



Weekly COVID-19 News & Updates



Tuesday | October 5, 2021

Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Report

Commissioner of Health Dr. Kraig Humbaugh said new cases of COVID-19 are continuing to decline.

Today's rolling seven-day average of new cases in Fayette County is 137, which is the lowest it's been since July.

Humbaugh also reminded everyone about tomorrow's flu shot clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Road. Walk-ins are accepted, and appointments can be made at fchd.org/flushots2021.

The clinic will happen rain or shine!

FCPS Report

Here are the case and quarantine totals for the past week (9/28/21 to 10/4/21) within the Fayette County Public Schools district, which has roughly 42,000 students and 8,000 employees:

- 160 new student cases
- 37 new staff cases
- 937 new student quarantines
- 13 new staff quarantines

As of October 5, 2021, 828 students and 13 employees are in quarantine.

Message from FCPS Superintendent Demetrus Liggins



The continuing decline in COVID-19 infections is certainly welcome news as we head into fall break at the end of this week. However, in the past week we still had nearly 200 new cases among students and staff and more than 900 student quarantines. As you make plans for fall break, please practice the healthy habits that help reduce the potential transmission of COVID-19, including frequent handwashing and staying home if you aren't feeling well.

We could really make an impact on these numbers if all employees and students who are 12 years of age or older would get vaccinated. There are many opportunities to get vaccinated for free through [Wild Health](#) or the [Lexington-Fayette County Health Department](#). While schools are closed for two days this week, I encourage everyone who is eligible to make arrangements to be vaccinated -- whether it's your first, second, or third shot.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and have been proven to provide protection against severe illness caused by the virus. Since children under the age of 12 are not yet able to receive the vaccine, it is incumbent upon those of us who are eligible to do all that we can to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The pandemic has underscored the interconnected nature of humankind. Each of us has been impacted by this virus, and it will take action from each of us to achieve community immunity.

Author Brian Solis once observed, "Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." Reducing COVID-19 transmission so our

students and staff can be together in person is something we can accomplish together -- and that matters!

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 October 5, 2021 meeting of the Fayette County Public Schools Core COVID-19 Team:

- **Bus Cancellations and Delays:** Each week, families should check to see if their child's bus is impacted by pre-announced service reductions. Affected routes for the month of October have already been released and can be [found here](#). 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 arrangements for transportation, 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.
- **Employee Vaccination Incentive Program:** Fayette County Public Schools employees who are fully vaccinated before December 1 will receive a \$200 stipend. Next week's newsletter will include a link where staff can submit their proof of vaccination. There is still time to get vaccinated -- appointments are available [here](#).

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