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.

You can find a list of the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases for each school in your district during the 2021-2022 school year. View the following school dashboards based on your children’s school district: Manatee County Schools, Sarasota County Schools, DeSoto County Schools, and Charlotte County Schools. This table offers a glimpse at the school year so far.

### Cases in Schools by County (21-22 School Year)

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<th>County</th>
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<td>Charlotte</td>
<td>1,287 (Staff and students since start of school)</td>
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<td>DeSoto</td>
<td>2,433 (Staff and students since start of school)</td>
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<td>Manatee</td>
<td>3,160 (Staff and students since start of school)</td>
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<td>Sarasota</td>
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### Tips for Protecting Our Students

As the school year continues to offer new challenges regarding COVID-19, there are several steps the CDC and other health professionals recommend taking to protect your child or yourself.

#### Steps to Protect Kids Ages Under 12

- Fully vaccinate yourself and other eligible members of the household
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds
- Practice social distancing (at least 6 feet away from others)
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect commonly touched objects and surfaces
- Test your child for the coronavirus when warranted
- If your child tests positive for COVID, keep that at home until they are no longer contagious

For more info, click [here](#).

#### Steps to Protect Kids Ages 12+

- Fully vaccinate your child
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds
- Practice social distancing (at least 6 feet away from others)
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect commonly touched objects and surfaces
- Test your child for the coronavirus when warranted
- If your child tests positive for COVID, keep them at home until they are no longer contagious

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### Protecting College Students 18+

- Fully vaccinate yourself
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds
- Practice social distancing (at least 6 feet away from others)
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect commonly touched objects and surfaces
- Test for the coronavirus when warranted
- If you test positive for COVID, stay at home until you are no longer contagious

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### Suncoast COVID-19 Stats

#### Week of September 13, 2021

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<td>147 ↓</td>
<td>last wk: 180, 72%</td>
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<td>last wk: 60, 55%</td>
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<td>465 ↓</td>
<td>last wk: 438, 66%</td>
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<td>Sarasota</td>
<td>306 ↓</td>
<td>last wk: 410, 75%</td>
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COVID-19 is not going away any time 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.

### CONTACT US

Please forward this to your network. When you have stories about overcoming and thriving during COVID-19, please send them to Hannah Saeger Karnei at: Hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org

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