



Friday, June 25, 2021



This past **Saturday, June 19th** Franklin celebrated **Juneteenth downtown and at Pinkerton Park**. Downtown, the justice and equity coalition held a festival with music and information booths and food trucks; the event at Pinkerton Park featured the unveiling of a new marker commemorating General Granger and Emancipation. In June 1865, two years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves, General Gordon Granger (stationed then in Galveston TX) signed an order notifying everyone in the state that all slaves are free. In many cases, the enslaved had never been told the news about the Emancipation. The celebration known as Juneteenth was thus born and African Americans have celebrated this special event since 1866. **See the video from both events here <https://www.facebook.com/CityOfFranklin/videos/194767792551333>**

Congratulations to **our Franklin Fire and Police departments** for collecting **5,865 pounds of food** during their food drive this month. The collection will **help provide 4,888 meals**. The food was donated to **One Gen Away** and will be distributed to families in need across Middle Tennessee.



Former Mayor Tom Miller, who passed away in 2020, was honored this week at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting. Our **Williamson County legislators, Sam Whitson, Glen Casada, Jack Johnson and Brandon Ogles** presented Miller's family with a resolution from the Tennessee Senate in his memory.

STATION 7 GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION/OPEN HOUSE JUNE 29TH!

Help celebrate the opening of new **Franklin Fire Station 7 on Tuesday, June 29th, from 3-5 PM!** The station is located beside the Williamson County Ag Expo Center at 1972 John Fitzgerald Dr.

The event will include a "hose-uncoupling" ceremony for the new station and a traditional "wetdown" ceremony for the apparatus. Children and adults may help wash the trucks and place them into service. Station tours, snow cones, plastic fire hats for children, and much more will be available. Station 7 is the first Franklin fire station to include an ambulance wing, which was funded by Williamson County and staffed by Williamson Medical Center EMS personnel.



Also **June 29, Human Resources is hosting an ice cream social at Eastern Flank Park from 11:30-1:30pm.** Hope to see you there.

Here is the COVID-19 case update for Thursday (6/24/21)

Key Changes:

Up 62 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (866,670 total positive cases)

Down 18 Fewer active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (1,766 total active cases)

Up 2 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (28,619 total positive cases)

Level No New active cases day over day in Williamson County (46 total active cases)

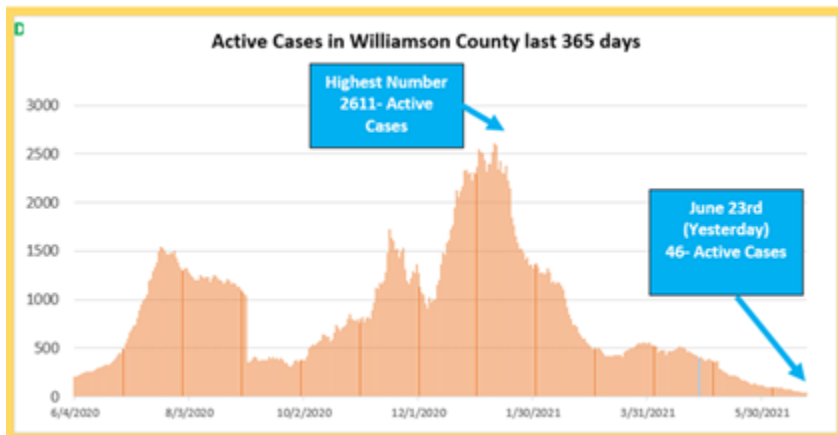
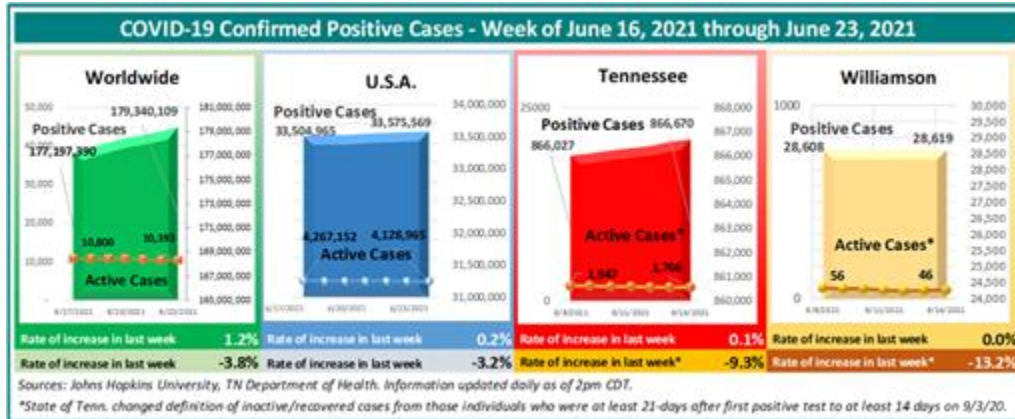
Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.3%**

Down Percent Positive / Total Tested at **11.55%**

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



Level No New deaths in Williamson County (218 total deaths)



Thanks for *all* you do!

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