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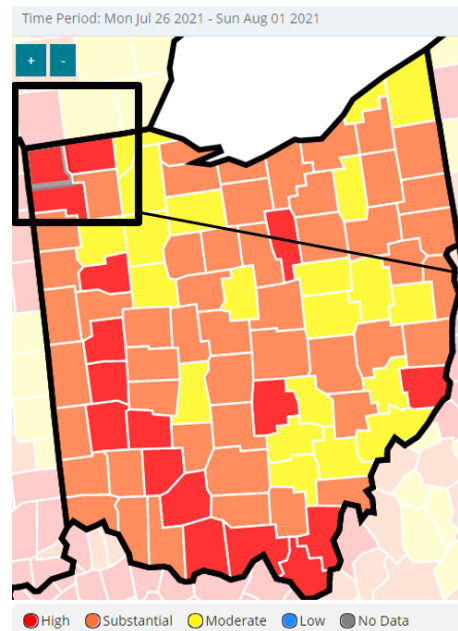
Community Talking Points

August 4, 2021

Williams County (WC) Data: July 27th – August 3rd			
52 New Cases	2 New Hospitalizations	0 Deaths Reported	37.98% Completed 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine
#14 Williams County's Rank (based on cases per capita in 88 counties in Ohio)	103.6 – high incidence WC Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	77.4 Ohio Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	35.87% Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Series

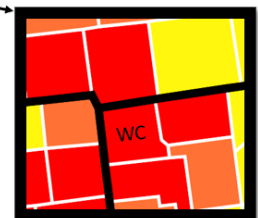
- 5 key takeaways about the COVID-19 vaccine:** Dr. Tom Frieden is an American infectious disease and public health physician. He is the previous director of the CDC and is currently the president of Resolve to Save Lives, an organization working to prevent epidemics and disease. **He summaries the benefits of COVID-19 vaccines into 5 facts:**
 - If you get infected with the virus, it will go all over your body and stay there for at least a week and be much more likely to cause you long-term problems than the vaccine. The risks of infection are much higher than the risks of vaccination.
 - COVID vaccines don't stay in your body. If you get the vaccine, it will prime your immune system but then the vaccine is gone. It will not be with you anymore.
 - More than 95% of the doctors (nearly every doctor) who have been offered this vaccine have gotten it as soon as they can.
 - The more we vaccinate, the faster we can get back to growing our economy and getting jobs.
 - If people get vaccinated, we will save at least 100,000 lives of Americans who would otherwise be killed by COVID-19.

- The CDC released a **COVID-19 data tracker** that can be used to monitor Williams County's level of community transmission based on two indicators: Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days (cases per capita), and percent of positive PCR tests in the past 7 days. The level of community transmission (low-blue, moderate-yellow, substantial-orange, or high-red) can be used for decision-making to reduce spread within communities.
- Williams County is considered RED, or HIGH community transmission.** Williams County residents should take precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19 by getting vaccinated. Unvaccinated individuals need to wear masks and social distance in public settings.



Level of Community Transmission

Includes percent positivity & case rates over 7 days



Case Rate Data:
 Mon Jul 26, 2021 – Sun Aug 1, 2021
% Positivity Data: Sat Jul 24, 2021
 - Fri Jul 30, 2021

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>