



**Fishers Health Department Update  
3/21/2022**

**COVID-19 Updates:**

**Vaccines & Testing:**

- Continue to see incremental progress in vaccination rates. Currently at 92% of adult population with at least 1 dose (79.55% of total population), and over 95,500 vaccinations administered to date.
- Monitoring possibility and timelines of vaccines for under 5 and potential of 4<sup>th</sup> dose (booster for over 65).
- Discontinued PCR testing via Quest and are now offering only via state contract. We still offer both PCR and rapid testing via this option. 1-2 day turnaround times for PCR.
- Moving all clinical services to 8937 Technology Drive starting April 4. Will operate 4 hours per day, 6 days per week.

**COVID Community Rates:**

- The Health Board approved adopting new CDC metrics to replace COVID-19 Community Risk Rating Scale and Guidance. Rates continue to decline as pandemic transitions towards endemic – week ending 3/12 had the lowest 7-day period of reported cases since before Delta variant wave last July. Priority shifts to minimizing impact of severe COVID-19 on community and protecting healthcare system.



**CDC COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL**

**LOW**



INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION
25.3	New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in the past 7 days
4.9	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)
3.50%	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)

**Funding and Reimbursement:**

- FEMA deadline has been extended.
- Vaccine reimbursement contract with IDOH is signed. We continue to await reimbursement.

**General Update:**

**2021 Annual Report:**

- Draft with public relations.



- Highlights: 55,582 COVID tests (highest volume LHD testing in state), 85,244 COVID vaccines (2<sup>nd</sup> highest volume LHD in state), 52 health education events, 1,363 inspections and permits, and 1,079 vital records.

**Community Health Assessment:**

- Brief report of initial/Phase 1 findings and short-term action plan to be distributed to partners shortly.
- Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of compiling existing data sources to analyze broad health needs of Fishers residents.

**Core Health Services:**

- All clinical services moving to 8937 Technology Drive starting April 4. Working towards goal of expanding all services from two to six days a week, with appointment or via walk-in.

**Health education:**

- Filling classes rapidly with offerings such as: QPR, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Narcan administration and ServSafe training to community with more on horizon.
- Starting “Walk About Health” series. First event yesterday, 3/20 with Dr. Lane. Next TBD.

**Stigma-Free Fishers:**

- Started Caregiver Support Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 5-6pm in Pavilion.
- CDC associate working on mental health needs assessment as component of community health assessment.
- Planning Hope for Happiness Event with student groups for May 14<sup>th</sup> at Farmer’s Market.

**Inspections & Environmental Health:**

- Meeting goals for inspections and initiatives. Received FDA training grant.
- Continue working towards restaurant grading system (currently pass/fail). Have enrolled in FDA Retail Program Standards and working to align code with standards.
- Continue with analyzing Model Aquatic Health Code against municipal code for areas of improvement.
- Staff participated in vector training.
- Investigating testing wastewater as possible form of COVID and other pathogen surveillance.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

- Managing operations of COVID mass vaccination site and testing site, assuring supplies, scheduling, etc.
- Training and partnering with FFD and other agencies for alert notification system, inventory management and other event preparedness.
- Working towards completion of After-Action Review for COVID.

**Grants and Funding:**

- Currently managing 6 grants providing support for emergency preparedness, immunizations, COVID testing, school public health support, in addition to a CDC funded public health associate.
  - FDA health inspections grant received.
  - Additional grants in application process to support ongoing vaccination efforts and other health issues and challenges.
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