



Tuesday | November 2, 2021

Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Report

Commissioner of Health Dr. Kraig Humbaugh shared that the rolling seven-day average of new cases in Fayette County was 62 on Tuesday, marking the first time in several weeks that cases have not fallen. Humbaugh said it was too soon to determine if our community has plateaued at that level or if we will return to the case numbers in the twenties that Fayette County had in June, before the escalation caused by the Delta variant.

FCPS Report

Here are the case and quarantine totals for the past week (10/26/21 to 11/1/21) within the Fayette County Public Schools district, which has roughly 42,000 students and 8,000 employees:

- 63 new student cases
- 8 new staff cases
- 318 new student quarantines
- 4 new staff quarantines

As of November 2, 2021, 349 students and four employees are in quarantine.

Message from FCPS Superintendent Demetrus Liggins



Following the success of our Test to Stay in School pilot program over the past month, we have begun expanding it to other schools. With the addition of Arlington, Sandersville, and Veterans Park elementary schools in the past week, we now have 11 schools offering families the opportunity to send their students to school rather than having to miss instruction by quarantining at home.

This week we will be training staff from other elementary and middle schools in the program procedures with the intention of providing this opportunity at all elementary and middle schools. After this semester we plan to reevaluate and possibly expand to our high school campuses in the new year.

For those who may not be familiar with the Test to Stay in School option, which we developed in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Kentucky Department of Health, and the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department:

- This optional program allows students who are exposed to the virus in school-related settings only to continue to attend school IF:
 - They are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, AND
 - They test negative during free on-campus testing before school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

To learn more, please check out the following resources at

www.fcps.net/test2stay:

- [Program Guidance](#)

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Please be well and take care of one another, DL

FCPS Core COVID-19 Team Update

Here is a summary of items discussed during the November 2, 2021 meeting of the Fayette County Public Schools Core COVID-19 Team:

Transportation and Child Nutrition Staffing: At this time, we have only six vacancies in our child nutrition department. We're thrilled with the progress made -- down from more than 50 openings back in August. We're also encouraged to have more than 30 individuals in various stages of training to become bus drivers. If you know anyone else who wants to be part of Team FCPS, please encourage them to apply at www.fcps.net/jobs.

Vaccinations: Following the news that both the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have approved the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine for 5- to 11-year-old children, we will be working with local and state health experts to determine next steps as appropriate.

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