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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.

Preventing the spread of the coronavirus

You've gotten the basics down: you're wearing your mask when you need to, avoiding crowds, and keeping your distance. But you likely still have questions. Does wearing a mask protect you, others, or both? How exactly will physical distancing help? And what do you need to know about the new COVID-19 vaccines?

The following actions help prevent the spread of COVID-19, other coronaviruses, and influenza. If you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

- Wear a face mask, [as advised by the CDC.](#)
- Maintain at least six feet of distance between yourself and others.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Socialize outdoors.
- Get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible.

Learn more [here.](#)

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone, especially those at highest risk, from severe illness and death. Children ages five years and older can get an age-appropriate dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC recommends that children between the ages of 5 and 11 years receive the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine.

Learn more [here.](#)

Ask a Pediatrician: Do the benefits of COVID vaccines for children five and older outweigh the risks?

Dr. Lee Beers, president of the AAP, explains that COVID vaccines are safe, and significant side effects are much less common than long-term complications from COVID-19 infection. Watch this video [here](#) to learn more.



DID YOU KNOW?

The federal government is providing the COVID-19 vaccine free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status. Learn more [here.](#)

Reminder: The flu season typically runs from October to May. Learn what preventative steps you can take to prevent the flu [here.](#) Click [here](#) to find flu vaccines in your area.



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Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of November 8, 2021

COUNTY	7 Day Rolling Ave. of Daily New Cases	A Population ^12 with at Least One Vaccination Dose
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Charlotte	10 🟢	last wk: 15	74% 🟢
DeSoto	3 🟡	last wk: 3	58% 🟡
Manatee	22 🟢	last wk: 30	69% 🟢
Sarasota	22 🟢	last wk: 23	77% 🟢

- 🟢 Denotes a positive trend
- 🟡 Denotes a trend that remained the same
- 🔴 Denotes a trend heading in the wrong direction

The measures we are continually taking are working! Each of us must continue to do our part to get back to normal. Encourage your family, friends, stakeholders, clients, and others to continue to get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is the best protection against COVID-19. Let's keep our community's numbers heading in the right direction!

CONTACT US

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

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