

# E-Brief 2020



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*Friday, October 23, 2020*

**County-wide mask/face coving mandate reinstated.** Yesterday morning, County Mayor Rogers Anderson announced that the county-wide mask/face covering mandate will be reinstated effective October 24<sup>th</sup>. The County Mayor's order will run through October 30<sup>th</sup> (the expiration of Gov. Lee's Executive Order 63) but will be extended through the end of the calendar year contingent on the extension of authority granted by Governor Lee through executive order (an action that is expected by the end of October). The Executive Order and media release from Williamson County is attached. We will continue to require mask/face coverings in all City facilities. Thank you for your work to continue to fight the spread of COVID-19.

**Next Week is SPIRIT week at the City of Franklin!** This is your chance to have fun and win prizes every day! Each day you participate, submit a photo or video to [hrhelpdesk@franklintn.gov](mailto:hrhelpdesk@franklintn.gov) for a chance to win. See attached flier.

- **Monday-Hat Day**
- **Tuesday-COF Spirit Day**
- **Wednesday-Workout Wednesday**
- **Thursday-Pet Day**
- **Friday-Halloween Costume Contest (work friendly)**

**Great news from the Finance Department.** The federal CARES Act appropriated funds for nationwide relief efforts related to the Coronavirus pandemic. For cities and counties with populations under 500,000 residents, applications for grant funding were directed to our state governments. **The City of Franklin was allocated funding of \$1,213,710 on a reimbursement basis** for expenses such as extra cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers, safety enhancements for facilities, teleworking hardware and software and salaries for substantially dedicated public safety officers. Submittals for these funds began in early September and the City has now requested funding for its entire amount. The team of **Joanne Finn and Gino Fantoni from the Fire Department and Kristine Brock, Mike Lowe, and Dawn Wildrick of the Finance Department** coordinated the assimilation of all required documentation. Thank you to Joanne, Gino, Mike and Dawn for your leadership and a sincere appreciation to all of the departments for your cooperation throughout this process.

**Blue Bin update.** It seems like a lifetime ago that we began our Blue Bin campaign! In fact, it was a little over a year ago. Our goal was to get 10,000 households signed up for Blue Bin residential recycling. As of this week, more than 13,000 households have opted in to Blue Bin recycling! This is well over 60 percent of our households. Great job by our **Sanitation and Communication teams** as they have successfully engaged the community in this service upgrade.

**City Attorney Shauna Billingsley was recently recognized as an IMLA Fellow.** The International Municipal Lawyers Association's Local Government Fellows Program was established to recognize attorneys as legal specialists in the field of local government law and to encourage attorney proficiency and competency in the local government legal field. There is a rigorous process in place for identifying fellows. **Shauna is the only person in the state of Tennessee with this recognition.** Congratulations, Shauna!

Congratulations to **Walt Gatlin in the BNS Department** for achieving certification through the **International Code Council (ICC) as Electrical Plans Examiner.** Walt is now fully certified in the electrical and plumbing disciplines, which required him to pass 6 very difficult and highly technical exams. This is an outstanding accomplishment by Walt in his first year in BNS.

More congratulatory words for **Angie Johnson in the City Admin Department.** Angie has earned the designation of **Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC),** which is awarded by **the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc.** IIMC grants the CMC designation only to those municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state. The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 14,000 members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries, and the mission of this global non-profit corporation is to enhance the education opportunities and professional development of its diverse membership.

We received a nice thank you note this week for the **Streets Department.**

*Hello Steve,*

*My name is John Edwards (retired engineer) and I've resided on Acadia Ave., Franklin, TN for the last 14 years. The purpose of this email is to communicate to upper management the outstanding work of members of your Public Works team. By the way, your guys were very reluctant to provide me with your contact information. I had to threaten to report them if they did not! Your employees **Elliott McCeney, Keith Hardison, Jeremy Poteet, and Hunter Benefield** performed an outstanding side walk repair job in front of my house. They showed up when they said they would, did what they said they would do, and left the area better than they found it. The quality of their work is exceptional. And*



*they were extremely considerate and courteous to me. Keep up the good work! And feel to contact me if you have any questions. Best regards,--John Edwards*

The **Human Resources Department** will be hosting the second online trainings titled ***Mental Health Awareness*** on **October 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report 10/22/20):**

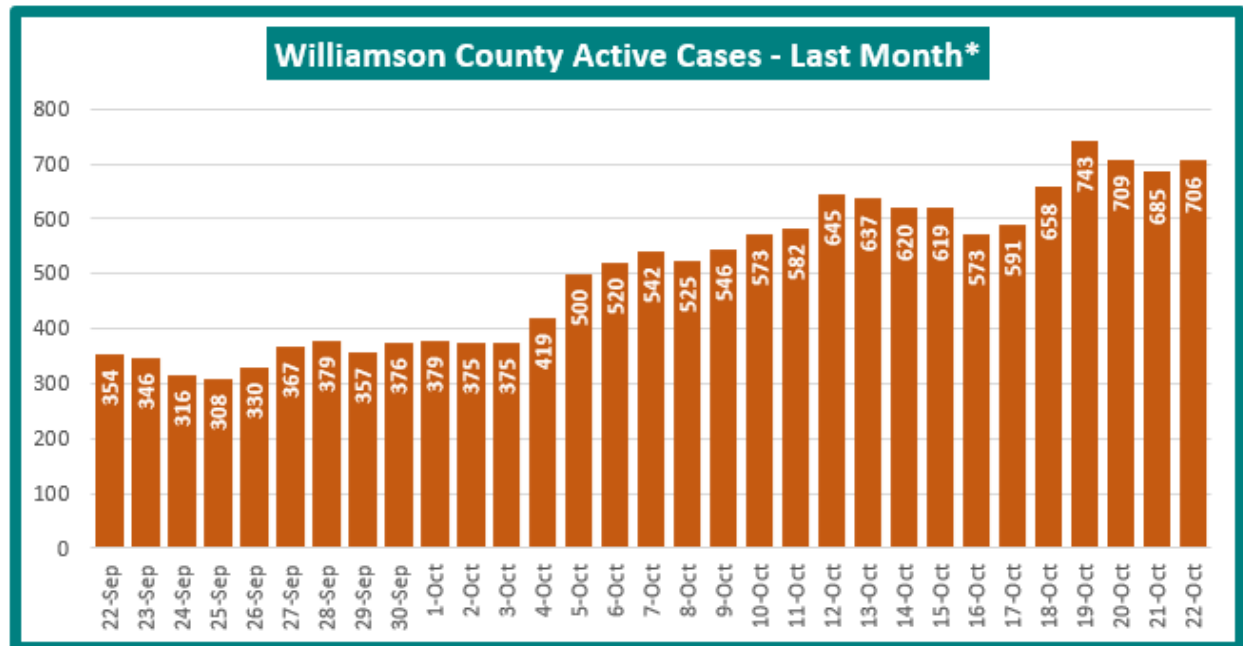
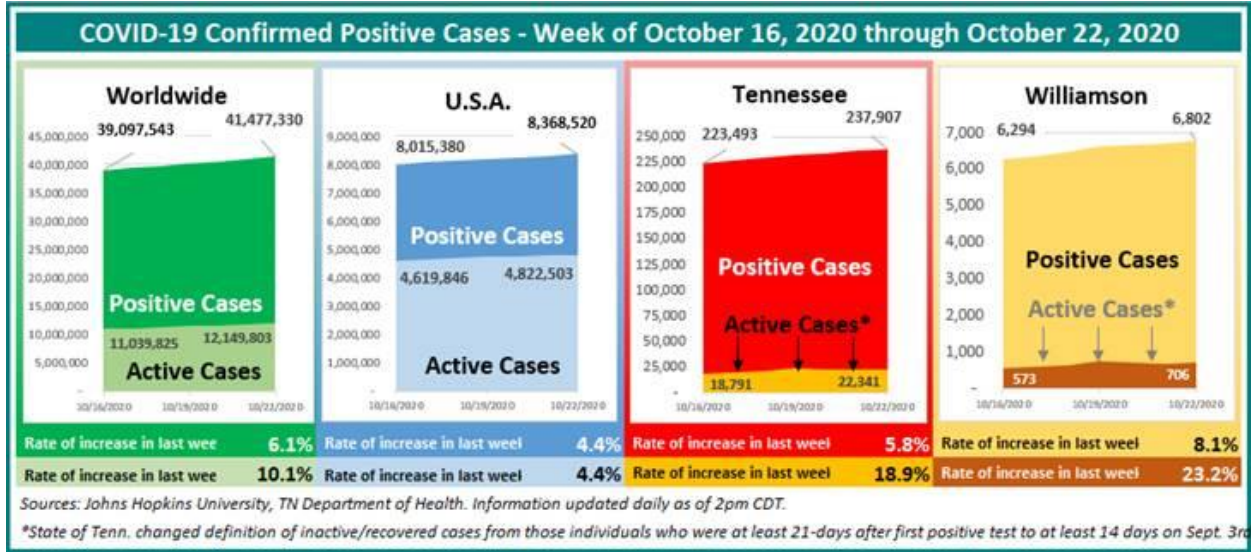
**Key Changes:**

**Up 2,046 more** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (237,907 total positive cases - **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)

**Down 307 fewer** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (22,341 total active cases)



- Up 95 more** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (6,802 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- Up 21 more** active cases day over day in Williamson County (706 total active cases)
- Up** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.9%**
- Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.6%**
- Level** Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
- Up Four (4) additional** deaths in Williamson County (**55 – tied for eighth** 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 this week. Thanks for all you do. Have a great weekend.



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