

TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SAFETY UPDATE - AUGUST 2, 2021





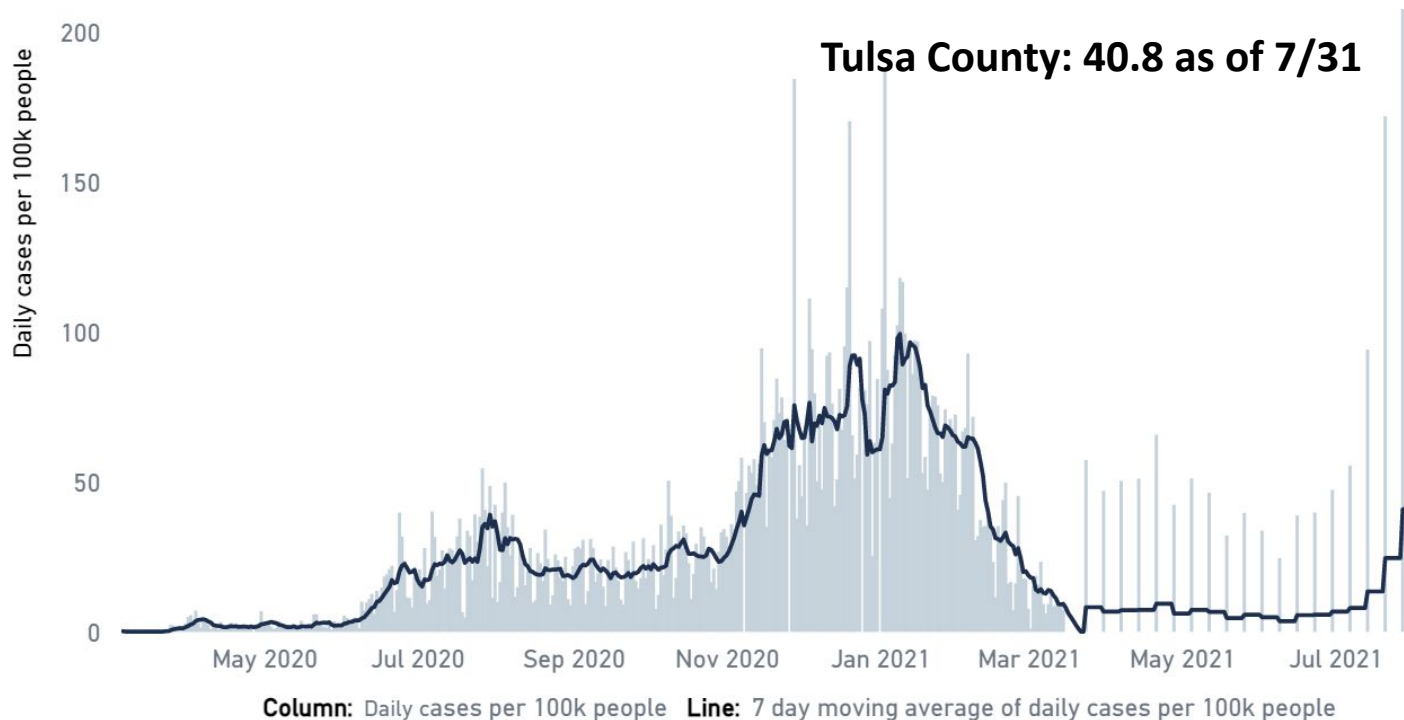
OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

- Share recommended for safety practices in preparation for the start of school year 2021-22.

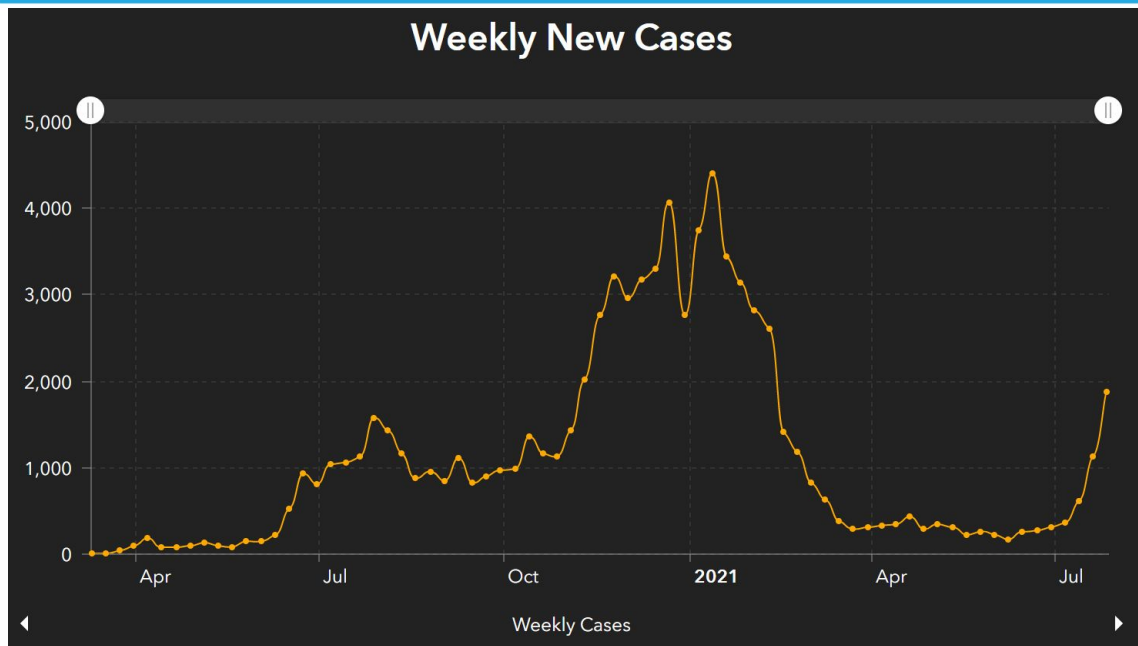


COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT

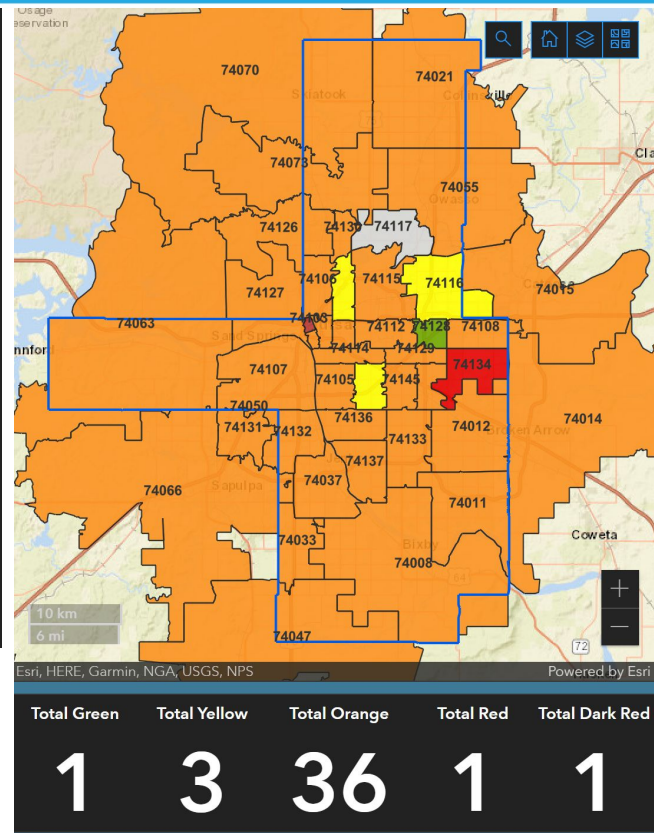
Cases in Tulsa County have increased consistently over the past month.



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On 7/28, Tulsa Health Department reported 1,862 weekly new cases.





COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE

- Our district is committed to safe in-person learning for this school year.
- We are continuing to **work closely with the Tulsa Health Department** to ensure that our safety practices and protocols are aligned to current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- We are deeply concerned about the surge in COVID-19 Delta variant cases here in Tulsa County, particularly given its **high transmission and infection rates among young Tulsans**.
- At this time, **state statute prevents our Board of Education from implementing a mask requirement** in the absence of a state of emergency announcement by the governor.
- Following CDC's latest recommendation, we expect that **all (vaccinated and unvaccinated) adults and students should wear masks** indoors at all times and outdoors when around other people.
- We recommend and encourage that **all children 12+ and adults in Team Tulsa be vaccinated** for COVID-19 prior to returning to school.
- We will continue to implement the **layered approach of COVID-19 safety practices** recommended by CDC and our local health care experts.



COVID-19 SAFETY PRACTICES



Safe Distancing

Maintaining safe distancing (3-6' apart) as much as possible.



Masks (PPE)

Adults and students are expected to wear masks at schools and buildings when indoors or in close proximity to others. Consistent with federal mandates for masking on public conveyances, masks are required when riding school buses.



Ventilation

We have improved high quality air filtration systems with frequent fresh air intake, Merv 13 filters, and operational windows.



Enhanced personal hygiene

All schools and buildings will have hand sanitizer and hand-washing stations, disinfectant cleaners, and wipes in the classroom.



Intensified cleaning techniques

Custodians will continue using electrostatic sprayers to increase effectiveness and efficiency of disinfecting--for school buildings and buses.



Contact tracing & quarantine/isolation protocols

We will continue to perform contact tracing and require quarantine or isolation following CDC guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated adults and students.



Screen & Go and visitors

We will resume our Screen and Go requirement for all staff and will limit non-staff visitor* access to our buildings.

* We will work with our academic/instructional support partners to ensure that staff and volunteers can access buildings with expected safety measures.



VACCINATION AND COVID-19 RAPID TESTING

Vaccination

- We will continue to urge and support students 12+ and adults to get vaccinated.
 - Children ages 12+ can get the COVID-19 vaccine free of charge, and the CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccinations for students returning to school.
- We will host vaccination clinics and Caring Van services with our healthcare provider partners and the Tulsa Health Department.

COVID-19 Rapid Testing

- We are continuing our partnership with the Tulsa Health Department to conduct parent/guardian opt-in, in-school COVID-19 rapid tests of randomly-selected staff members and students in grades 6-12 once a week.
- We are expanding our testing pilot to include elementary students grades PreK-5 whose parents or guardians have opted-in to the program.
- This program is designed to help identify asymptomatic COVID-19 cases early and ensure that affected individuals are immediately isolated and sent home to quarantine.
- We will have rapid tests available at school for diagnosing symptomatic students and adults if needed.



DISCUSSION





APPENDIX