

# E-Brief 2022



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**Friday, February 25 2022**

I thought I'd start off with some **great** thank you notes we received this week. I am constantly being told how amazing our City team is. The work you do matters and is noticed and appreciated.

*Mayor Moore-*

*I hope all is well. I am writing to let you know about my "first" impressions as a resident of the City of Franklin. Growing up in unincorporated Williamson County, I didn't see much in governmental services, at least on property. While in college and early in my professional career, I had interfaced with several Tennessee governments as a resident (Knoxville, Knox County, Clarksville, Berry Hill, and Nashville). They all have good customer service and offer some nice amenities, but nothing like my parents spoke of after being annexed into Franklin. NOW, I am seeing exactly what they were so happy about. Every part of becoming a Franklin resident has been a very impressive experience. We have **utilized bulk trash and recycling pickup** for recent movers, **brush pickup, and appliance pickup** and are so grateful. From the **friendly customer service setting up utility accounts to arranging pickup with solid waste**, I am proud to say that **Franklin is a top tier community**. I just wanted you to know how **helpful and friendly staff** is and how satisfied we are with how tax dollars are spent in the City. Franklin services have made moving less stressful, more convenient, and extremely welcoming. – Max Baker*

*City of Franklin **Special Events Team**,*

*I wanted to reach out to you all and let you know what a pleasure it has been to work with each and every one of you over the last 7 years. We built an amazing relationship and hence an amazing festival. The level of collaboration and support from each of your departments over the years and the city and county in general is like nothing I have experienced at any of my other events around the country. Franklin truly is a special place and is lucky to have you all as stewards of the community. Best of luck to you all with the new team at Pilgrimage. Regardless of who they hire to replace me, I know that with the oversight from you all and the plans we built together that the event will be a success. – Sharif Zawaideh*

**Sanitation and Environmental Services:**

*Mr. Raymond called in giving praise/thankfulness to our SES team for coming out and taking the time to service their trash and recycling. They thought we were off Monday and did not put their trash out on the scheduled day, he was very appreciative to everyone for taking care of it.*

## Welcome to our new City team members this week!

### **Ben Buttrey. Equipment Operator. SES.**

Ben is from Fairview. He enjoys spending time outdoors and especially likes hunting and fishing. His favorite sports teams are the Titans and the Braves. Ben previously worked for the City of Brentwood.



Ben Buttrey



Dawn St. Onge

### **Dawn St. Onge. Parking Ambassador. POLICE.**

Dawn is originally from Michigan but moved to Tennessee in 1996. She has 2 children and 2 dogs and enjoys scrapbooking. Dawn previously worked for Marshall County as an Emergency Communications Specialist. Welcome to the City!

Be sure to check out the *Williamson Herald's Salute to African Americans in County and City Government* which was released yesterday. The issue features several members of our City of Franklin family: **Kevin Townsel, HR Director** who also serves on the Board of the Franklin Special School District and **Alma McLemore** and **Marcia Allen** who currently serve on our **Planning Commission**. The issue also features a wonderful tribute to **Alderman Pearl Bransford**, who served the City for 13 years until her passing in November 2020.

After 19 years with the Franklin Fire Department, Fire Inspector **Ryan Naylor** has accepted a new role with the city. Ryan, who served as a firefighter for 16 years, and fire inspector for three, has assumed the position of **Occupational Health and Safety Trainer with the City of Franklin's Risk Management Division in the HR Department** this week. Ryan obtained his paramedic license in 2013, and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2018 with a B.S. in Occupational Health and Safety from Eastern Kentucky University. He was promoted to Fire Inspector in 2018, where he was responsible for inspecting numerous commercial projects, including several in the McEwen Drive and Aspen Grove Drive area. You can learn more about Ryan here: <https://www.franklinton.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10426/1354>.



Congratulations, Ryan!

The Franklin Home Page recently featured **Police Captain Rick Clouse and LT Charlie Warner** discussing their recent **Active Shooter Emergency Response Seminar**. The department has been conducting these seminars for the general public since 2017. More are planned later in the year and employees are welcomed to attend. [https://www.williamsonhomepage.com/franklin/franklin-police-addressing-active-shooter-risks-in-public-safety-seminars/article\\_1644daaa-9344-11ec-b801-63b0d86fb86b.html](https://www.williamsonhomepage.com/franklin/franklin-police-addressing-active-shooter-risks-in-public-safety-seminars/article_1644daaa-9344-11ec-b801-63b0d86fb86b.html)

**COVID Update:** It have been great to see the significant reduction in COVID-19 active cases over the past few weeks (both within the community and within our City team). The COVID sick pay classification is scheduled to end on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Based on the significant decline in cases, we plan to have this special leave classification expire. This means that an illness due to COVID will rely on “regular” sick leave or other approve time-off (personal days or vacation) to have paid time away from work. As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and respond as needed. As you saw last year, we did reinstate COVID leave during the year as case numbers and exposure risks warranted. I am hopeful this will not be necessary, but we will be keeping a close eye on the situation. Thank you for your efforts to keep yourself, our team, and the community safe throughout the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

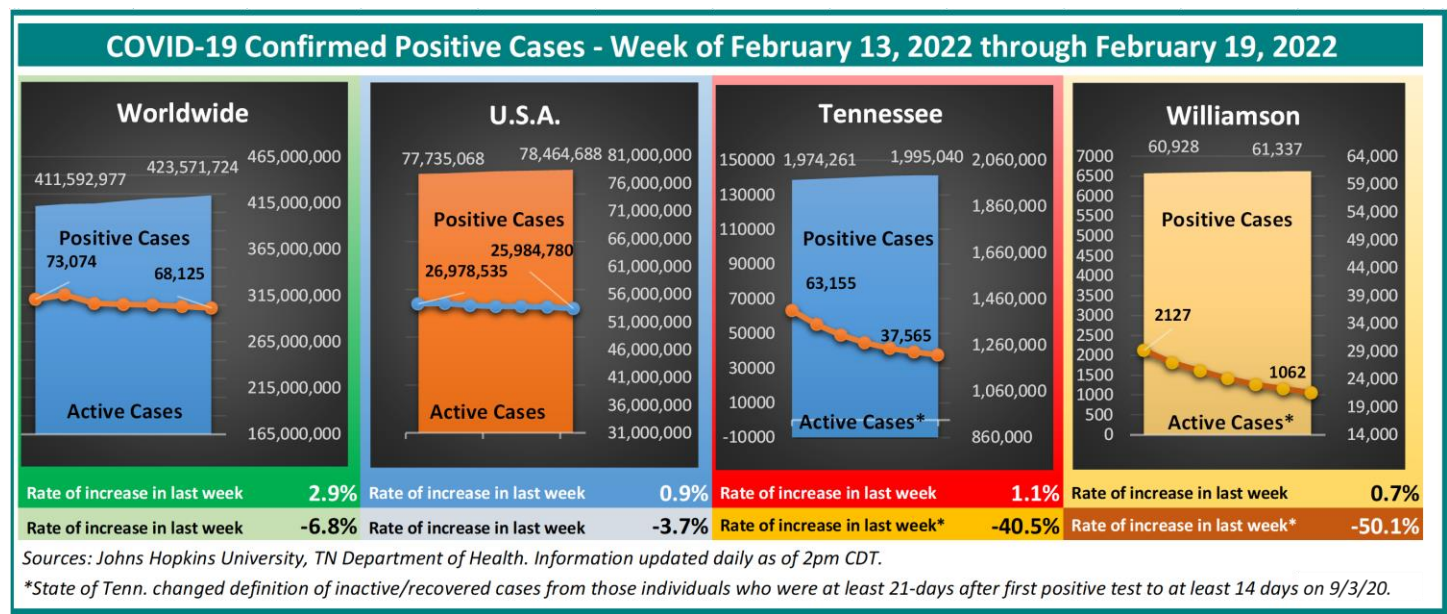
**Here is the latest COVID-19 case update:**

**\*Please note that the state only released data up to February 19<sup>th</sup>\***

**Key Changes:**

- Up 1,316 More** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (1,995,040 total positive cases)
- Down 1,792 Fewer** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (37,565 total active cases)
- Up 35 More** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (61,337 total positive cases)
- Down 92 Fewer** active cases day over day in Williamson County (1,062 total active cases )
- Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.2**
- Up** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **14.71%**
- Level** Williamson County **Sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
- Up 5 New** deaths in Williamson County over the last week (**375** total deaths)

**-Williamson County Community Transmission Status (CDC): High**



Have a great weekend. Thanks for *all* you do!

Eric

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