



SUNCOAST

AMPLIFYING WHAT WORKS
COVID-19 RESPONSE

Charlotte
DeSoto
Manatee
Sarasota

Through the COVID-19 Response initiative at The Patterson Foundation, this weekly Amplify communication aims to weave together what works in each of the counties for a healthier and more thriving Suncoast. You're receiving this message because you've been identified as a community advocate, and we hope you'll share these stories and messages far and wide in your network.

Should my child get a coronavirus vaccine? Is it safe? Here's what you should know.

With nearly 17 million U.S. children eligible to receive a coronavirus vaccine, many health experts are urging parents and guardians to inoculate their children — especially now that the highly transmissible delta variant is the dominant strain in the United States.

Aside from protecting children against COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, the vaccine “gives them a ticket to doing a lot of things they weren't doing before, like hanging out indoors with friends without masks,” infectious-disease expert Sean O'Leary said.

But most families will have questions about the vaccines, so here are some answers.

Find the answers to frequently asked questions [here](#).

CDC's Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools

As we enter the back to school season, please review the CDC's guidelines aimed at protecting teachers, staff, students, and visitors during in-person learning this fall. These guidelines include the following:

- Universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status
- Practice prevention strategies such as screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, cleaning and disinfection.
- Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.

Read more [here](#).

Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of August 9, 2021



COUNTY

7 Day Rolling Ave.
of Daily New Cases

A Population ^12 with
at Least One
Vaccination DoseC

Charlotte	104	🔴	last wk: 80	68%	🟢
DeSoto	21	🔴	last wk: 16	48%	🟢
Manatee	285	🔴	last wk: 221	60%	🟢
Sarasota	275	🔴	last wk: 202	70%	🟢

COVID-19 is not “going away” anytime soon. Recently, cases in Southwest Florida and the four-county region have **spiked** as a result of the delta variant. Encourage your family, friends, stakeholders, clients, and others to get vaccinated. [Getting vaccinated](#) is the best protection against the variants, including delta.



Graphic [Link](#).

Resources: The COVID-19 Vaccine & Children 12+

Parents and guardians, get your questions answered about getting your children vaccinated from these reputable sources below.

[CDC: COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)

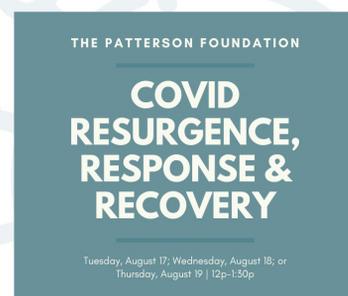
[Mayo Clinic: COVID-19 vaccines for kids: What you need to know](#)

[NPR: Teens Asked, We Answered: The Truth About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

[John Hopkins: COVID-19 Vaccine: What Parents Need to Know](#)

The Patterson Foundation: Community Conversation on COVID Resurgence, Response and Recovery

Community conversations are an opportunity to discuss what your aspirations are for the community around a particular topic. Now more than ever, these conversations are crucial in the effort to bring our communities together through shared aspirations. We invite you to join us for these vital conversations centered around the ever evolving challenges brought forth by COVID-19 and how our communities' might respond. All conversations will be held virtually through Zoom.



Please sign up for a time of 12-1:30pm for one of the following days: Tuesday, August 17; Wednesday, August 18; and Thursday, August 19. To keep the conversation personal and productive, space in each session is limited. Please anticipate 90 minutes.

[Sign up here.](#)

CONTACT US

Please forward this to your network, and when you have stories about overcoming and thriving during COVID-19, please send them to Hannah Saeger Karnei at:

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