#)

Hospital Surge Capacity. *Maryland met and exceeded its hospital surge capacity goal of an additional 6,000 beds, maintains a comprehensive surge capacity plan, and continues to keep the state's alternate care sites open - including the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital.*

PPE Stockpile. *Emergency management officials have distributed more than 78 million units of PPE throughout the state and have built up a 60-day supply of the most critical resources.*

Maryland Responds. *In response to the nationwide shortage of nurses, Governor Hogan encouraged medical and public health volunteers to register for the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps. More than 15,000 people have already signed up to be part of this initiative from every jurisdiction throughout the state. To sign up, Marylanders can visit mdresponds.health.maryland.gov.*

Public Health Guidance:

Masks and Face Coverings. *Maryland's **statewide masking order remains in full effect.** Under this order, all Marylanders over the age of five are required to wear face coverings in the public spaces of all businesses across the state. Face coverings are required in outdoor public areas, whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing. The order continues to provide certain exceptions, including for medical conditions. [Read the order here.](#)*

Compliance Enforcement. *In response to increasing reports of individuals and businesses failing to comply with the law, the governor urged local leaders, county health departments, county liquor boards, and, when necessary, local law enforcement agencies to immediately step up efforts to*

ensure that all residents and businesses in their jurisdictions are in compliance with all public health regulations.

Telework. *Marylanders are encouraged to continue teleworking, and employers should make every effort to give employees the opportunity to telework.*

Out-Of-State Travel Advisory. *With the holiday season approaching, the travel advisory issued by state health officials has been renewed and remains in effect. Under this advisory, **Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher.** Anyone traveling from these states should get tested and self-quarantine while awaiting results. Marylanders should avoid non-essential travel of any kind outside of the region. [Read the travel advisory.](#)*

“With the holidays approaching and so many Marylanders making plans to spend time with family and friends, it is more important than ever for all of us to remain cautious and vigilant,” continued the governor. “We want Marylanders to enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, but we want you to do it as safely as possible.”

- [Watch 11/5/20 press conference](#)
- [View the slides from press conference](#)

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

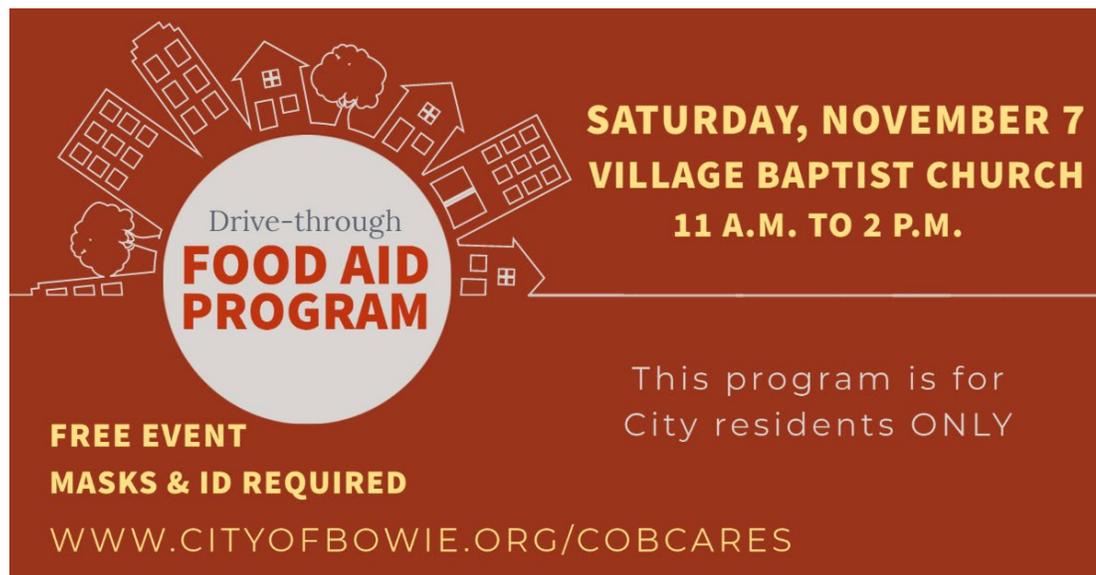
The Maryland Department of Health testing site at Six Flags America in Bowie has modified their hours. Drive-thru testing is now available on Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Food Giveaway for Seniors

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.



Below is a list of read aloud book videos that have been produced for the community. We're adding more videos every week, so be sure to visit www.cityofbowie.org/bowiereadsaloud soon to see what's new.

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 Omisanni, 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
<i>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>		
I'm New Here	Anne Sibley O'Brien	Adrian Bofo, City Councilmember
<i>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.</i>		
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.