



Weekly COVID-19 News & Updates



Tuesday | November 9, 2021

Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Report

Commissioner of Health Dr. Kraig Humbaugh shared that over the past three weeks, our community appears to have reached a plateau of 50 to 60 new cases of COVID-19 a day. The rolling seven-day average of new cases in Fayette County was 53 on Tuesday.

The key to reducing those numbers further will be getting greater numbers of area residents fully vaccinated, he said.

“As a pediatrician, I strongly recommend COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5 years and older, in order to reduce the risk of illness to themselves and their families,” Humbaugh said. “This vaccine has been shown to be over 90% effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infections among 5-11 year olds. Parents can rest easier knowing that children have the best protection available against COVID-19 while at school or participating in school activities.”

VACCINATION SITES

FCPS has partnered with Wild Health, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, and HealthFirst Bluegrass to offer free vaccination clinics from **3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10**. A parent or guardian must be present with a child between the ages of 5 and 11.

Vaccines available for children, adolescents, and adults:

Register online with Wild Health for one of these school locations:

- Athens-Chilesburg Elementary, 930 Jouett Creek Drive
- Coventry Oak Elementary, 2441 Huntly Place
- Tates Creek Elementary, 1111 Centre Pkwy.
- Wellington Elementary, 3280 Keithshire Way

Message from FCPS Superintendent Demetrus Liggins



We are thrilled to report that we only have two openings in our child nutrition department and that we have 27 individuals in our bus driver class right now! We currently have 19 trainees who we believe will be ready to start driving buses regularly in just a few weeks.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us fill these vacant positions over the past few months. Whether you subbed in a cafeteria or referred a potential employee to our application site, you have played a role in being able to keep our schools open for students.

Having our students in person is critically important for helping accelerate their learning. The disruptions of the past two years have been difficult and we are all committed to ensuring that our students are able to recoup those academic skills.

Unfortunately, I need to make you aware that we are beginning to see the impact of national supply chain shortages in our cafeteria kitchens. Although our team is working diligently to source food items and placing orders well in advance, our vendors and distributors are not always able to get things from their suppliers.

Please be assured that we have plenty of food and will be able to continue providing hot, fresh meals to our students each day. But from day to day, some menu items may be in short supply.

Our talented and creative child nutrition team is monitoring the situation closely and making substitutions as necessary. Please extend a measure of grace to the wonderful people who are working hard

Vaccines available for children ages 5 to 11 only:

- Cardinal Valley Elementary, 218 Mandalay Rd. - register at (859) 288-2425
- Mary Todd Elementary, 551 Parkside Drive - register at (859) 288-2425
- William Wells Brown Elementary, 555 E. 5th St. - register at (859) 288-2425
- Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Rd. - register at (859) 252-2371 or [sign up online with the health department](#)

each day to serve breakfast and lunch to our students. You can help us at home by talking with your children about the fact that sometimes the menu will change due to circumstances outside of our control.

Please be well and take care of one another, DL

FCPS Report

Here are the case and quarantine totals for the past week (11/2/21 to 11/8/21) within the Fayette County Public Schools district, which has roughly 42,000 students and 8,000 employees:

- 68 new student cases
- 8 new staff cases
- 300 new student quarantines
- 3 new staff quarantines

As of November 9, 2021, 303 students and four employees are in quarantine.

FCPS Core COVID-19 Team Update

Here is a summary of items discussed during the November 9, 2021 meeting of the Fayette County Public Schools Core COVID-19 Team:

Employee Vaccination Incentives: All full- and part-time FCPS employees are eligible for a payment of \$200 **IF** they are **fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Dec. 1, 2021 AND** they **submit documentation of the vaccination by the deadlines established (Dec. 3 and Jan. 10)**.

Substitutes who have worked at least 10 days during the 2021-2022 school year, with one of those days being within a month of the payment, are also eligible.

To register for the vaccination incentive program and receive the \$200 stipend, employees should **click here**.

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