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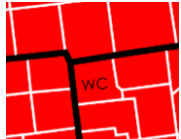


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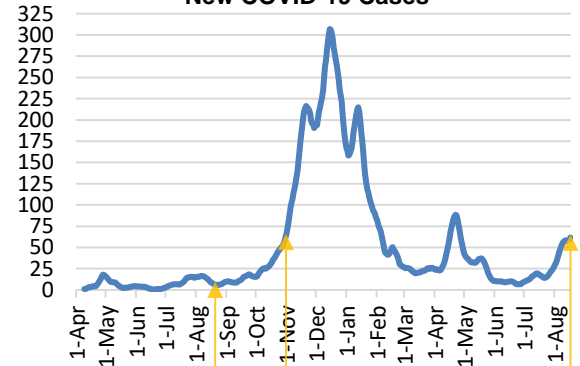
Community Talking Points

August 18, 2021

Williams County (WC) Data: August 10th – August 17th				
81 New Cases	0 New Hospitalizations	1 Deaths Reported (delayed due to ODH death reporting system change)	39.04% Completed 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine	CDC Level of Community Transmission: RED – HIGH 
#17 Williams County's Rank (based on cases per capita in 88 counties in Ohio)	272.5 – high incidence WC Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	194.2 Ohio Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	36.46% Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Series	

- Williams County is experiencing more community spread of COVID-19 than we experienced last year at this time.
 - Last year at this time, Williams County had a rolling average of 7 cases in one week and our incidence rate was 19 (moderate transmission).
 - As of August 17, 2021, Williams County had a rolling average of 62 COVID-19 cases in one week and an incidence rate of 272.5 (almost 3x the rate considered high transmission). Last year, Williams County did not experience our current level of spread until November.

7-Day Rolling Average of New COVID-19 Cases



- The virus that our community faces this year (Delta) is very different than the virus we experienced last year.
 - The Delta variant affects younger people (0-50 years) in a way that all previous variants have not. The risk for infection, severe illness, and hospitalization is much higher for younger Williams County residents.
 - The Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains and spreads quickly. With the original strain that was spreading in our community last year at this time, 1 case led to about 2 to 3 more new cases. With the Delta variant that is spreading in Ohio now, 1 case leads to about 6+ new cases.
- It is critical that precautions are taken to limit the spread in our community. Taking precautions now can change the trajectory of the cases expected this Fall and Winter.
 - Get vaccinated** – Vaccines provide the greatest protection against COVID-19.
 - Wear a mask** – Masking not only protects others, but also provides protection for the user.
 - Stay 6 feet away from others** – Remember, some people without symptoms can still spread the virus.
 - Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces** – Consider avoiding crowded situations, especially indoors.
- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is convenient! Free vaccine clinics are being held at the following locations:
 - Montpelier WCHD Walk-in Clinics:** Walk-in appointments are available during clinic hours. Pfizer (12+) & Johnson & Johnson (18+) vaccines are available Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:15am to 4:30pm. For an appointment: bit.ly/WCVaccine or call 419-485-3141
 - Pioneer Church of the Nazarene Clinic:** The Pioneer Church of the Nazarene (13962 Co Rd S, Pioneer, OH 43554) is hosting a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Friday, August 27th from 12pm to 4:30pm. Pfizer (12+) and Johnson & Johnson (18+) vaccines will be available. You can make an appointment online at bit.ly/WCVaccine or calling 419-485-3141. Walk-ins are also welcome!

- **Homebound COVID-19 Vaccinations:** This program is for those who are homebound due to mobility issues and cannot travel to receive their COVID-19 vaccination. Call 419-485-3141 to arrange an appointment.
- **Are you interested in hosting a COVID-19 clinic at an event, organization, or business?** Submit a location suggestion here: <https://bit.ly/WCClinic>
- **On August 13th, the CDC recommended a 3rd COVID-19 vaccine dose for some immunocompromised individuals.** *Source: Public Health Collaborative, FDA, CDC*
 - The FDA amended the Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to allow for the use of a third dose in some immune compromised individuals. A third dose can be administered to these individuals at least 28 days following the second dose of the same vaccine.
 - Significantly immune compromised people (such as people who are solid organ transplant recipients and some patients being treated for cancer, advanced HIV infection, or chronic renal disease) who received Moderna or Pfizer vaccines are recommended to get an additional vaccine dose.
 - **The FDA & CDC did not yet approve nor recommend boosters for people without these specific conditions. They also did not approve boosters for those who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine.** Further evaluation and guidance specific to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is pending, according to the CDC panel.
- **Why is an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine recommended for immunocompromised people?**
 - Studies indicate some immunocompromised people don't always build the same level of immunity after vaccination the way non-immunocompromised people do and may benefit from an additional dose to ensure adequate protection against COVID-19. Fully vaccinated immunocompromised people have accounted for a large proportion of hospitalized "breakthrough cases." New data show that a third dose of the mRNA vaccines helps to increase the effectiveness of the vaccine for this group.
 - The need for a third dose for this population is not due to a waning effect of the 2-dose regimen; rather, data show the standard two-dose regimen does not produce the same degree of protective effect in immune compromised individuals as it does in people who are not immune compromised.
 - People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.

Pioneer COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic



**Where: Pioneer Church of the Nazarene
(13962 County Road S, Pioneer, OH 43554)**

**When: Friday, August 27
from 12pm-4:30pm**

**Pfizer will be available for all 12+,
and J&J will be available for all 18+**

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