

E-Brief 2020



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Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Go to <https://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov/183/Election-Day-Voting> to find your election day voting location finder.

Today is the final day of Spirit Week and it's Halloween Costume Day. Send your photos to hrhelpdesk@franklintn.gov for a chance to win. **Please see attached flier to find out who won the daily contests this week.** Please go to HR to pick up your prizes on **Monday**.

While on vacation, **Firefighter Nick Riley** helped save the life of a 3-year old child who suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the abdomen. The incredible story was recently featured in the Williamson Herald. You can read it here: <https://bit.ly/2FTxwqM> **Thank you Nick for your bravery and service to all!**

Captain Tom Chaffin conducted a virtual fire station tour recently, with the help of Engineer Jeremiah Rogers and Firefighter-Paramedic Stephen Astalos. This was done as a private Zoom meeting with the Goddard School of Cool Springs. A public virtual fire station tour also took place this week and was livestreamed on

Facebook, with **Lt. Max Cook and Engineer Wyle Jones**. The Facebook video has already received more than 1,600 views. You can also watch it on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yr2NINa-rRE&feature=youtu.be>

This year the **City of Franklin is planning a "reverse" parade** to celebrate and honor veterans on **Veterans Day (November 11th) at 11 a.m.** The parade will take place at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm. Veterans will line the road inside the park while the community drives by and shows their appreciation. We wanted to find a way to honor our veterans but still be safe during a global pandemic. Veterans, bands, and other participants will be stationed along the road throughout Harlinsdale. This will give them



ample room to social distance. Read more about the Veterans Day Parade on our website <https://www.franklintn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/9883/1354>

The City of Franklin is planning special **2020 Christmas celebrations** in December. This year is a little different from past years and the City is planning to celebrate the holiday season and keep citizens safe. New this year will be an opportunity for **neighborhoods to have a special Santa Claus visit on a drive-by sleigh escorted by the Franklin Fire Department**. So far more than 50 neighborhoods have signed up for the Santa Visits! **Special thanks to our Fire Department for organizing and mobilizing these visits!** On December 4th and 5th, the **City of Franklin Parks Department** will host a festive **Christmas drive through at Eastern Flank Park**. Families can pile in the car and drive through the park to see Christmas Lights, characters and more! The hours will be 5-8pm on Friday and Saturday. The City has decided to bring The Shindellas back along with the Freedom Intermediate School Choir and other special guests for a fun **virtual tree lighting program to air on the City's social channels and Franklin TV on Thanksgiving evening (November 26th)**. Citizens are invited to come downtown later that evening and throughout the holiday weekend to see the beautifully lit Christmas tree on the square.

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.

Coronavirus Update: Thursday’s COVID-19 case report 10/29/20):

Active cases have more than doubled (increase of 118%) in the last month and 26% in the last two weeks.

COVID-19 confirmed cases as a percentage of overall population is shown below:

COVID-19 Positive cases as percentage of Overall Population			
Region	Total Pop.	Cases	Percentage
World	7,640,000,000	44,708,172	0.585%
United States	329,450,000	8,897,402	2.701%
Tennessee	6,830,000	256,880	3.761%
Williamson	240,000	7,387	3.078%

Key Changes:

Up 2,660 more positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (256,880 total positive cases - **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)

Up 189 more active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (26,346 total active cases)

Up 68 more positive cases day over day in Williamson County (7,387 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)

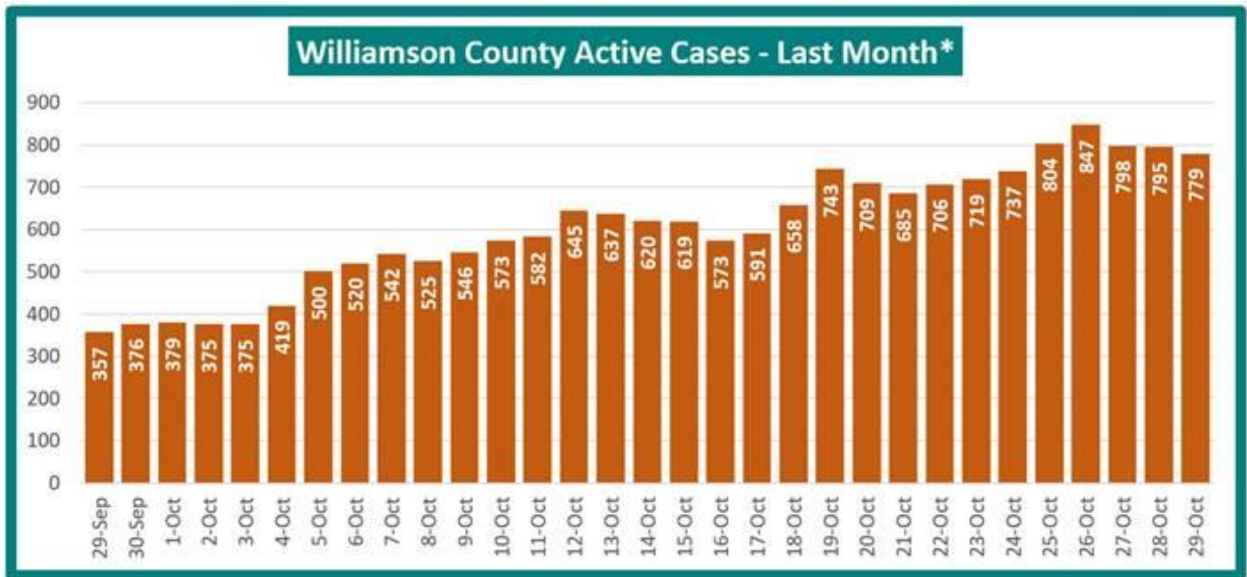
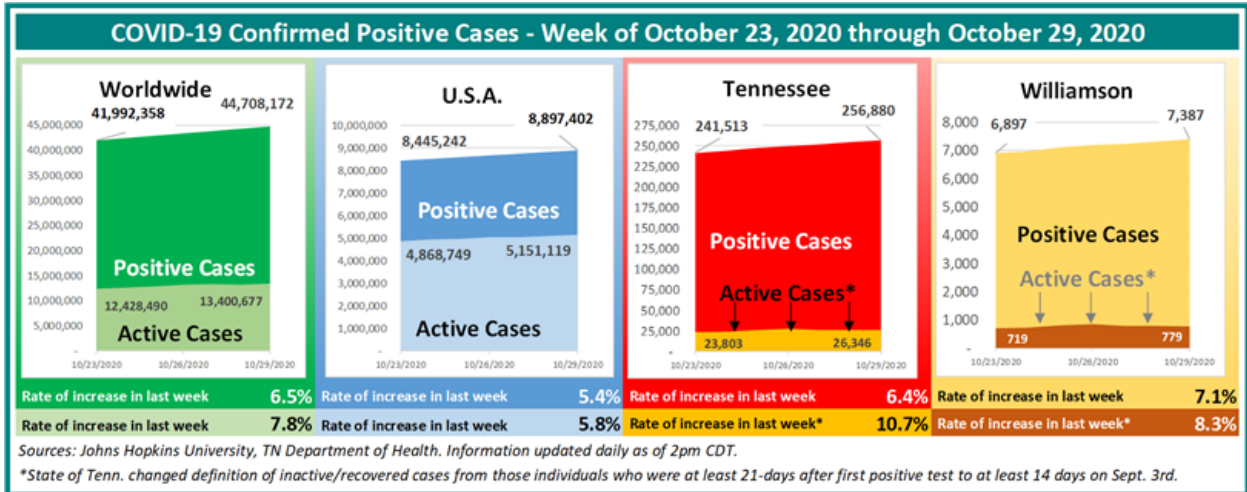
Down 16 fewer active cases day over day in Williamson County (779 total active cases)

Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.9%**

Up Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.8%**

Level Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee

Level **No additional** deaths in Williamson County (**56 – eleventh** 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 the update for now. Have a good weekend. Thanks for *all* you do!

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