



# Weekly COVID-19 News & Updates



Tuesday | October 19, 2021

## Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Report

Commissioner of Health Dr. Kraig Humbaugh shared that this week Fayette County will reach the grim milestone of 50,000 known cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began. He noted that the actual number is likely even higher than that because there are people who had the virus and did not get tested.

Humbaugh said he is encouraged by the continuing steady decline in cases, with the rolling seven-day average of new cases in Fayette County at 77 on Tuesday. Hospitalizations are beginning to decrease as well, he said.

## FCPS Report

Here are the case and quarantine totals for the past week (10/12/21 to 10/18/21) within the Fayette County Public Schools district, which has roughly 42,000 students and 8,000 employees:

- 112 new student cases
- 22 new staff cases
- 385 new student quarantines
- 2 new staff quarantines

As of October 19, 2021, 441 students and 5 employees are in quarantine.

## Message from FCPS Superintendent Demetrus Liggins



When we first started sending these weekly COVID-19 updates in August, we had 381 new cases and 2,184 new quarantines among students and staff the previous week. While I look forward to a time when those numbers are in the single digits, it is certainly encouraging that reports from last week included only 134 new cases and 387 new quarantines among students and staff.

State and local health officials believe we have turned the corner on the surge caused by the Delta variant. The layered health and safety precautions we have implemented in FCPS this year are helping minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 and as cases in the community decline, we expect to see fewer disruptions to in-person learning.

If we continue on this trajectory, we anticipate being able to scale back this weekly email next month to include just updates on numbers unless there are important announcements to communicate.

We all play a role in protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and families and we are grateful for your collaboration and support. Keep up the great work!

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

**Still Hiring!** FCPS has openings for 32 bus drivers and 15 child nutrition employees. Please encourage anyone you know who is looking for work to visit [www.fcps.net/jobs](http://www.fcps.net/jobs).

**Bus Cancellations and Delays:** Each week, families should check to see if their child's bus is impacted by pre-announced service reductions. The schedule of morning cancellations and afternoon delays for the next eight weeks 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.

**Employee Vaccination Incentive Program:** 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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