

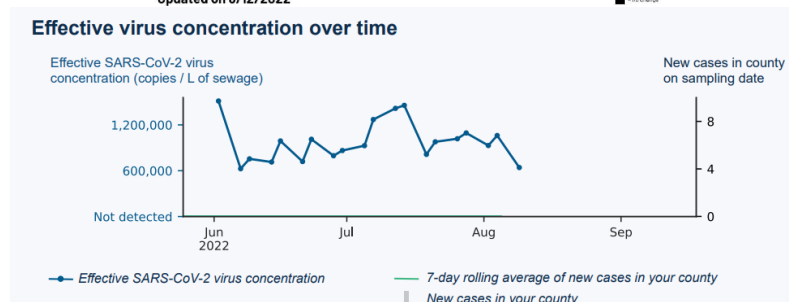
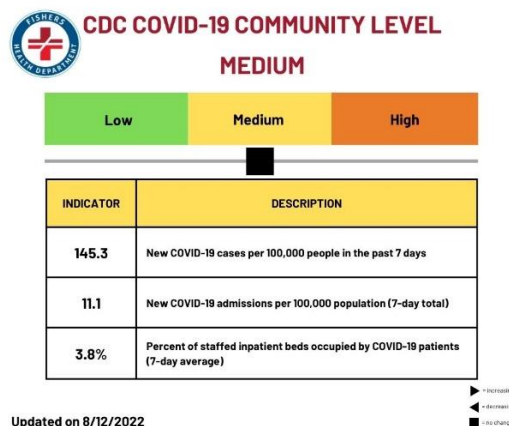


Fishers Health Department Update 8/15/2022

COVID-19, Monkeypox and Health Alert Updates:

COVID-19

- Vaccine and testing demand remains steady. FHD still administering approximately 390 COVID vaccines and 260 tests weekly. Estimated vaccination uptake for residents six months and older: 85.5% first dose and 80.6% fully vaccinated. Activities currently being funded by IDOH and FEMA.
- Community Level is in the Medium category with the increase in hospital admissions. Local wastewater surveillance shows fluctuating but decreasing COVID-19 rates. These appear to track cases at a 14-day average.
- Guidance for individual and community level protection is available on the FHD website.



Monkeypox

- Declared a public health emergency by CDC and WHO. Spread through skin-to-skin contact, respiratory secretions, and touching infected surfaces. Currently spreading primarily through sexual networks but is starting to be seen in other group settings. Highest risk for nursing homes, preschools, daycares, and other congregate settings with very old and very young.
- No confirmed cases in Fishers yet but is likely to occur soon. Emergency response plans are drafted and being adjusted as guidance changes. FHD has limited testing supplies but many labs including LabCorp and Quest also have capability. FHD has received Jynneos vaccine.



General Update:

Community Health Assessment:

- Ongoing. Seeking additional data from hospital partners.

Core Health Services:

- Have held series of back-to-school vaccine clinics in partnership with HSE Schools and at our clinic. Typically, incoming kindergarteners, 6th graders and 12th graders will need vaccines. Have seen consistent utilization from both insured and uninsured residents.
- Communicable disease investigations continue. Latent TB makes up majority of non-COVID complaints investigated by FHD. Those rates have significantly increased this year, likely due to underreporting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health education & Outreach:

- Expanding community courses and offerings in schools.
- FHD website undergoing some revision. Social media strategy in implementation and have expanded to TikTok and Instagram.

Stigma-Free Fishers:

- Caregiver Support Group seeing increased attendance.
- Revamping web resources.
- Participating in Hamilton County Behavioral Health Collaborative.

Inspections & Environmental Health:

- West Nile Virus reported in Indiana and Hancock County. We are monitoring and proactively treating according to our vector control plans.
- Working on updating Health Inspections process for retail food establishments; move to letter grade system.

Emergency Preparedness:

- COVID-19 After Action Report completed on June 30, 2022.

Grants and Funding:

- Currently, there are 7 positions in the health department that are not grant funded. All other staff are funded through grants. Most vaccine and testing staff are temporary.
 - Two Health Issues and Challenges grants received.
 - Received grant to support general immunization efforts.
 - Received grant for public health emergency preparedness.
 - Received grant from FDA for training and aligning inspections with FDA standards.
 - We also received COVID testing supplies and services, vaccines, naloxone and other tests
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