

Butler County General Health District's 855th COVID-19 Update (10/09/2021)

Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Cases Reported to Butler County*

Butler County Residents, 2020-21

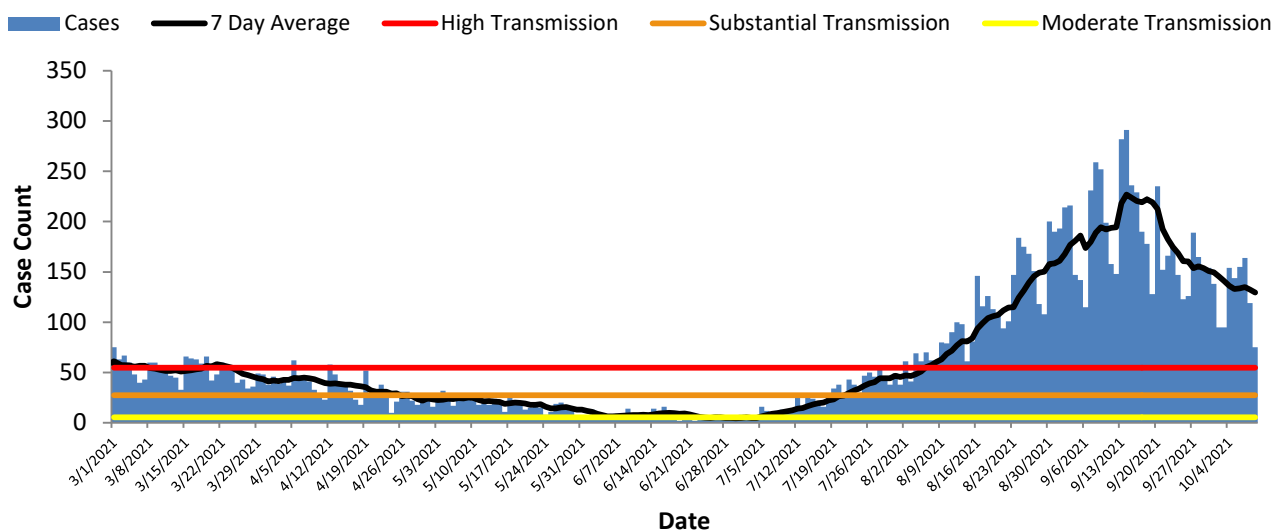
Total # of Cases (10/09):	50,776*
ODH verified Deaths (10/09):	694**
Hospitalizations (10/09):	2183
First Case Reported:	3/11/2020
Last Case Reported (so far):	10/09/2021
Confirmed Cases:	43,091
Probable Cases:	7,685
Age Range:	<1-103
Median Age:	38
Mean Age:	39.5
Incidence (thru 10/09):	13,252.8 per 100,000
Prevalence (thru 10/09):	13.3% of BC population
7-Day Positivity Rate (10/14):	12.7[#]% of tests performed in BC

Table 1: CDC Indicators		
Indicator	Butler County New Cases over 7 days	Status Level According to CDC
Incidence per 100,000 population	236.5 per 100,000	High Spread (over 100 per 100,000)
Positivity Rate	12.7% of tests performed in Butler County	High Positivity (over 10.00% of tests)

This report has transitioned from using the target indicators that Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health had previously set to the CDC's Community Transmission Indicators. The CDC has its own data tracker that is accessible at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>, which gives a good picture of how the nation as a whole is doing. They also have county tracking information, but as CDC mentions, local reports will be more up-to-date and should be considered more definitive.

Preliminary information suggests that the fourth wave *may have* peaked in Butler County. It is important that we continue to be vigilant and understand that based on the amount of active cases in Butler County that we are still **a community of high transmission and high positivity**. There was a sudden increase in the positivity rate this week which appears to be the effect of a swing in testing volume. This is reflected in the data that shows the decrease in cases slowing down after a steep decrease over the past couple of weeks.

Figure 1. Cases by Date of Event Since March 1, 2021



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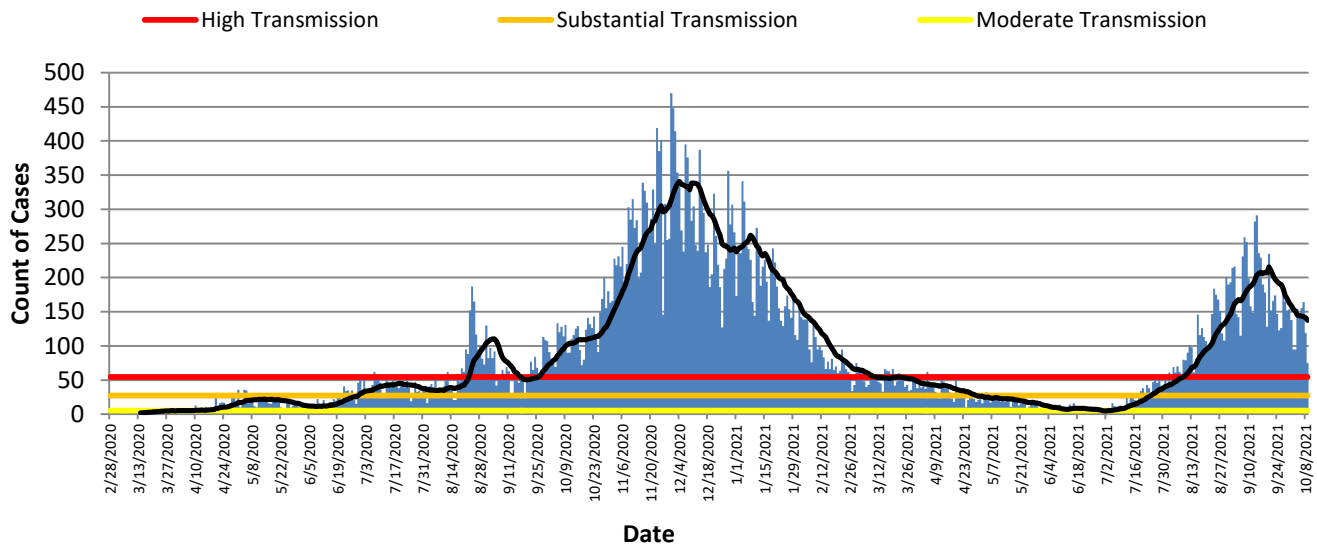
Table 2: Total Reported* Cases by ZIP Code						
ZIP Code	Number of Cases	New Cases (9/26-10/02)	Change in cases from previous 7 days (9/19-9/25)	Transmission	% of Cases	
45011	8717	157	-30 (-16%)	High	17.2%	
45044	7073	167	21 (14.4%)	High	13.9%	
45013	6713	119	-15 (-11.2%)	High	13.2%	
45069	6245	83	-34 (-29.1%)	High	12.3%	
45014	6209	119	-19 (-13.8%)	High	12.2%	
45056	4042	30	-15 (-33.3%)	High	8.0%	
45042	3515	90	6 (7.1%)	High	6.9%	
45067	2156	42	-5 (-10.6%)	High	4.2%	
45050	1583	29	1 (3.6%)	High	3.1%	
45015	1400	17	-21 (-55.3%)	High	2.8%	
45241	692	13	0(0%)		1.4%	
45053	417	5	-7(-58.3%)	High	0.8%	
45005	308	7	5(250%)		0.6%	
45064	196	6	4 (200%)		0.4%	
45246	90	3	1 (50%)		0.2%	
45062	77	2	1(100%)		0.2%	
Cases lacking zip code information or from zip codes with too few cases	1,343	17		-	2.6%	
Butler County (inclusive)	50,776	906	-113 (-11.6%)	High	100%	

Zip-codes that have transmissions not rated have most of their populations outside of Butler County. Zip-codes with too few cases have been removed for privacy concerns.

New Cases are determined by "Date of Event" which is when the case was ill/test was collected. CDC determines new cases by "Date of Report".

Table 2 shows the zip-code level data that is new for this week. **All zip-codes** in Butler County still meet the conditions set to be declared a **community of high transmission**. Cases are dropping in all but one zip-code. Since individuals are rarely constrained by the relatively small borders of a zip-code in their day-to-day lives, these transmission indicators are for information only. For practical guidance, follow the county level indicators. Figure 2 shows the recent surge in cases and new indicator levels in context of the entire pandemic.

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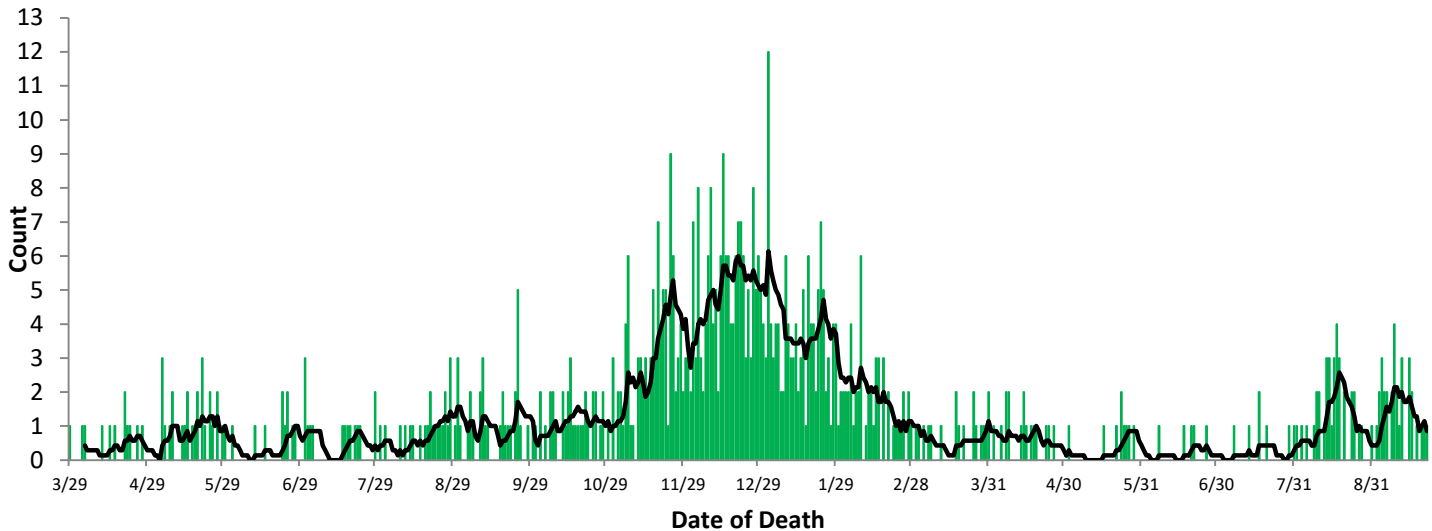
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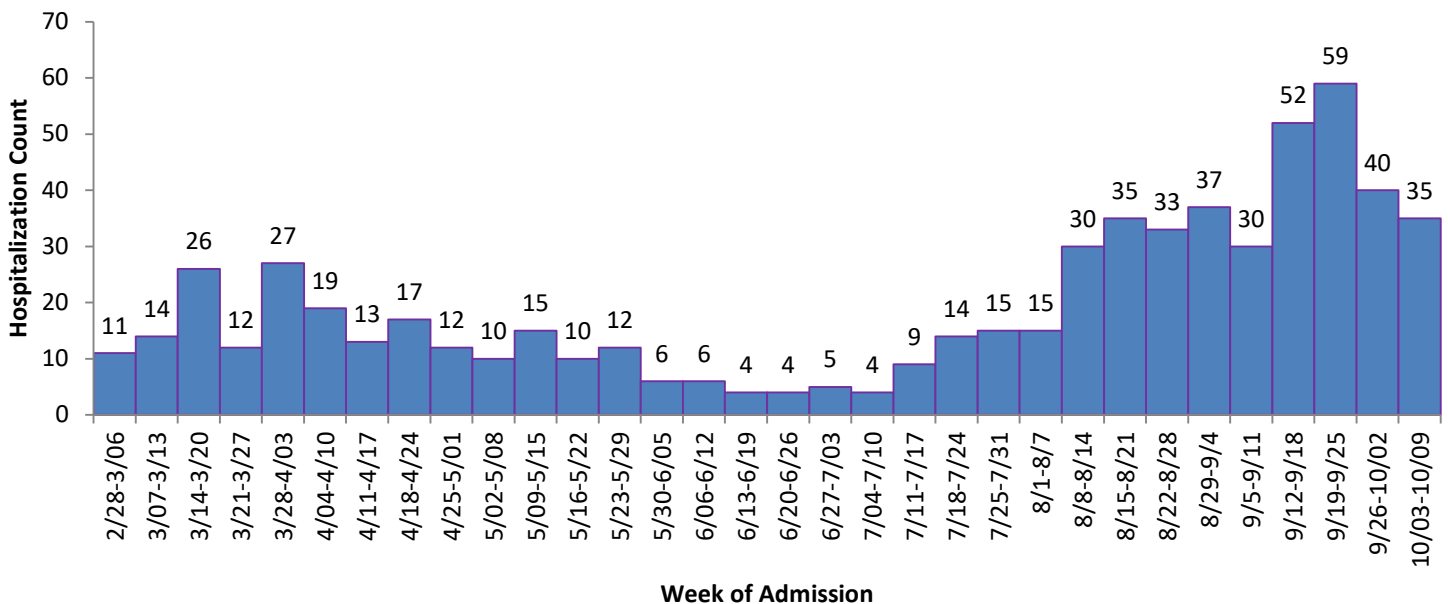
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Figure 3. Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths by date of death, 2020-21**



Figures 3 and 4 show severe case outcomes. These are both lagging indicators since it typically takes time for a case to succumb to COVID and well over a month for a COVID-19 death to be verified. As evidenced by the 7 day moving average, deaths notably climbed. Typically deaths follow 3-4 weeks after surges and are recorded another 3-4 weeks later. As for hospitalizations, Butler County residents are being subjected to hospitalization at high rates once again. Additionally, unvaccinated individuals are making up the majority of hospitalizations and are driving the age of hospitalizations down. The decrease in hospitalized cases has continued.

Figure 4. COVID-19 Hospitalizations of Butler County Residents by Week since the first week of March 2021



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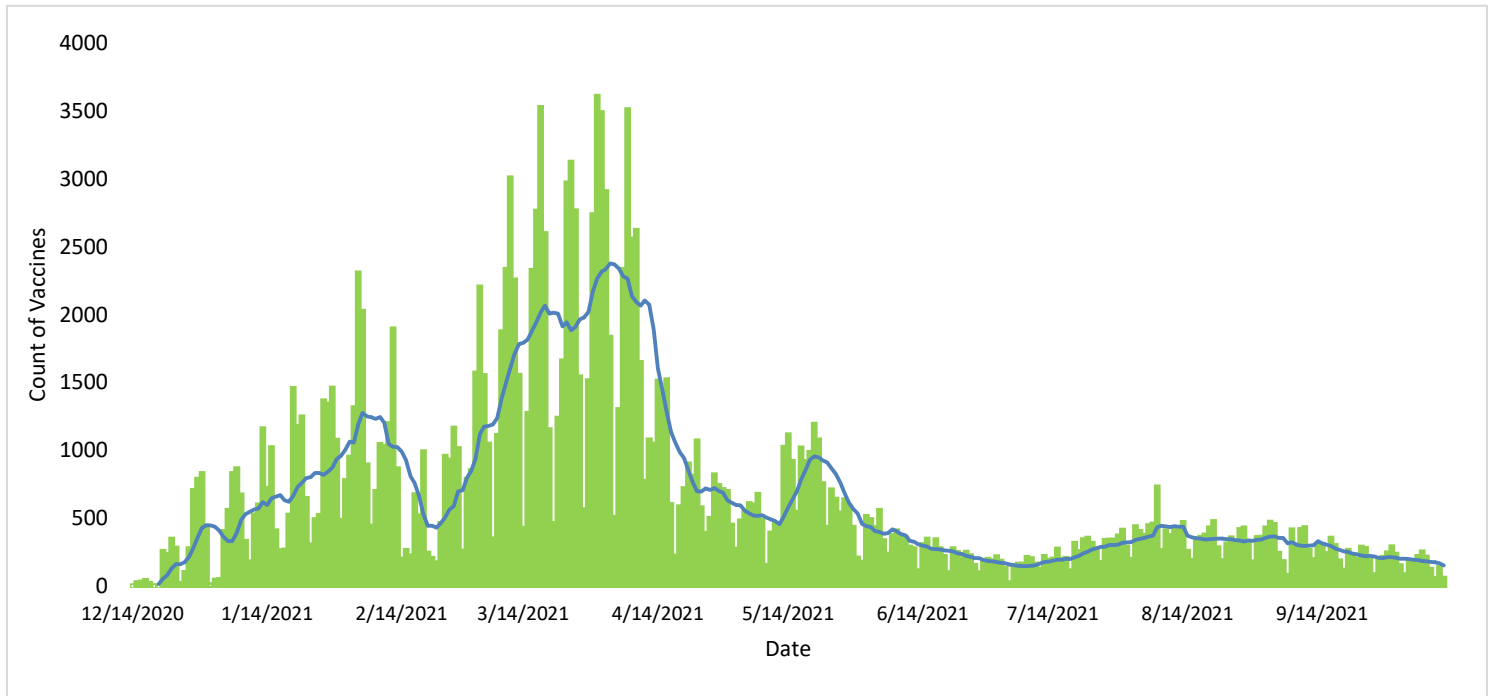
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Figure 5 shows vaccines started in Butler County by their date of administration. Table 3 shows the counts of new immunizations over the last two week period as well as total estimates by age group.

Figure 5. Vaccines Administered by Date in Butler County, 2020-2021



After an initial surge in vaccine demand seen in late winter and through the spring, demand dramatically dropped off. However, beginning in late July, coinciding with the oncoming school year and rise in cases associated with the Delta variant, there was a slight, but steady increase followed by gradual decline.

Table 3. Vaccination Statistics by Age Group and Recent Immunizations						
Age Group (Years)	Estimated Count of Population # (%)	Count of People Vaccinated (%) as of 9/28/2021 (at least one dose)	Count of People Vaccinated (%) as of 10/12/2021 (at least one dose)	Count of People Vaccinated during the last two weeks	Percent Change from 9/28 – 10/12	Estimated Count of People Who are Unvaccinated
12-14	15,069 (5%)	5,889 (39.1%)	5,991 (39.8%)	102	1.7%	9078
15-17	15,838 (5%)	7,018 (44.3%)	7,115 (44.9%)	97	1.4%	8723
18-20	20,735 (6%)	8,533 (41.2%)	8,731 (42.1%)	198	2.3%	12004
21-24	23,864 (7%)	10,879 (45.6%)	11,140 (46.7%)	261	2.4%	12724
25-34	48,008 (15%)	23,188 (48.3%)	23,674 (49.3%)	486	2.1%	24334
35-44	45,659 (14%)	28,220 (61.8%)	28,675 (62.8%)	455	1.6%	16984
45-54	46,344 (14%)	29,804 (64.3%)	30,170 (65.1%)	366	1.2%	16174
55-64	48,369 (15%)	36,159 (74.8%)	36,382 (75.2%)	223	0.6%	11987
65-74	36,132 (11%)	29,960 (82.9%)	30,195 (83.6%)	235	0.8%	5937
75-84	17,318 (5%)	14,389 (83.1%)	14,571 (84.1%)	182	1.3%	2747
85+	6,788 (2%)	5,789 (85.3%)	5,844 (86.1%)	55	1.0%	944

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Table 4. Cases Under Age of 17 by Zip –Code 08/01-10/09

Zip Code	Cases since August 1st	Cases per 100,000 past week
45011	471	168.5
45069	291	193.4
45044	409	342.1
45014	268	276.1
45013	310	287.6
45050	103	188.8
45042	196	456.3
45056	86	167.1
45015	108	187.7
45241	29	-
45067	151	169.5
45053	18	168.6
45246	9	-

^Cases are below threshold to release. Population estimates from Ohio Hospital Association 2019

Table 4 shows cases that are ages 17 or younger by zip-code. The importance of this table is to demonstrate that though numbers remain small on an absolute level, relative to the population size it has actually been very high spread since the start of school. Were we to classify ages by zip-code in the same manner of the CDC’s definition, all but one zip-code in Butler County would be considered “high” transmission for school-age students. It is true that children are less likely to develop severe illness, but they are not immune and they can spread it to others. **There have been pediatric hospitalizations of COVID-19 in Butler County**. Since the beginning of the pandemic, **pediatric hospitalizations of COVID-19 have doubled the 5-year average of pediatric hospitalizations of influenza in Butler County**. That figure is not including children hospitalized with MIS-C associated with COVID-19, just those with acute COVID-19 infection.

The best ways to prevent your child from contracting COVID-19 and risking severe outcomes is to get your child vaccinated as soon as they are old enough, and to follow precautions such as wearing masks indoors- especially for those who are too young or cannot otherwise get the COVID-19 vaccination. Table 5 shows the vaccination rates among zip-codes by eligible populations.

Table 5. Percent of the Eligible Population Vaccinated by Zip Code

Zip Code	Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated Estimate	Vaccinated %
45056	11,589	14,838	44%
45067	6,047	6,910	47%
45064	1,352	1,531	47%
45015	5,053	4,786	51%
45042	12,128	10,382	54%
45053	1,646	1,161	59%
45013	26,606	18,723	59%
45011	38,321	25,691	60%
45044	26,905	17,482	61%
45050	6,251	2,943	68%
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45069	34,563	10,352	77%

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