

Bowie News Update as of January 14, 2022

City Government Closed Monday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

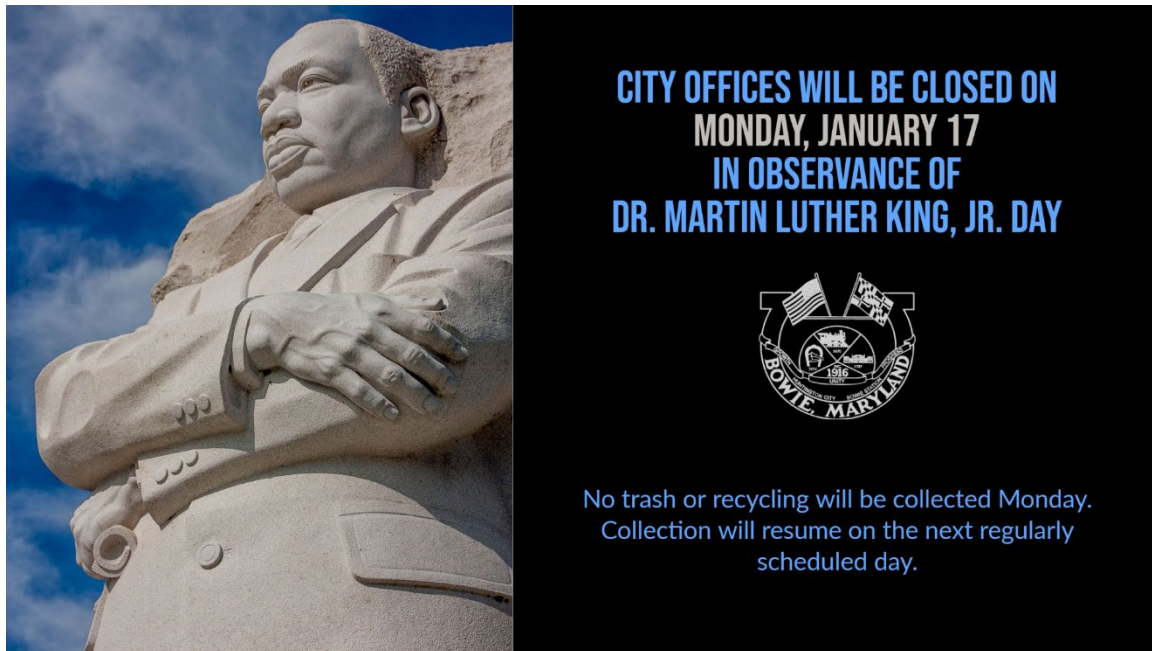
All city government offices are closed Monday, January 17 for the holiday and there will be no trash or recycling collection. Your next pickup will be on your next regularly scheduled day. Historic properties, the Senior Center and the City Gymnasium are also closed on the holiday, however the [Ice Arena](#) will be open.

Ice Skating Sessions on January 17:

Public Session 12 - 2 p.m.

Family Public Skate 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Public Session 4:30 - 6 p.m.



City Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 18

Due to the Monday holiday, the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 18 at 8 p.m.

Agenda items include:

- Economic Development Strategy
- Budget Guidance for Fiscal Year 2023

This meeting is open to the public or can be viewed live:

- Bowie Government TV – (FIOS 10/Comcast 71 & 996)
- www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings
- [Bowie YouTube channel](#) (@CityofBowieMD)

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- [Entry Level Police Officer](#) – open until filled
- [Communications Specialist](#) – Police Department – open until filled
- [Assistant Water Plant Superintendent](#) – closes 1/25/2022
- [Senior Services Program Assistant](#) – closes 1/21/2022
- [Community Coordinator](#) – closes 1/21/2022
- [Network Administrator](#) – open until filled

For more information or to apply, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs. **Quarantine vs. Isolation**

To clear up some of the confusion around isolation and quarantining, the CDC updated its guidance this week. You can view the latest information at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>.

Omicron Variant Continues to Put Strain on Medical Services

Increasing hospitalizations and patients flocking to emergency rooms for testing have forced several area hospitals to crisis level care.

On January 13, Governor Hogan announced additional steps to address the surge in cases and relieve the demands on hospitals emergency rooms. These include:

- Ten new COVID testing locations are now fully operational. Six more will open by the end of next week.
- These sites are open daily with no appointment necessary.
- The Maryland Health Department will require all staff, volunteers and vendors who are in a nursing home facility regularly, regardless of vaccination status, to be tested twice a week whenever community transmission is high.
- Approximately 63,000 COVID tests are being administered in the state each day.
- The Maryland Health Department will begin distributing 20 million N95 and KN95 masks to Marylanders through multiple channels, including local health departments, state-run testing and vaccination sites, the Vaccine Equity Task Force, nursing homes and Maryland State Agencies. More specific details about distributed are expected soon.

NEW COVID-19 ACTIONS: JAN. 13, 2022



Six new hospital-based testing sites to open by the end of next week



New MDH order requires nursing home staff to be tested 2x a week; visitors must provide negative COVID-19 test to enter



National Guard will distribute Remdesivir to pharmacies serving nursing homes



MDH will distribute 20 million N95 and KN95 masks free of charge beginning next week

Read more at governor.maryland.gov.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

No appointment needed. Drive-up only.

COVID Metrics

COVID-19 Data (as of 1/14/22)			
	Maryland	Prince George's Co.	Bowie
Cases	881,922 (+9,986)	153,045 (+1,391)	
Deaths	12,551 (+71)	1,857 (+5)	Cases: 13,822 (+109)
Positivity Rate	24.77%	25.52%	
Case Rate Per 100K	191.53	192.75	20715: 2,967 (+28)
Maryland Hospitalizations			20716: 3,039 (+23)
Adult	Total: 3,363 (-1.8%)	ICU: 585 (+4.2%)	20720: 3,455 (+18)
Pediatric	Total: 31 (+10.7%)	ICU: 8 (+60%)	20721: 4,361 (+40)
<i>Figures above in parentheses are a one day increase since 1/13/21</i>			
Vaccine Progress			
	Maryland	Prince George's Co.	
1st of 2 Dose Received	4,556,534 (75.37%)	598,919 (65.86%)	
2nd of 2 Dose Received	4,000,998 (66.18%)	521,566 (57.36%)	
Single Dose	329,924 (5.46%)	32,247 (3.55%)	
Vaccine totals represent total population, not eligible population. Source: Maryland Department of Health at http://coronavirus.maryland.gov			