

E-Brief 2020



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Friday, October 9, 2020

Good morning, team.

Today is **Go Green for World Mental Health Day**. E-mail a picture of yourself wearing green to ashley.peery@franklintn.gov to be entered in a giveaway. For an extra entry, post the picture to your social media accounts with the hashtags #CityofFranklin #GoGreen #WorldMentalHealthDay!

The **Human Resources Department** will be hosting two online trainings titled **Mental Health Awareness** on **October 14th from 10:00-11:00AM** and **October 28th from 2:00-3:00PM**. Each class will be taught by Kelsey Burton, LPC-MHSP, EAP Coordinator at LifeServices EAP. This training is open to all employees to attend. To register, please visit *Inside the City*: <https://franklintn.sharepoint.com/hr/training/Pages/default.aspx>. Zoom link information will be sent out to employees at a later date.

City of Franklin Free Flu Shot Clinic, October 15th

Flu shots will be provided on Thursday, October 15th from 6am – 9am and 3pm – 5pm at Jim Warren Park. Here is a map showing the pavilion location. Flu shots are offered for all full-time employees and their spouses, part-time employees, retirees and retiree spouses covered by a City of Franklin insurance plan. **This time, we're adding KIDS!** Covered children of full-time employees are welcome to get their free shots, as well! They must be at least 6 months old and accompanied by the parent throughout their time at the park. Please complete the attached registration packet (2 pages) prior to arriving. Forms will be provided on-site if you are unable to complete them beforehand. We will follow recommended CDC guidelines as well as additional COF protocols.

October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and next Friday (Oct. 16th), we are having a **Perfectly Pink Photo Contest**. E-mail a photo of yourself decked out in **pink** for Breast Cancer awareness to ashley.peery@franklintn.gov. For every employee that participates, the City will make a donation to **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation!!!**



Three **Franklin Firefighters** have been **deployed to Louisiana ahead of Hurricane Delta** to aid in expected search and rescue efforts. Hurricane Delta is a Category 2 storm forecasted to make landfall today. **Lt. Jonathan Gill** and **Firefighters Rob Thomas and Todd Wilson** are part of the TN Task Force 2 (TNTF2) deployment. TNTF2 is comprised of several Middle Tennessee agencies. The deployment is initially expected to last 14 days, however it can be reduced or extended depending on the needs of Louisiana officials.

Don't forget about our **"Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day."** campaign for United Way. If you **give a total contribution of at least \$100** to United Way (I'd challenge you to consider giving the equivalent of one day's pay), and **commit to volunteer at least 8 hours over the next year with your chosen cause** (i.e. – non-profit, church, school, etc.), you can **receive an EXTRA personal day in 2021**. The additional personal day will be awarded on January 1, 2021 and must be used during the 2021 calendar year.

Here are the details:

- Your 2021 pledge to United Way can take the form of a payroll deduction (spread over 26 paychecks in 2021) or as a one-time contribution, which ever works best for you. The minimum pledge to qualify is \$100. You should make your financial pledge using the attached United Way Pledge Form or request a form from Administration or Human Resources.
- We ask that you sign a 2021 volunteer pledge that includes your name, department, and the cause/organization(s) that you are committing to dedicate at least 8 hours of volunteer time (non-work hours) this coming year (attached) . The choice of where and how you volunteer is up to you. You may also want to work with other City team members to volunteer as a group. If you are looking for some ideas, United Way has an online volunteer resource:
<https://www.unitedwaynashville.org/volunteer>
- Once you have made both your United Way pledge and your volunteer pledge you will be credited with an additional personal day on January 1, 2021. The personal day must be used during the 2021 calendar year.

The "Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day." campaign runs through **November 2nd**. Both forms will need to be returned to Human Resources. If you are submitting via e-mail,



please send both forms to jasmine.dickerson@franklintn.gov.

Last year, the Franklin Fire Department filmed a music video with the Mother Goose Club Playhouse (with more than 12 million YouTube subscribers) at Franklin Fire Station 4. It was just released yesterday. You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3LBhi980Kg&feature=youtu.be>

We received a **thank you note** for **Doug Pratt of the Streets Department**:

Hello Mr. Grubb

*I live in in the city of Franklin in Maplewood subdivision. I recently had an issue with our street and contacted the street department. Mr. Doug Pratt promptly returned my call and was so unbelievably nice that I could not believe it. That kind of niceness is rare these days. He understood the issue and took care of it promptly. He could have easily been condescending and critical but he was so gracious and so very nice. I called to thank him just now, and again, he was so very nice and gracious. I know I am repeating myself, but that kind of response is so rare these days. I just want to let you know and express my gratitude.
Sincerely, Michelle Jones*

Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report 10/08/20):

Over the past week, we have experienced a significant increase in active cases in the community. I appreciate all you are doing to stay vigilant by washing hands frequently, maintaining physical distancing, staying home when you are sick, and wearing a mask/face covering. The number of cases or cases related to family members are actually down and at a very low level. Keep up the good work! Here are the most recent COVID numbers:

Key Changes:

Up 1,992 more positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (209,447 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)

Up 515 more active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (16,752 total active cases)

Up 35 more positive cases day over day in Williamson County (5,833 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)

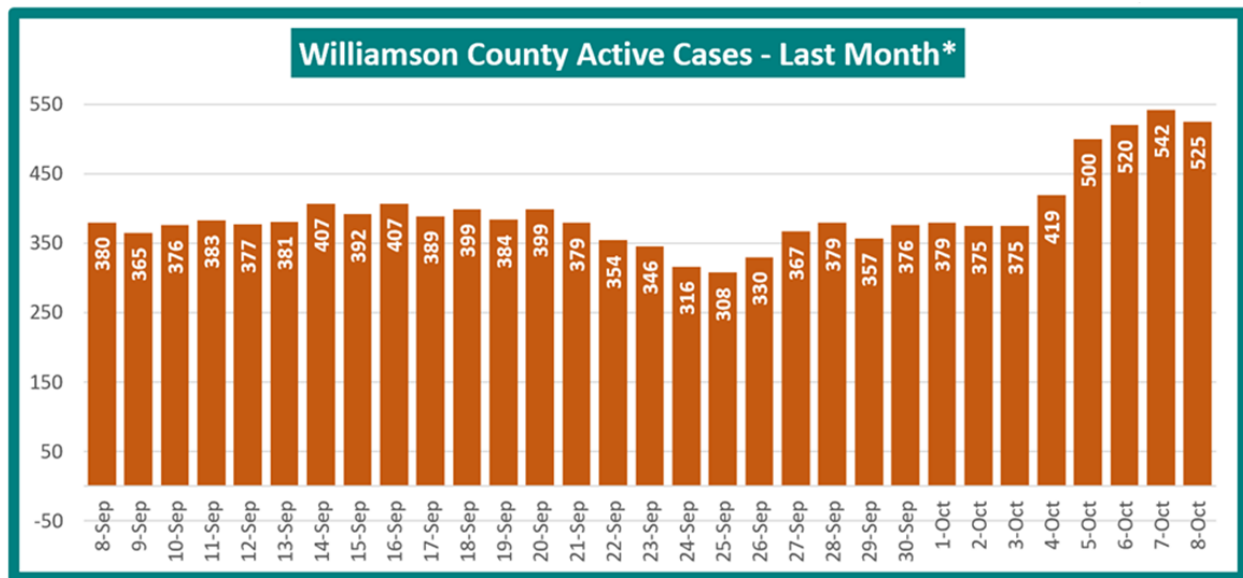
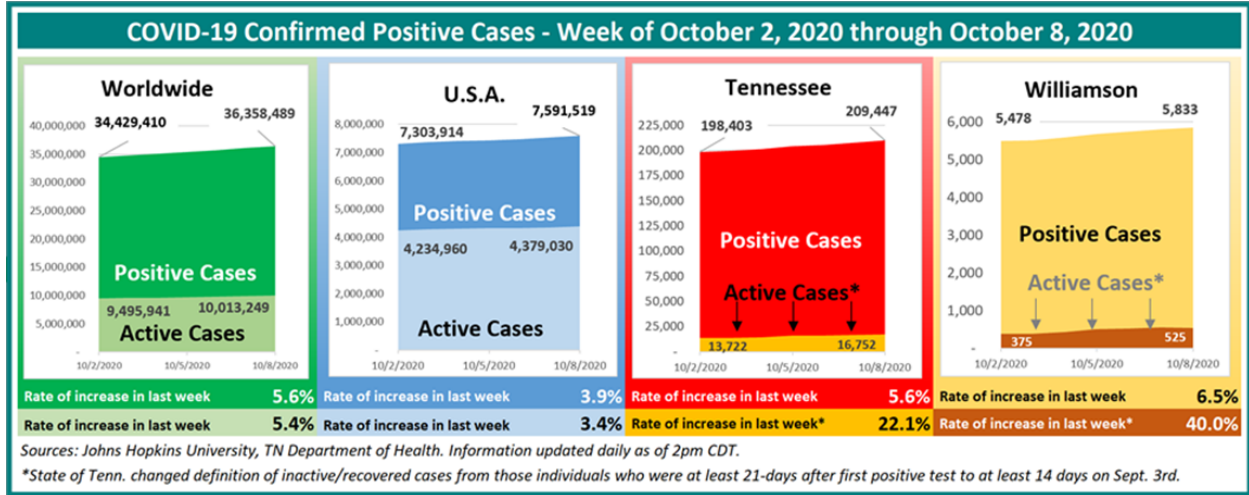
Down 17 fewer active cases day over day in Williamson County (525 total active cases)

Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.8%**

Level Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.4%**



Level Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
Up **One (1) additional** deaths in Williamson County (**42 – twelfth** 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.

That's it for now. Have a great weekend! Thanks for all you do.

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