

E-Brief 2020



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Good morning, team.

In order to protect staff from potential exposure and to do our due diligence in monitoring exposure to COVID-19, the following has been implemented by our **Human Resources** team for City team members to follow.

- The Facilities Management team continues to work hard at sanitizing work spaces and perform regular, enhanced cleaning.
- City Hall team members shall enter through the Fire Department entrance for **temperature checks** and **masks** are expected to be worn in all common areas. Employees at outlying department shall continue temperature checks (some may be performing a daily temperature check on their own before reporting to work) and mask wearing as well.
- Prior to employees coming in to work daily, employees shall ask themselves the six health screening questions:
 - Have you been in close (within 6 feet) contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
 - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 - Have you had a fever (100 degrees or above) in the last 48 hours?
 - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
 - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
 - Within the past two weeks, have you traveled, been deployed or participated in activities that subject you to potential exposure to COVID-19?
- **The HR Department would also like to encourage all COVID-19 related questions to be sent to HRHelpDesk@franklinton.gov. Please see attached flyer for more details.**
- Also, Human Resources has provided a **graphic** (see attached) to assist supervisors and employees in determining the risk level associated with travel. Some form of testing/isolation may be required based on the nature of travel and this graphic is meant to provide clarity when employees are planning time off and to supervisors when approving/denying requests and guiding their staff on return to work protocols.

Congratulations to **Building and Neighborhood Services' Mark Cusomato**. Mark crushed the department's record in achieving certifications in the shortest amount of time.

The old record was held by **Patrick Virrill** for almost seven years. A new inspector is expected to achieve six certifications in the building trades in accordance with the State Fire Marshal's requirements. Mark Cusomato broke Patrick's record completing his **Commercial Mechanical** (second most difficult cert.) in five months and one week! This is a significant achievement, historically it usually is achieved in 12 to 18 months. Mark is proving he is intensely focused individual set on being the best he can be. Great job, Mark!

A nice note of appreciation for our **Sanitation team**:

*To the CEO or Director of Franklin Sanitation, I wanted to take the time to tell you about one of your excellent employees. His name is **Lucas Moss**. What a breath of fresh air he is. He has great manners and does a great job. This young man will go places in his life. I do my best to keep my trash cans clean and all trash bagged and tied up. I am disabled from four spine surgeries and I can't drag a trash can to the street. Everyone is always ready to complain, but very seldom do they compliment! Please put a copy of this letter from me in Moss' personnel file and please recognize him for his excellent work.—Thank you Gloria Benson*

Coronavirus Update:

We continue to see case numbers surge over the past two weeks, this is why we are requiring additional safeguard of both City team members and of our residents. Please do your part to keep yourself, your family, and your City family safe and well. Through Thursday, of the total 23,728 tests administered to Williamson County residents, 6.7% have tested positive, no change from yesterday. This is higher than where it was a week ago (6.1%). This increase is concerning as an increase in positive tests would be expected given the large numbers of additional tests conducted in the last week (3,424 tests have been conducted in the last seven days – or over 15.7% of all tests conducted in Williamson County since the pandemic began). This increase in positive cases is due to more than just increased testing. As a result, recovered patients – those who were infected and have since recovered - continues to fall, and is now less than 4 out of every 10 (40.5%) of all positive COVID-19 cases in Williamson County. There are now 948 active cases in Williamson County, an increase in the last week of 44.1%. ***Two out of every five active cases have been recorded in the last week.*** There have been 15 deaths related to COVID-19 in Williamson County, no change from yesterday. If there is any silver lining in the recent record spikes of positive and active cases, ***it is that our fatality rate stands at only 0.9% of total positive cases.***

Key Changes:

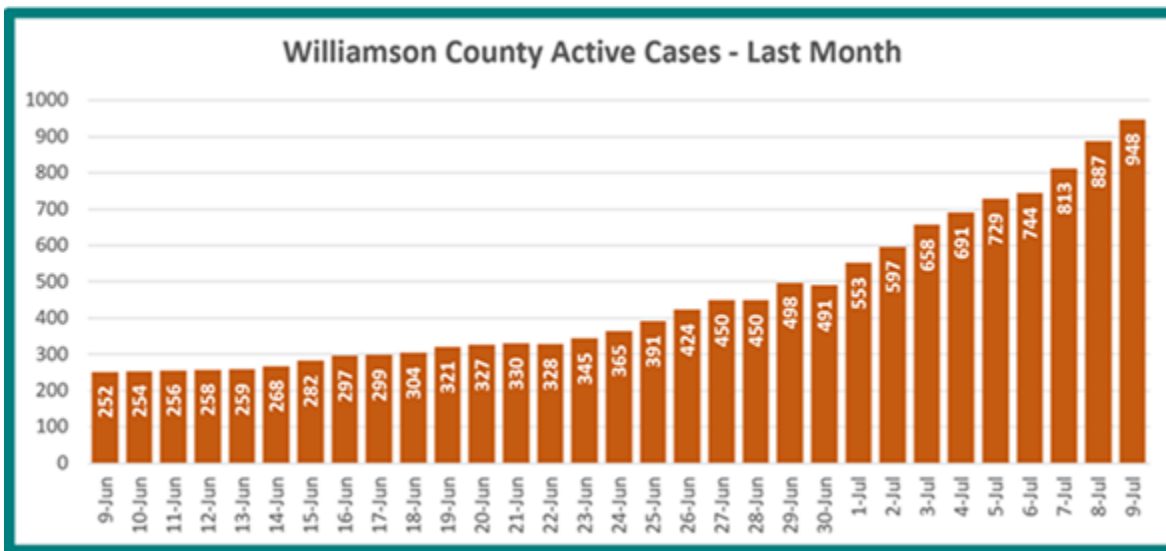
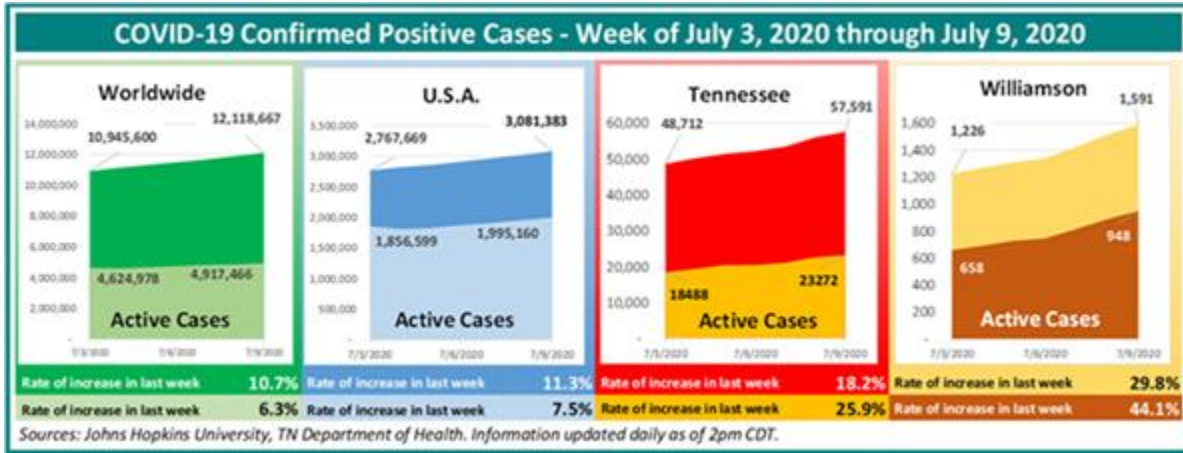
Up 1,605 more positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (57,591 total positive cases – **most since the pandemic began**).

Up 707 more active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (23,272 total active cases – **most since the pandemic began**).

Up 76 more positive cases day over day in Williamson County (1,591 total positive cases – **most since the pandemic began**).

Up 61 more active cases day over day in Williamson County (948 total active cases – **most since the pandemic began**).

- Up Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at 2.8%
- Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at 6.7%
- Level** Williamson County sixth highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
- Level** No additional deaths in Williamson County (15 – eighth highest in state)



*June 28, 2020 had no data.

That's the update for now. I hope you enjoy this nice summer day and have a good weekend. Thanks for *all* you do!

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