



Tuesday | December 14, 2021

Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Report

Commissioner of Health Dr. Kraig Humbaugh reported that new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to increase, but not as dramatically as in previous weeks. Fayette County's rolling seven-day average today is 123.

He also shared encouraging news that more of our youngest community members are getting vaccinated. Roughly 29 percent of children aged 5 to 11 in Fayette County have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at this time, compared with 20 percent last week.

Dr. Humbaugh encouraged everyone who is eligible to please get vaccinated to protect against the virus.

FCPS Report

Here are the case and quarantine totals for the past week (12/7/21 to 12/13/21) within the Fayette County Public Schools district, which has roughly 42,000 students and 8,000 employees:

- 93 new student cases
- 16 new staff cases
- 531 new student quarantines
- 3 new staff quarantines

As of December 14, 2021, 572 students and four employees are currently in quarantine.

Message from FCPS Superintendent Demetrus Liggins



Today was the last meeting of the FCPS Core COVID-19 Team for 2021 because winter break will begin on Saturday, December 18. It also marked our last meeting with Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Commissioner Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, because he plans to retire at the end of this month.

While our partnership with the Health Department will continue after he leaves, I simply could not let this occasion pass without thanking him for his tremendous support, steady leadership, and wise guidance.

I have said many times that the level of collaboration and community partnership I have discovered here in Fayette County is unrivaled. That is especially evident with Dr. Humbaugh.

My colleagues across the state and nation are amazed that our Health Department Commissioner meets with us weekly to review data, keep us apprised of the latest research and developments with COVID-19, provide guidance about health and safety protocols, and publicly advocate for best practices.

Dr. Humbaugh's wise counsel and measured approach have enabled us to prioritize in-person learning for our students, implement test-to-stay protocols in order to minimize absences caused by quarantines, partner with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and promote vaccine awareness and availability.

We are especially fortunate that Dr. Humbaugh is a pediatrician, so he was especially well-suited to advise our

school system not only through the pandemic but also in previous years. His legacy is bigger than COVID-19. During his tenure, we were able to dramatically increase the number of nurses in our schools and substantially improve our wellness programming.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Humbaugh for his service and wishing him health and happiness in his future endeavors.

With just a few school days left before winter break, let's keep each other healthy, DL

FCPS Core COVID-19 Team Update

Here is a summary of items discussed during the December 14, 2021 meeting of the Fayette County Public Schools Core COVID-19 Team:

Vaccination Clinics: FCPS has partnered with Wild Health to offer free vaccination clinics for all eligible individuals at convenient school locations. [Register here](#) for clinics to be held on Monday, December 20, 2021, at:

- Bryan Station High School, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tates Creek High School, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Vaccinations for all ages (including boosters) are also available daily, Monday through Sunday, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 100 Midland Avenue. [Register here](#)

Transportation Update:

- Following a unanimous vote of the Fayette County Board of Education, FCPS will be partnering with the National Association of Pupil Transportation to provide van service for select routes that serve a small number of students. Families of students who are impacted will be contacted directly to make arrangements. This does not replace our incredible bus drivers -- it is just a way of augmenting our service to students and families while we continue to recruit and train more drivers.
- We welcomed three new drivers last week but unfortunately lost one to retirement. There are currently 29 trainees working on their required licenses.
- Until we can get our remaining drivers on the road, we will continue with a preannounced schedule of bus cancellations and delays. The week that their bus route does not run, families should try to find another way for their child to get to and from school. If they are unable to make other transportation arrangements, the child's absence will be excused. If an afternoon bus route is delayed, transportation will be available at 4:45 p.m. after other routes are completed and additional drivers are available. Families are encouraged to find a different way home for their children. FCPS will send reminder emails, calls, and text messages to affected families the week before. [Click here](#) for a list of January's morning cancellations and afternoon delays.

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