



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.



DID YOU KNOW?

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)	
Charlotte	1,287 (Staff and students since start of school)
DeSoto	(DeSoto Schools have only daily updates on their dashboard).
Manatee	2,433 (Staff and students since start of school)
Sarasota	3,160 (Staff and students since start of school)

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

COUNTY	7 Day Rolling Ave. of Daily New Cases		A Population ^12 with at Least One Vaccination Dose	
Charlotte	147 ↓	last wk: 180	72%	↑
DeSoto	46 ↓	last wk: 60	55%	↑
Manatee	351 ↓	last wk: 438	66%	↑
Sarasota	306 ↓	last wk: 410	75%	↑

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.

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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