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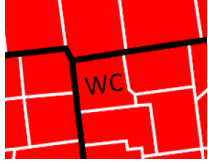


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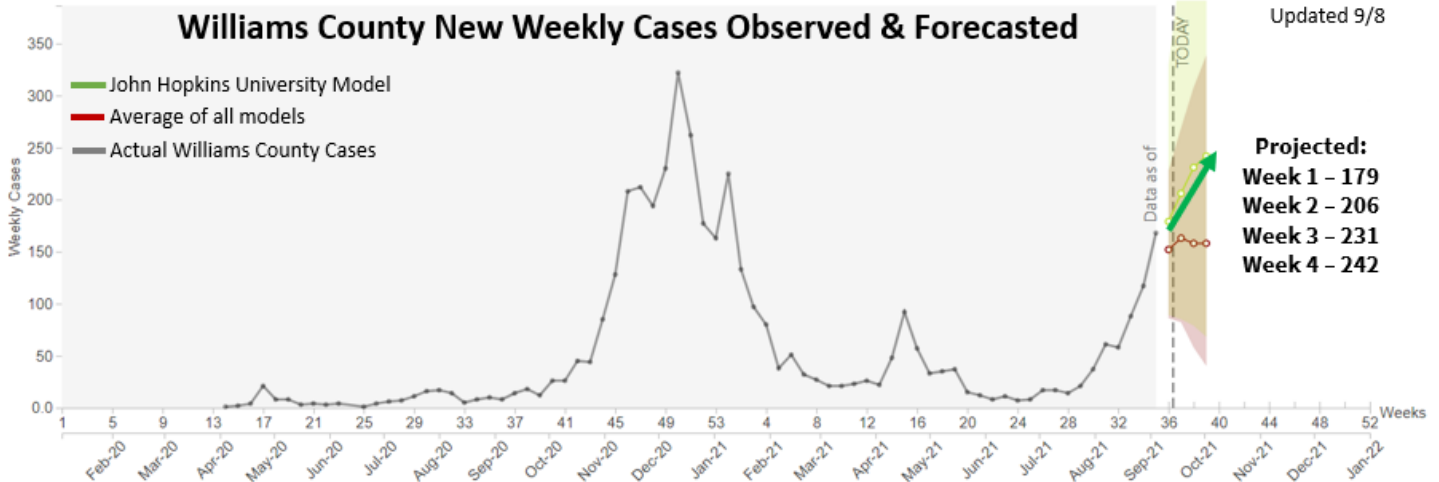
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Community Talking Points

September 15, 2021

Williams County (WC) Data: September 8th – September 15th				
198 New Cases	7 COVID-19 Hospitalizations	0 Deaths Reported (delayed due to ODH death reporting system change)	40.84% Completed 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine	CDC Level of Community Transmission: RED – HIGH 
#37 Williams County's Rank (based on cases per capita in 88 counties in Ohio)	752.2 – high incidence WC Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	582.4 Ohio Cases Per Capita (new cases per 100,000 population over 2 weeks)	38.28% Completed COVID- 19 Vaccine Series	

- Williams County is projected to have a continual increase in new COVID-19 cases in the next four weeks. The John Hopkins University model can be used to predict the number of new cases that Williams County will have each week for the next four weeks. Historically, it has been the model that generates the most accurate forecast for our area. The chart below shows the actual weekly cases (grey line) and projected weekly cases (green line).



- The forecast projects that Williams County will have 179 new cases in the first week, 206 new cases in the second week, 231 new cases in the third week, and 242 new cases in the fourth week (end of September).
 - The graph was updated on Sept. 8th, one week ago, which means that we can compare the accuracy of the prediction with our current data. So far, the forecast is conservative, showing fewer cases than we have seen in the first week (179 cases projected versus 198 actual cases in the past 7 days).
- The CDC recommends that everyone should wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status, in areas of substantial (orange) or high (red) transmission of COVID-19. Williams County is currently red based on our high community transmission. This information is updated regularly and can be checked on the WCHD website or on the following website: <https://bit.ly/3tqH2Gf>
 - COVID-19 vaccines continue to offer the best protection against COVID-19; however, other precautions like wearing a mask and social distancing can be used to lower your risk of infection or risk of spreading

the virus to others. While vaccines reduce severe illness and death from COVID-19, the surge of COVID-19 cases calls for additional precautions to be taken in our community.

- Masks are effective to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in communities. Wearing a mask helps stop the spread of COVID-19 by preventing you from breathing in droplets from those around you, which helps to reduce the risk of getting infected. It also helps protect others by catching droplets that you breathe out that could spread the virus if you are sick (even if you don't know you are sick). This protects unvaccinated individuals and those who are vulnerable to COVID-19 in our community.
- Read a science brief about how masks control the spread of COVID-19 in communities here: <https://bit.ly/2XtZqSP>.
- Click here for a list of peer-reviewed studies about the effectiveness of masks: <https://bit.ly/38tUvDC>.
- **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.
 - **Williams County Fair:** Today and tomorrow, Health Partners of Western Ohio will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination booth at the Williams County Fair.
 - **Free transportation to COVID-19 vaccine appointments or clinics is available** to Williams County residents through the ODOT Rides to Community Immunity program. **To schedule a ride for your appointment, call 419-592-8726.**
 - **Homebound COVID-19 Vaccinations:** Call 419-485-3141 to set an appointment if you are homebound due to mobility issues or cannot travel to receive their COVID-19 vaccination.
 - **Are you interested in hosting a WCHD COVID-19 clinic at an event, organization, or business?** Submit a location suggestion here: <https://bit.ly/WCClinic>