

Bowie News Update as of January 6, 2022

Snow Possible on Friday

A [Winter Weather Advisory](#) will be in effect from 9 p.m. this evening until 7 a.m. Friday. Snow accumulations of 4 to 6 inches are possible. The heaviest snow is expected to fall between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. during which time snowfall rates of 1 inch per hour are possible. Wind gusts of up to 25 mph are also possible during this event.

Once snow accumulations reach two inches, citywide plowing operations begin, starting with major thoroughfares. When thoroughfares are passable, operations will move onto side streets, and eventually to cul-de-sacs. **The goal of plowing is to make streets easier and safer to travel. It is not to clear streets curb to curb.**

Snow plowing pushes snow, it does not remove it. As such, snow ridges will be created with each pass of the plow. If residents shovel their driveways before the final pass, additional snow will be deposited at the end of the driveway by the plow. The City cannot clear snow that has been pushed into driveways.

A snow emergency goes into effect on all city streets when snow reaches a depth of two inches. At that point, by law, cars must be moved from roadways and into driveways or on the grass so that plows can more quickly and safely plow the streets. However, since the snow is expected to fall overnight, we request that residents move vehicles off the streets before going to bed this evening.

Reporting Problems:

City of Bowie streets - Call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344

County roads, such as Race Track, Highbridge, Church, and Mitchellville Roads– Call 311 or 301-883-5600 or [submit an online report](#)

State roads, such as 197, 301, 3, 50, 214 & 450 – call MD State Highway Administration – 410-545-0300 or [submit an online report](#)

Power outages – call BGE at 1-877-778-2222 or visit www.bge.com

Trash and Recycling for Friday

If the snowfall arrives as predicted, it may cause some changes to Friday trash and recycling collection. We are aware that residents on the Friday trash schedule have missed the last two collection days. The Public Works Department will make every effort to collect the trash and recycling tomorrow if it is safe to do so. Any necessary adjustments because of the snow will be posted to the city website by 6 a.m.

City Recreational Facilities are Scheduled to Reopen January 7

At its meeting on Monday, City Council voted to reopen recreational facilities on January 7 that have been closed due to the surge in COVID cases. The Bowie Ice Arena, City Gymnasium, Senior Center, and Historic Properties will have new COVID protocols in place when they reopen.

These include:

- Wearing masks at all times
- Providing proof that an individual (age 5+) is fully vaccinated (2 shots for Pfizer and Moderna and 1 shot for Johnson & Johnson)

Other site-specific requirements are outlined in the reopening plans that have been developed for each of the facilities. View them at the links below:

[Gymnasium Plan](#) | [Historic Properties Plan](#) | [Ice Arena Plan](#) | [Senior Center Plan](#)

Please note: Facilities are slated to reopen on time Friday. The forecasted snow may result in changes to reopening status. Please check the City website on Friday morning for the latest updates.

COVID Metrics

Daily COVID metrics are reported daily on the Maryland Department of Health’s website. Bowie-specific data is excerpted from the state site and posted each weekday at www.cityofbowie.org/covidmetrics. Today’s information is also provided below.

COVID-19 Data (as of 1/6/22)			
	Maryland	Prince George's Co.	Bowie
Cases	788,965 (+12,735)	139,116 (+2,035)	Cases: 12,558 (+215)
Deaths	12,048 (+55)	1,797 (+5)	
Positivity Rate	29.98%	36.10%	
Case Rate Per 100K	208.59	236.80	20715: 2,690 (+40)
Maryland Hospitalizations			20716: 2,762 (+29)
Adult	Total: 3,172 (+1.7%)	ICU: 513 (+0.7%)	20720: 3,165 (+76)
Pediatric	Total: 45 (+9.7%)	ICU: 12 (+0.7%)	20721: 3,941 (+70)
<i>Figures above in parentheses are a one day increase since 1/5/21</i>			
Vaccine Progress			
	Maryland	Prince George's Co.	
1st of 2 Dose Received	4,500,793 (74.45%)	589,613 (64.84%)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	3,950,438 (65.34%)	511,494 (56.25%)	
Single Dose	328,280 (5.43%)	32,102 (3.53%)	
Vaccine totals represent total population, not eligible population. Source: Maryland Department of Health at http://coronavirus.maryland.gov			

Yesterday, Governor Hogan shared some interesting insights about the current state of COVID in Maryland.

- The state’s lab partners are reporting that 88.5% of recently analyzed samples tested positive for the Omicron variant.
- 91% of the samples from hospitalized COVID patients were the Omicron variant.
- According to the University of Maryland Medical System, over the last 30 days, among hospitalized COVID patients:
 - 74% were unvaccinated
 - 24% were fully vaccinated
 - 2% were boosted

County Vaccination Clinic Announcements

The Prince George's County vaccine clinic at the community college in Largo will cease operations on January 7. The clinic will move back to the Sports & Learning Complex in Landover and reopen on Tuesday, January 11. [Appointments](#) are strongly recommended, but walk-ins will be accepted.

Sports & Learning Vaccine Clinic Schedule (eff. 1/11)

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Closed Sundays

School Based Vaccination Clinics

The Prince George's County School System is offering vaccination clinics at several schools later this month. The closest ones to Bowie are [Woodmore Elementary School](#) (1/26, 4:30 - 8 p.m.) and [Catherine T. Reed Elementary School](#) in Lanham (1/27, 4 - 8 p.m.)

Bowie Declares New Public Health Emergency

Mayor Timothy Adams issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration for the City on January 5 and urged residents to get vaccinated. Per the MD Department of Health, as of yesterday, there had been 1,455 new COVID cases reported in the last week, in the four Bowie zip codes.

[View press release](#)

Bridge on Whitemarsh Park Trail Closed

Due to possible damage caused by a fallen tree, the green metal bridge (between trail markers 441 and 443) on the Whitemarsh trail is closed. This is the bridge closest to the Whitemarsh Park portion of the trail. The bridge will remain closed until a safety inspection can be conducted.