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**Bowie Declares Public Health Emergency**

Today, Bowie Mayor Timothy Adams issued a new Public Health Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19. The declaration follows a similar statement by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

These actions are taken at a time when COVID hospitalizations in Maryland are at an all-time high of 3,118 and the positivity rate in Maryland is 28.56% and the Prince George’s County positivity rate is 36.60%. According to the Maryland Department of Health website, since December 30, 1,455 new COVID cases have been reported among residents of the four Bowie zip codes.

“We’re at another point in this pandemic, where it is critically important to do everything we can to protect ourselves and others from the spread of the coronavirus. I implore you to practice safe hygiene, wear a mask over your mouth and nose when in public, get a flu shot and get vaccinated and boosted against COVID if you are able and have not already done so.”

The current vaccination rate for the four Bowie zip codes is listed below. The data is from the Maryland Department of Health and is shared with residents each weekday on the [City of Bowie website](#).

Vaccine Progress				
	Maryland		Prince George's Co.	
1st of 2 Dose Received	4,494,304 (74.34%)		588,713 (64.74%)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	3,946,175 (65.27%)		510,950 (56.19%)	
Single Dose	328,125 (5.43%)		32,084 (3.53%)	
Vaccine totals represent total population, not eligible population. Source: Maryland Department of Health at <a href="http://coronavirus.maryland.gov">http://coronavirus.maryland.gov</a>				
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Fully Vax	18,485 (69.06%)	14,649 (66.34%)	16,974 (72.22%)	20,774 (69.69%)
1st Dose	20,292 (75.81%)	16,253 (73.60%)	19,216 (81.76%)	23,441 (78.63%)
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# City of Bowie

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## DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Pursuant to the powers granted to me by virtue of Section 17 of the City Charter and Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, I hereby declare a Municipal Civil Emergency in the City of Bowie because of the resurgence of widespread COVID-19 infections as a consequence of the emergence of the variant known as omicron.

This Declaration activates the City's state of emergency plan and authorizes the provision of aid and assistance under the plan.

This Declaration of Emergency may be extended, altered or rescinded in any particular during the continued existence of a state of emergency by the issuance of a subsequent proclamation.

This emergency order shall take effect on January 5, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., and shall remain in effect for thirty days unless the City Council authorizes the extension thereof.

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Timothy J. Adams, Mayor