



E-Brief 2020



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Good morning, team,

Next week is **Suicide Prevention Week**. Williamson County, when compared to other Tennessee counties has a high suicide rate for juveniles ages 10-19. Adults in this county struggle too. Over 50 percent of suicides were individuals ages 35-64. **Mayor Dr. Ken Moore** is working to bring more awareness to the topic and is working with our **Communications team** to create a special presentation video program on social media. The program will premiere on our City Facebook and Instagram channels **Thursday, September 10 at 6:00pm** hosted by Mayor Moore and Franklin **Police Chief Deb Faulkner**. September 10th, is **World Suicide Prevention Day**. The program focuses on two Williamson County residents who survived a suicide attempt, and one local father who lost a teenage son to suicide. The program also features local mental health experts talking about the mental health resources in our community. Mayor Moore last year created a blue ribbon panel on mental health and from that formed the website www.findhopefranklin.com. On the website, people can find local resources to assist those dealing with mental health issues. Mental health is a critically important part of building a strong community. Thank you Mayor Moore, Chief Faulkner, Milissa Reiersen and many others in the community that are working to provide this important information and support to our community.

Focusing on mental health and well-being, Franklin **Fire EMS Officer Sarah Glenn** provided **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training** to all three Franklin Fire Department shifts this week. First developed for military combat veterans, CISM is an intervention protocol that is now utilized by first responders and others to deal with traumatic events. Sarah has taught this four-hour class for several years at Franklin and at other neighboring fire departments, and has even extended it to spouses and family members of firefighters.

Firefighter-Paramedic and Child Passenger Safety Instructor Jason Webb has been instrumental in assisting several agencies and people throughout the state with their **Child Passenger Safety programs and certifications**. Most recently, he assisted the TN Department of Children's Services. He helped to coordinate an event where their new employees could be observed installing car seats and checked off in order to transport children. Jason helped them get caught up after falling behind due to COVID-19. **Firefighters Tommy Alexander and Sean Norton** assisted with the check-offs as well.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 29th**, in the **City Hall Training Room** from **9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** To make an appointment, you can go to the online scheduling system at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: FranklinTN19. You can streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. If you need help making an appointment or if you have any questions, contact moniquem@franklinton.gov or at extension 6606.

The Human Resources Department will be hosting a **VIRTUAL College Fair on September 10th from 12:30 - 2:00PM**. Have you been thinking about going back to school and need a program that fits your lifestyle? This online session is for you! Join us to learn more about the City's tuition reimbursement program and hear from various schools on their degree programs and admissions requirements. To register, please go to <https://bit.ly/2Qll7xt> and you will receive an email confirmation after registering. See attached flyer from HR.



Also from the HR Department, get ready! **FLU SHOT CLINIC COMING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!** It is more important than ever for people to get their flu shots. We will be hosting an onsite flu shot clinic this month and next month. We will practice recommended CDC guidelines and other additional protocols to ensure everyone can get their flu shots safely. Stay tuned for details!

Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report (9/03/20):

Effective September 3rd data reporting is changing significantly. The Tennessee Department of Health made major changes to their reporting and data effective Thursday, September 3, 2020. Among those reporting changes are:

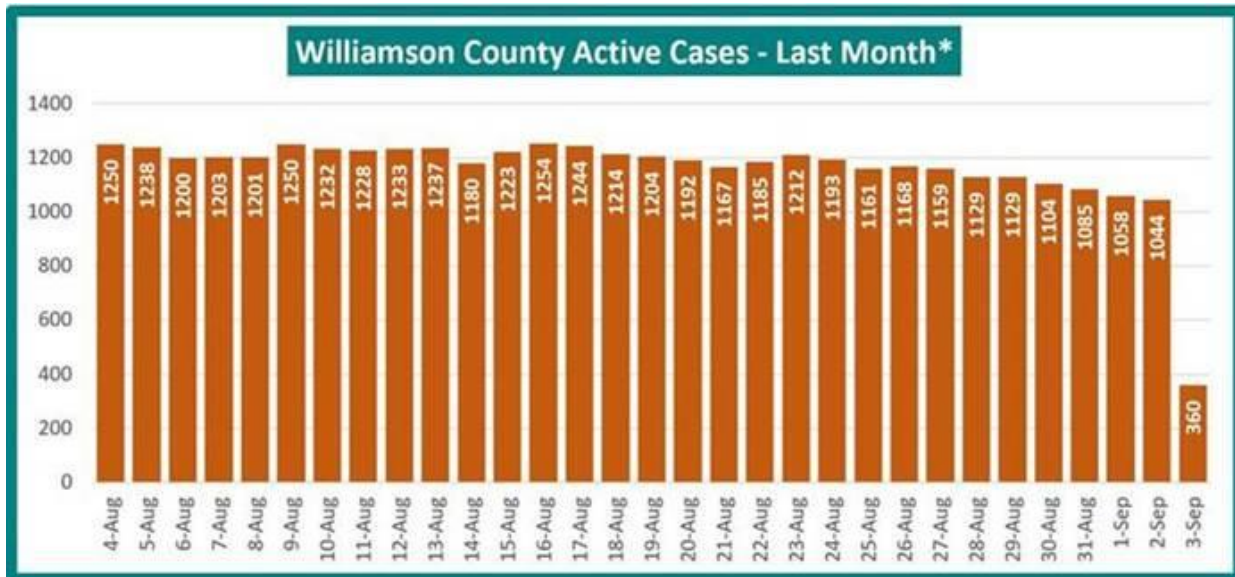
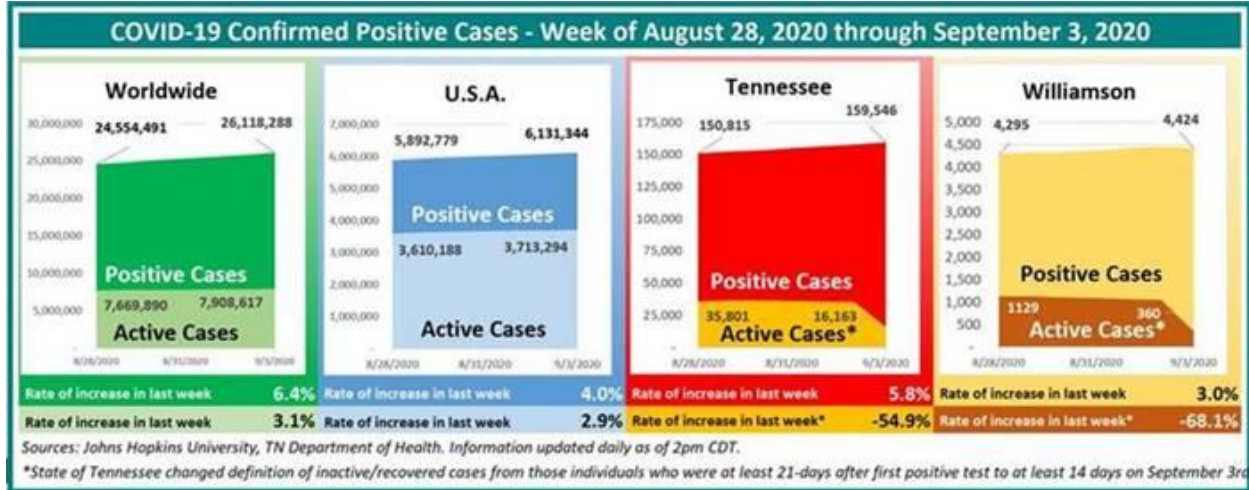
- **- Inactive/Recovered Cases:** No longer will simply recovered cases be reported alone, but they will be lumped into a new category including “inactive” cases as well. More significantly, the definition for the time it takes for a case to be recovered has declined from 21 days to 14 days. This, according to the State, reflects current COVID-19 infection trends from the CDC. As a result, the number of recovered cases and currently defined active cases **has dropped significantly from over 1,000 (1,044 active cases on September 2), to only 360 active cases today.**
- **- County Location Corrections:** Over 1,700 positive cases statewide have been recalibrated and assigned to other counties. The rationale for this was due to cases that were inappropriately assigned to one county due to the fact that the Zip Code where the case was confirmed straddle county lines. The result of this correction was also a noticeable **decrease in positive cases for Williamson County of 41 cases over yesterday (the largest single one day drop).**
- **- New Reports and Information:**

From the Tennessee Department of Health: “Starting Sept. 3, individual County Data Snapshots will provide information on case counts, hospitalizations, testing and more for each county at www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov/data/county-data-snapshot.html. In addition, the new weekly Critical Indicators Report includes information to help stakeholders monitor trends in cases, symptoms, testing capabilities and health care system capacity. Find the Critical Indicators Report online at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/CriticalIndicatorReport.pdf>. “ As a result, this report and the information within it, will look significantly different. It will take some time to recalibrate weekly and other time-based trend data with the new standards. Please find attached the updated summary for confirmed COVID-19 Cases for September 3, 2020.

Key Changes:

- **Up 1,715 more** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (159,546 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- **Down 19,196 fewer** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (16,163 total active cases)
- **Down 41 fewer** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (4,424 total positive cases)
- **Down 684 fewer** active cases day over day in Williamson County (360 total active cases)
- **Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.8%**

- **Down** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.6%**
- **Level** Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
- **Down One (1) fewer** death in Williamson County (**29 – tied for ninth** highest in state)



*State of Tennessee changed definition of inactive/recovered cases from those individuals who were at least 21-days after first positive test to at least 14 days on September 3rd.

Enjoy your holiday weekend. Thank you for all you do!



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