



*Thursday, April 1, 2021 (No joke!)*

**Thank you to all our departments for your hard work with the flooding this past weekend.** Everyone really stepped up and we stayed ahead of the game in terms of response. On Tuesday the City issued an Executive Order 2021-01 declaring a **local state of emergency**. The primary benefit to this order is that it provides administrative authority to waive permit fees for those impacted by the flood. It also grants the City Administrator authority to act as needed to facilitate the repair/restoration of public infrastructure impacted by the flood. In total, the initial damage estimate is \$505,000 of which over \$400,000 is in City parks. We will continue to monitor this and update as needed. We are continuing to identify and work with private property owners as well. The City has submitted preliminary flood damage information to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). **Great work, team!**

**From the HR Department:**

**Benefits Day:**

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

The City Benefits Team will be dropping off treats to each department along with important information about insurance and open enrollment! Keep your eyes peeled for an **\*extra special\*** gift in some treat bags!

Pop quizzes will be sent to your employee e-mail account every hour! The first person to answer the question correctly will receive a gift!



**COF Open Enrollment:**

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>

Stay tuned for more information from your benefits team in the coming weeks!

The City has launched the design process and engagement plan to **envision a new City Hall at its current location on the Public Square in downtown Historic Franklin**. This design and engagement process, led by the City's consultant team, is meant to engage the public and the city employees in finding out what is important to consider in the development of a new city hall. **The consultant team would like to gather your input on what you could envision for the new city hall for functionality and how it could better contribute to downtown Franklin.** The consultant team will hold two virtual meetings specifically for city employees. Both will have the same meeting content, but two different dates and times allow for a couple opportunities to be able to participate. Please follow the links below for the meeting of your choice. To find out more information about the project, please visit <https://complete-the-square.com/> There will also be a survey sent to city employees in late April. We look forward to your design input!

- **April 20, 1:00pm**
  - Join Zoom Meeting
  - <https://franklintn.gov.zoom.us/j/93541701958?pwd=OTJSRmtXb1dxc1plVllsZEpic3AxUT09>
- **April 21, 7:30pm**
  - Join Zoom Meeting
  - <https://franklintn.gov.zoom.us/j/95797690091?pwd=MFNzTzdxdzk2OC9rdWI2alBSdFFYUT09>

Here is the COVID-19 case update for Wednesday (3/31/21):

**Key Changes:**

**FROM 70s SHOPPING MALL**

**TO A STATE OF THE ART CITY HALL**

**LET'S COMPLETE THE SQUARE**

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO**

**Up 1,313 More** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (811,842 total positive cases)

**Up 22 More** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (12,979 total active cases)

**Up 55 More** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (26,612 total positive cases)

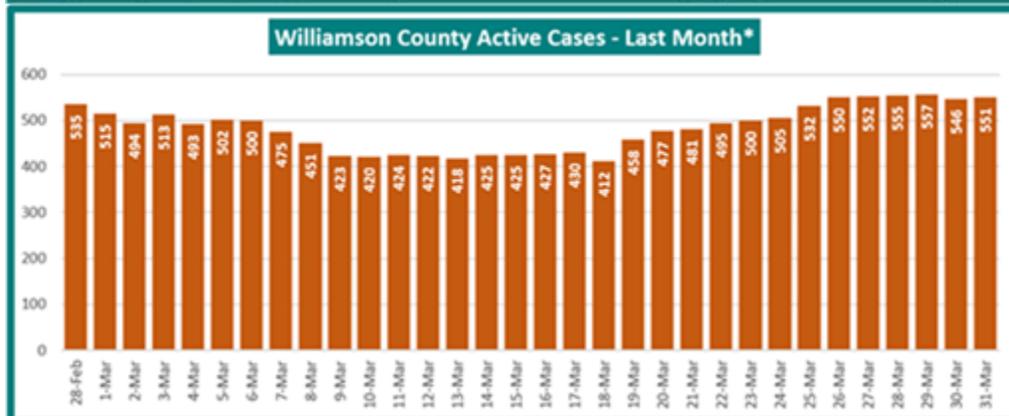
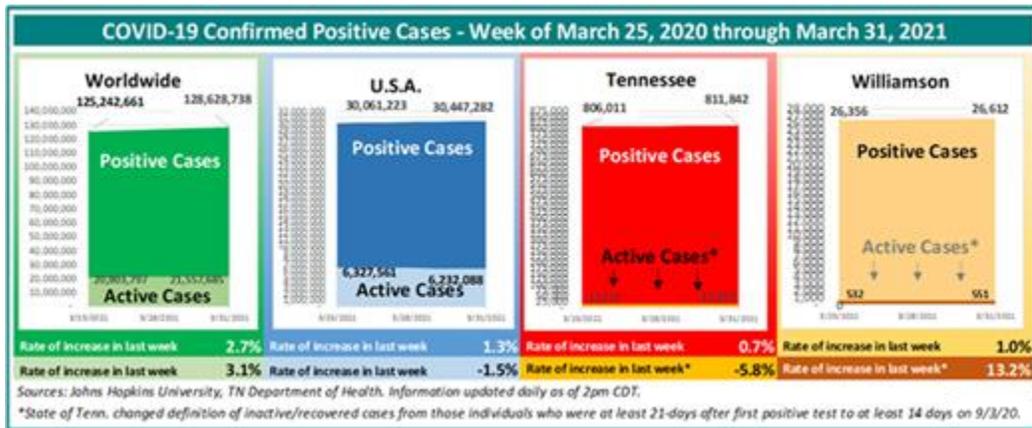
**Up 5 More** active cases day over day in Williamson County (551 total active cases)

**Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.3%**

**Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **12.24%**

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

**Level** **No New** deaths in Williamson County (**213** total deaths)



*A word of thanks: I want to thank you all for the many kind notes, emails, and remembrances over the past couple weeks since my Dad passed. Your kindness and support has meant so much to me and family during this time of loss. We recently found some note cards that my Dad wrote that I will call "Paul's Pearls of Wisdom." Here's one of them:*

*"Seek to see the good in everyone and everything."*

That's it for now. Tomorrow (Good Friday) is a City holiday. Thank you to those who will be working the holiday. Happy Easter to all of you!

Thanks for *all* you do.

Eric



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