



COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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Governor Hogan Press Conference

Governor Hogan addressed the state today about the concerning and rapidly rising metrics. Here are some of the key points of his speech:

- Most of our key metrics have “worsened considerably” since last week with widespread community transmission now occurring.
- Maryland has had seven straight days with more than 1,000 new cases.
- Yesterday, for the first time since June 25, our 7-day statewide positivity rate crossed the 5% benchmark of the CDC and WHO.
- Contact tracing data continues to indicate that family gatherings are the most common activity among those recently infected with COVID-19, but an increasing number of patients were working outside their home and there is a marked increase in the number of people infected with the virus who recently dined indoors at a restaurant or who traveled out of state.
- COVID hospitalizations are at 761 (highest since June 13) and 176 patients are in ICU (highest since June 27). The case rate has risen to 19.8 per 100K, a 36% increase in the past week.
- Case rates are above 10 per 100K in 18 jurisdictions and above 20 per 100K in 7 jurisdictions.

In response to these increases, Maryland is taking the following steps:

- Effective tomorrow, November 11 at 5 p.m., the capacity for indoor operations at bars and restaurants will be reduced from 75% to 50% for seated and distanced service only.
- The state government will institute mandatory telework wherever possible and businesses and other employers should also implement teleworking, staggered shift, etc. wherever they can.
- MD Health Department (MDH) will be issuing an expanded advisory for all out-of-state travel. Marylanders are strongly advised to avoid all nonessential travel to any state with a positivity rate

above 10% or an average case rate of 20 cases per 100K.

- The next phase of the state hospital surge capacity plan is activated to make sure there are enough beds, PPE and staffing to meet the needs.
- MDH is also issuing updated guidance to slow the spread of the virus at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Visitors should get tested, staff should avoid gatherings, and nursing homes should develop a sufficient stockpile of PPE.
- Local governments are strongly urged to step up enforcement of existing orders and to impose stricter orders if necessary.
- All Marylanders can help avoid putting more strain on the healthcare system by getting a flu shot as soon as possible.

More details about the Governor’s orders will be provided in the next update on Thursday, November 12. We will also summarize any new orders for Prince George’s County after the County Executive addresses County residents at a press conference scheduled for Thursday morning.

COVID Data Trends

Maryland is seeing widespread increases in the numbers of new cases and hospitalizations, with the average case rate increasing 30% in less than a week and hospitalizations at the levels not seen since June. Half of the new cases are in patients between the ages of 20 and 40. There are now 43 states reporting at least a 10% jump in cases over the last seven days.

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	519 (+6)	538 (+4)	627 (+8)	824 (+4)	2,508 (+22)	34,856 (+267)	156,709 (+1,338)
9-Nov	+10	+4	+5	+4	+23	+294	1,375
8-Nov	+4	+2	+6	+7	+19	+138	+1,081
7-Nov	+2	+3	+3	+6	+14	+176	+1,410
6-Nov	+6	+3	+5	+5	+19	+249	+1,541
5-Nov	+6	+1	+1	+3	+11	+170	+1,198
4-Nov	485	521	599	795	2,400	33,651	148,766

7-Day Positivity Rates				
	County Tests Completed	County %	State Tests Completed	State %
Today	295,491 (+1,773)	6.32%	3,702,658 (+24,549)	5.24%
9-Nov	+1,072	6.23%	+23,650	5.05%
8-Nov	+1,371	5.52%	+30,266	4.62%
7-Nov	+1,282	5.55%	+36,496	4.54%
6-Nov	+1,846	5.39%	+35,366	4.37%
5-Nov	+1,605	5.09%	+27,944	4.21%
4-Nov	+1,542	5.24%	+25,270	4.10%

Cases per 100K Persons		
	County Cases per 100K	State Cases per 100K
Today	19.31	19.79
9-Nov	17.85	18.55
8-Nov	17.83	18.04
7-Nov	17.80	16.99
6-Nov	16.04	15.54
5-Nov	15.76	14.98
4-Nov	15.54	14.24

Infection Rates		
	County Infection Rate	State Infection Rate
8-Nov	1.12	1.21
7-Nov	1.12	1.21
6-Nov	1.12	1.20
5-Nov	1.12	1.20
4-Nov	1.12	1.20
3-Nov	1.12	1.19
2-Nov	1.12	1.19
14-Day Weighted Average	1.12	1.18

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>	

Prince George's County Metrics

Key Metrics	Current status*	Goal
Positivity rate	6.32%	Remain below 5%
Cases per 100K	19.31	New cases below 5 per 100K (low risk)
Infection rate	1.12	Low risk range (<.9)

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

Maryland Hospitalizations

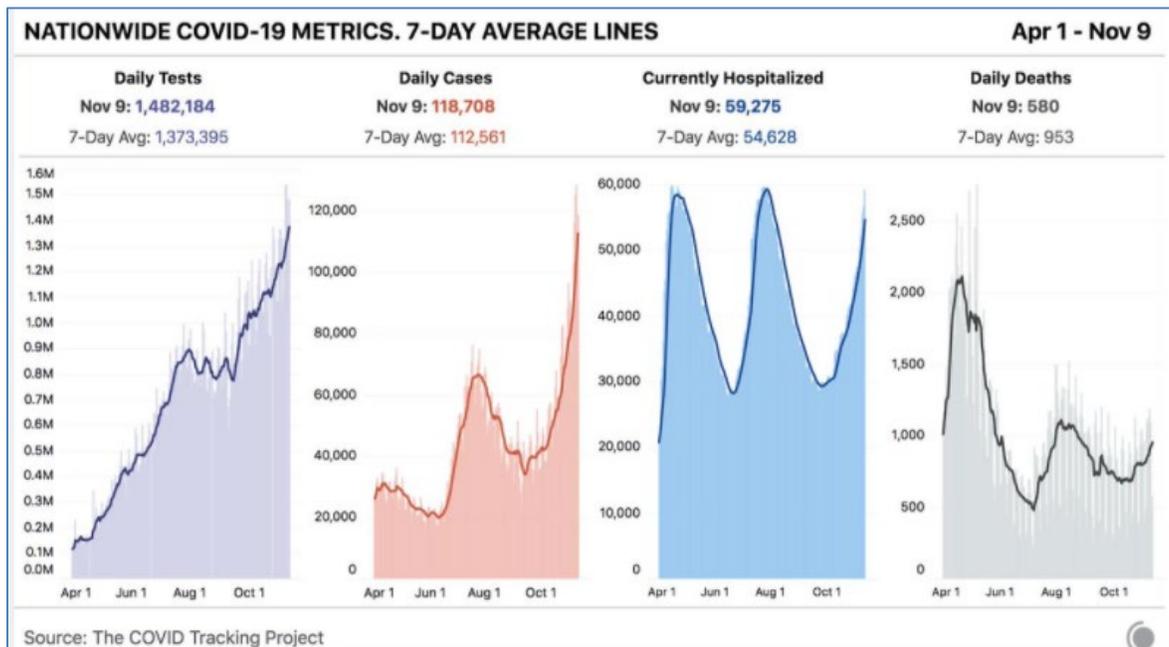
COVID-related hospitalizations increased to 761 and 15% of all ICU patients in the state have the coronavirus.

Hospitalization Data Tracker

Currently Hospitalized:	761	7.6%
Acute Care:	585	8.5%
Intensive Care	176	4.7%
Ever Hospitalized	17,914	11.4%

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.



Maryland Travel Advisory

Tomorrow, the Maryland Department of Health will issue a new travel advisory that strongly encourages Marylanders to avoid nonessential travel and that specifically advises against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher or states where the case rate per 100K is more than 20.

It is important to note that [positivity rates are being calculated differently](#) by different agencies and organizations, which sometimes makes it difficult to compare data. The CDC Tracker provides case trends, testing, and other information. Cumulative positivity rates can be found on the [testing page](#). The [case trends page](#) provides a good representation of cases per 100K and where the spread has been most active over the previous seven days.

The Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center also tracks testing trends. You can view the percentage of new tests that are positive using a seven day rolling average on their [percentage positive tracker map](#).

COVID Link

Today the Maryland Department of Health launched a new COVID website and a new tool to help notify Marylanders if they have been exposed to the coronavirus.

The new COVID-19 Exposure Notifications system is called *MD COVID Alert*. It uses Bluetooth Low Energy

technology to quickly notify mobile phone users who might have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 with the goal of reducing infections in Maryland. You can view the new COVID website and learn more about the alerting tool at <http://covidlink.maryland.gov>.

Vaccine Updates

By the third week of November, **Pfizer and BioNTech** expect their vaccine candidate to achieve the required safety milestone for Emergency Use Authorization approval by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). The announcement early Monday morning follows initial test results showing it is 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 in participants with no evidence of prior infection during Phase 3 trials that began on July 27.

The Gaithersburg-based company, **Novavax**, is on track to begin a delayed US-based late-stage study of its experimental coronavirus vaccine later this month. It is [currently testing the drug](#) in a late-stage study in the United Kingdom. Last month, it postponed the start of the US trial by roughly a month, due to delays in scaling up the manufacturing process.

You can track the status of various vaccine candidates at the [FDA website](#) or on the [New York Times coronavirus vaccine tracker webpage](#).

Food Giveaways

The City of Bowie's final food distribution event is this **Saturday, November 14 at Grace Lutheran Church on Belair Drive 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 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.

City of Bowie Launches COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

On November 11, the City of Bowie is launching a COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program for tenants who have suffered a loss of income due to the pandemic. The Rental Assistance Program will provide short

term assistance to low- and moderate-income families who meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limit guidelines. If eligible, approved households may receive a maximum of one month's rent (one-time only) paid directly to their landlord.

The COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program is funded through the CARES ACT as a HUD Community Development Block Grant to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)”. The City has decided to use part of these funds to help those affected by the pandemic to meet their housing obligations and to avoid eviction. Applicants must be US citizens, permanent residents or qualified aliens, (8 U.S.C. 1641), and City of Bowie residents.

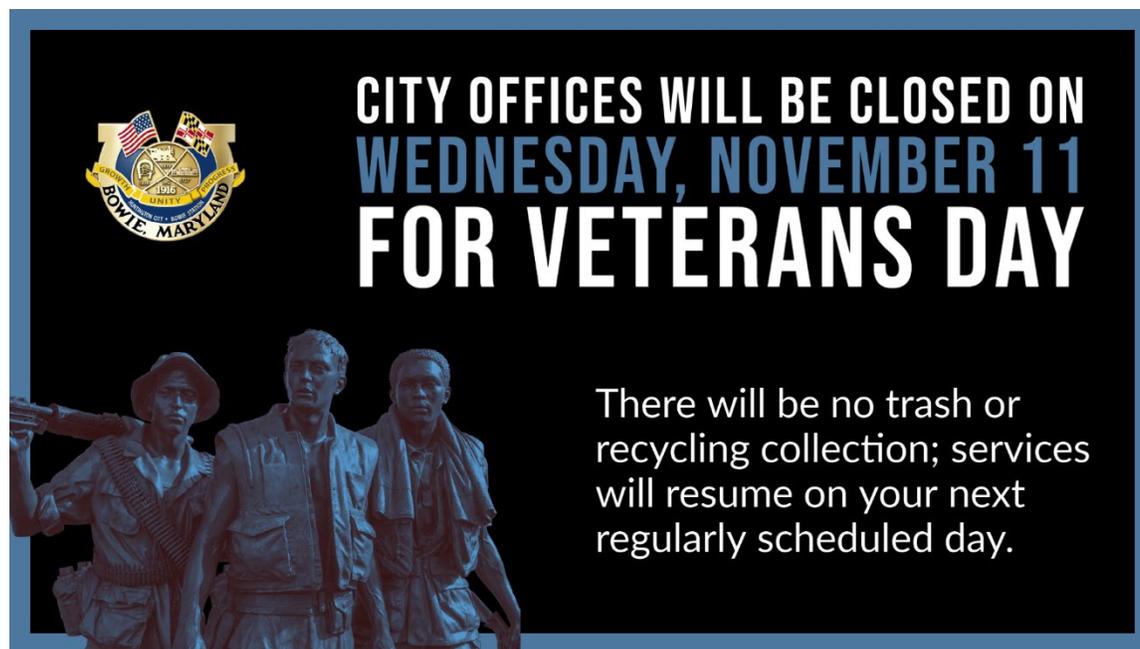
Visit www.cityofbowie.org/cobcares for more information.

Other News

Upcoming Virtual Meetings & Other Events

- 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
- 11/13 – Free drive thru flu vaccination clinic for ages 3+ at the Senior Center

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



Free Flu Shot Clinic

As the COVID case numbers are climbing, getting a flu shot is one of the ways you can help to keep yourself healthy and to prevent putting additional strain on healthcare resources and facilities.

For this reason, the City of Bowie and the Prince George's County Health Department have joined forces to provide a free drive-thru flu clinic this Friday, November 13, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. It takes place at the Bowie Senior Center, located at 14900 Health Center Drive.



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

Bowie Reads Aloud

We've added a new video to our [Bowie Reads Aloud webpage](#). This one is called "Under My Hijab" and it is read by District 4 Councilmember Roxy Ndebumadu. More book videos are coming soon!

Leaf Collection Underway

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.