



Tuesday | November 30, 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 68 on Tuesday, but cautioned that the number was impacted by closures over the holiday weekend. Humbaugh noted that the state positivity rate has risen and there are indications that cases are starting to tick upward.

He also shared that the Health Department is beginning to receive official reports of flu cases in Fayette County and encouraged everyone to get a flu shot if they haven't already.

Opportunities to be vaccinated tomorrow!

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department is providing first and second doses of the FREE Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 years at a special clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Road. [Registration](#) is required; walk-ins will not be accepted. A legal guardian must be present at the time of the shot.

FCPS has partnered with Wild Health to offer free vaccination clinics from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at school locations. [Register here](#) for clinics to be held on:

Wednesday, Dec. 1 at:

- Coventry Oak Elementary, 2441 Huntly Place
- Tates Creek Elementary, 1111 Centre Pkwy.

Thursday, Dec. 2 at:

- Athens-Chilesburg Elementary, 930 Jouett Creek Drive
- Wellington Elementary, 3280 Keithshire Way

Message from FCPS Superintendent Demetrus Liggins



Welcome back! I hope all of our students, employees and families enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving break, making memories with loved ones.

While our community continues to grapple with COVID-19, I am glad to announce that the opportunity for students to "Test to Stay" in school is now available at every elementary and middle school in the district.

Fayette County Public Schools developed the ["Test to Stay" in School](#) program in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Kentucky Department of Health, and the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in order to reduce the amount of instruction missed by students due to quarantines.

This option allows students who are exposed to the virus in school-related settings to continue to attend classes 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.

Remember that **fully-vaccinated students** who are exposed to COVID-19 in a school-related setting and are not experiencing any symptoms **do not have to quarantine**. Students are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received their second dose of the vaccine.

More information, including [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [details about the "Test to Stay" program](#), are available in English and the seven other

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Here are the case and quarantine totals for the past week (11/9/21 to 11/15/21) within the Fayette County Public Schools district, which has roughly 42,000 students and 8,000 employees:

- 64 new student cases
- 4 new staff cases
- 212 new student quarantines
- 4 new staff quarantines

As of November 16, 2021, 127 students and six employees are in quarantine.

most frequently spoken languages of our families at www.fcps.net/test2stay.

All families with students in elementary and middle school should have received an email this morning with links to an electronic consent form to opt into this program. If you did not receive an email, you can fill out the [online consent form here](#) or download a [paper version](#) and return it to your child's school.

Our goal is to maximize the amount of time our students are able to learn in-person at school with classmates and caring adults. Thank you for everything you are doing to make that possible!

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 30, 2021 meeting of the Fayette County Public Schools Core COVID-19 Team:

School Bus Driver Shortage: Over the past few months, we have kept our community informed about efforts to address the school bus driver shortage, which have included new recruitment strategies, higher salaries for bus drivers, attendance incentive pay, and a prescheduled rotation of bus cancellations. The district has also explored sharing drivers with other agencies that employ individuals with a CDL license, adding a fourth tier of school start times, and contracting with outside vendors.

We are excited to share that the Fayette County Board of Education will consider an additional strategy this month that has worked successfully in other school districts in the country. Under the proposal, the district would contract with the National Association of Pupil Transportation Collaborative to provide van service for students on some of the routes that serve smaller groups of riders. As required under state law, all drivers will be required to go through the same background check process as district employees and contractors, and all vehicles will be fully equipped with proper safety features.

If approved by the school board, this pilot program would start with a few carefully identified routes in January and be monitored to ensure we are providing high-quality and safe service to our students and families.

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