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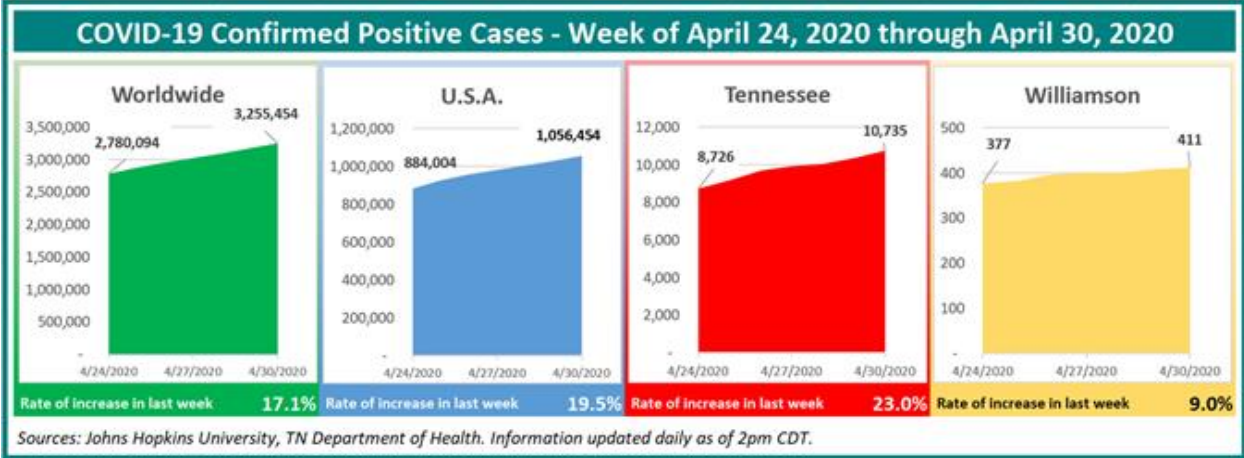
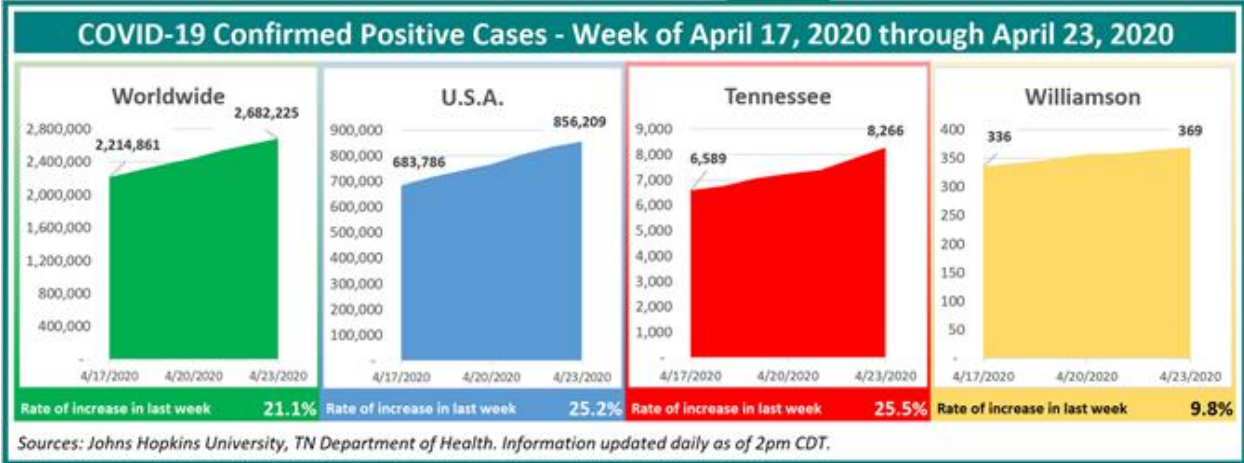


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May 1, 2020

(Re-issued *with* the Walking Challenge Flyer!)

Coronavirus Update: Earlier this week, **Mayor Moore's Stay at Home order expired and the local State of Emergency was revised. The City is now following the guidelines of Governor Lee's Tennessee Pledge to reopen businesses in TN.** To see the Governor's guidelines please visit <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery.html>. The Governor also issued Executive Order 30 which is very comprehensive regarding social gatherings, face coverings, nursing homes, church gatherings and still staying at home when possible and opening up restaurants and retail. Some graphics are below created by our Communications Division. The Mayor's revised orders **is on our website** www.franklintn.gov/covid-19. See charts and numbers below for the last two weeks. For more information on the numbers go to www.tn.gov/health.



GOV. BILL LEE'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER
STAY HOME WHEN POSSIBLE



- The threat of COVID-19 is **very serious**
 - Strongly encourage everyone to stay home and avoid in-person contact
 - Everyone has a responsibility to protect themselves

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GOV. BILL LEE'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER
SOCIAL GATHERINGS



- Social gatherings **remain prohibited**
 - Festivals
 - Fairs
 - Parades
 - Youth & adult camps
 - Overnight camps
 - Other types of group gatherings

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EXECUTIVE ORDER
NURSING HOME VISITATION



- Nursing home visitation **remains prohibited**
 - Unless provided for by the state or local health department, nursing home residents remain in their rooms unless there is an imminent health care need
 - Provided for by the state or local health department
 - Unreasonable
- People encouraged to use electronic or video communication

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GOV. BILL LEE'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER 30
 PLACES OF WORSHIP, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS



- Religious services, rites, gatherings are permitted **HOWEVER**
 - Encouraged to use virtual or online services
 - Public celebrations (weddings/funerals) encouraged to be postponed or attended only by close family members

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GOV. BILL LEE'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER 30
 FACE COVERINGS



- People are urged to wear face coverings in public places
 - Especially important in close proximity to others
 - Cloth face coverings should not be used on children under two years old
 - Surgical masks & N-95 masks reserved for health care and first responders

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First Phase of Opening Public Venue's in the Parks System – May 1st. Today, we will begin the first phase of re-opening park amenities in City parks. Phase 1 opening will include:

- Open Both Dog Parks – Liberty & Harlinsdale
- Equestrian Trails at Harlinsdale (regularly open on Tues, Thurs & Sundays.)
- Tennis Courts at Jim Warren Park
- Skatepark at Jim Warren Park

Note: We expect two more future phases of public venue/amenity reopening. The exact timing will depend on confirmed case performance and our experience with phase one. We expect playgrounds to be in the final phase.

City Hall Payment Window to re-open – Wednesday, May 6th. We will reopen City Hall for access to the payment window in customer service/revenue management beginning Wednesday, May 6th. The operating hours for the time being will be 8 a.m. until noon. We will ask the public to be non-symptomatic prior to entering City Hall. We will also be

implementing a protocol for employees working with the public. This will involve questions regarding symptoms (the same questions recommended in the Tennessee Pledge plan) and the taking of temperatures (with a no-touch thermometer) prior to starting their shift. This is similar to the protocols we have been using in the Fire Department for nearly two months. A specific policy/protocol will be issued by Monday, May 4th.

Ten years ago the City experienced the record breaking floods of May 2010. A record rainfall of more than 13 inches of rain was recorded in Williamson County, resulting in flooding that displaced hundreds of residents, and caused an estimated \$16.5 million in damage to 440 structures. In a 48-hour period, our **entire City team** worked to assist citizens affected by the flood waters. The **Franklin Fire Department** responded to 398 rescue operations throughout Williamson County. Firefighters even battled two side-by-side house fires in waist-deep water. More than 40 counties in Tennessee, including Williamson, were declared disaster areas by the federal government. After evacuations in Franklin and Williamson County, the Metro Nashville Fire Department requested assistance in evacuating citizens of Davidson County. Our **Communications team**, documented the City's response in a video. Take a look back at the community response to the May 2010 flood <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViQrb0CKiJU>

From the **Human Resources Department**:

Thursday, May 7th at 10am we're hosting a virtual meeting about **Medicare!** This *Zoom* meeting will be hosted by Margaret Smith, president at Medical Accounts Management, Inc. **To register:** Please e-mail ashley.peery@franklintn.gov.

Also, please sign up for the **walking challenge**. The flyer is attached. Even if you are working at home, you can participate and it is a great stress reliever during these strange times. And a great reminder to get up from your computer and move.



Fire station 7 in South East Franklin, off of Goose Creek, near the Ag Center is moving along. According to Facilities Manager Brad Wilson, construction could be complete August 18 (without rain delays). We may plan for



a grand opening on mid-September. The new station will be very similar to Station 8 in Westhaven.

Below are some nice **thank you notes** this week.

Alderman Martin said that former Alderman Ernie Bacon called her to “sing the praises” of our Stormwater team. Ernie said our Stormwater folks had identified a storm water issue on Fourth Avenue and done a great job addressing it. He specifically mentioned Doug but others may have been involved as well. Great job! Thank you!

*Tuesday April 14 was my grandson Eli West 5th birthday. Due to the current stay at home order my daughter Ashley was not able to have a birthday party. She did contact the **City through Facebook Messenger**. The **Communications division** sent the message to the **Franklin Police department** who sent a patrol car and two motorcycle officers to lead a parade of a few cars by the house. The officers flashed lights and wished Eli a happy birthday from their speaker system, he was so excited and loved the precision riding the motorcycle offers performed. A word of thanks to the police department for making this a special day for my grandson.—**Jim Townsend** You can see the video on the City Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/203097155343/videos/2934422576671634/>*

*To **BNS Inspector Mark Cusomato**, THANK YOU for doing a thorough inspection and catching so many things for our home. We have had issue with the way the builder has been doing (“not doing”) things per the manufacturer installation instructions and with other items such as the crawl space drainage or how the front door leaks at the sidelights when it rains. It has been frustrating to get them to do things right the first or even second time. We really appreciate that you caught items and didn't let anything slide. We want a quality home and appreciate the builder being held accountable at some level. THANK YOU.--**Charissa Daman***

Last Friday members of our **Leadership team** briefed the **Board of Mayor and Aldermen** on our actions since our first case of Coronavirus on March 5. The board complimented our city staff on our continued efforts to keep services moving forward and the hard work we have been doing during these unprecedented times. Thank you all for your service to the City of Franklin.



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