WILLIAMSON COUNTY RESPONSE COVID-19 2020 **IANUARY 16** State Health Operations Center activated due to COVID-19, allowing for the Tennessee Department of Health to maximize capacity and available resources of the state's metro and regional health departments **JANUARY 24** The TN Department of Health developed and published the TDH Novel Coronavirus webpage **JANUARY 31** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency **FEBRARY 24** The TN Dept of Health conducted the first COVID-19 test in the state using the CDC EAU test **MARCH 5** The TN Department of Health announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Tennessee **MARCH 11** World Health Organization officially characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic **MARCH 12** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order No. 14, declaring a State of Emergency to free up funds for the treatment and containment of COVID-19 MARCH 13 President Trump declared National Emergency in response to COVID-19, and Gov. Lee issued further guidance **MARCH 17** Gov. Lee urged all TN school districts to close by March 20 and remain closed through March 31, School Food Authorities announced they would continue to provide meals to at-risk students who rely on meals **MARCH 18** Williamson County Emergency Management Agency PIO established WCCOVID-19 text opt-in by texting WCCOVID to 888-777, and non-essential county facilities began to close **MARCH 19** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 15, suspending provisions of certain statues and rules and taking other necessary measures in order to facility the treatment and containment of COVID-19 MARCH 20 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 16, ensuring government continues to function openly and transparently during the COVID-19 emergency while taking appropriate measures to protect the  $\,$ health and safety of citizens and government officials -The TN Department of Health established COVID-19 assessment at rural local health departments -The cities of Franklin and Brentwood each declared a State of Emergency MARCH 22 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 17, prohibiting social gatherings of 10 or more people and enacting provisions regarding restaurants, bars, and similar food and drink establishments **MARCH 23** The City of Fairview and Thompsons Station each declared a State of Emergency MARCH 24 -Williamson County Schools and Franklin Special Schools announced they would remain closed through April 24 -The City of Franklin issues a Stay At Home Order -Gov. Lee mobilized 250 members of the TN National Guard and extended both work from home orders for state employees and statewide school closures until April 24 MARCH 30 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 22, issuing 'Safer at Home' guidelines in effect until April 14 MARCH 31 The Williamson County Public Information Line was activated, and staffed in the Public Safety Center by County Employees The City of Franklin renewed the Stay At Home Order for an additional seven days APRIL 2 -Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 23, requiring citizens to stay home except for essential activities
-President Trump approved Tennessee's major disaster declaration -The TN Department of Health began registering volunteers for COVID-19 medical and non-medical responders using the Medical Reserve Corps APRIL 3 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 24, which amended Executive Order 15 APRIL 4 CDC issued new guidance on the use of face masks APRIL 6 -Gov. Lee announced \$200 million in grants to be distributed to every county city government across the state for one-time, local expenses -Gov. Lee announced \$10 million in Small and Rural Hospital Readiness Grants to support hospitals -The TN Division of TennCare submitted a waiver to the federal government seeking matching dollars to address the uninsured population APRIL 8 -Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 25, extending the postponement of elective medial and dental procedures until April 30 -Gov. Lee announced a partnership with HealthStream, to provide free training to retired or furloughed medical workers willing to rejoin the workforce -The City of Franklin renewed the Stay At Home Order for additional 7 days -Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 27 extending the state's Stay at Home Order until April 30 -County offices closed to public -Brentwood extended the Emergency Declaration for an additional 7 days APRIL 15 -Williamson County Schools and Franklin Special Schools announced they will remain closed for the rest of the school year -The City of Franklin extended their Emergency Declaration and Stay At Home Order for an additional 7 days -Gov. Lee announced expanded COVID-19 testing in coordination with the National Guard, free to all Tennesseans, regardless of symptoms -Gov. Lee called on schools to remain closed for the remainder of the academic year **APRIL 17** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 28, removing regulatory barriers to facilitate the treatment of COVID-19 -TN Department of Human Services announced new child care assistance to support families serving in essential workforce positions -TN National Guard establishd 15 drive-through testing sites **APRIL 19** COVID-19 drive-through testing site relocated to the Williamson County Agricultural Center due to increased community turnout at the Health Department Clinics **APRIL 20** Gov. Lee announced that TN's Stay at Home order will expire on April 30th **APRIL 22** The City of Franklin extended the Stay At Home Order 7 days **APRIL 23** Gov. Lee announced guidance on retail industry reopening APRIL 24 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 29 to reopen restaurants **APRIL 27** Restaurants allowed to reopen at 50% capacity **APRIL 28** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 30, allowing safe return to work while encouraging continued adherence to health guidelines APRIL 29 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 31, extending limitations non-emergency dental procedures Retail outfits allowed to reopen at 50% capacity Williamson County Public Library Launched Library 2 Go Service APRIL 30 -Gov. Lee joined a White House briefing on protecting America's seniors, and announced partnership with TN Medical Association to prepare for resuming non-urgent medical procedures · Williamson County Parks & Rec announces plans to gradually re-open facilities -Tennessee's Stay At Home Order expired -The City of Franklin Stay at Home order expired MAY 1 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 32, outlining further plans to mitigate COVID-19 Cool Springs Galleria Mall reopened with limitations -Elective surgeries allowed to begin again Gyms allowed to reopen -TN Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives Released Reopening Guidance MAY 4 -County office hours expanded to be open to the public on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week in person and by phone and email on Wednesdays and Fridays -Fairview City Hall reopened to the public MAY 5 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 33 allowing the safe reopening of close contact services MAY 6 -Close contact businesses, including salons, allowed to open with limitations -Dental procedures resumed -TN Department of Health and Williamson County Emergency Management Agency began distributing free cloth masks at the Williamson County Agricultural Center Testing Site MAY 7 Gov. Lee issued Executive Orders 34 and 35, allowing for government bodies to hold meetings remotely and the reopening of small group, non-contact venues **MAY 12** Gov. Lee issued Executive Orders 36 and 37, extending state of emergency until June 30th **MAY 13** In accordance with Gov. Lee's TN Pledge, Williamson County implemented new building entrance guidelines **MAY 19** New Williamson Medical Group Surgical Services Clinic opened for elective surgies **MAY 21** Economic Recovery Group issued updated guidance for restaurants and retail and allowed large attractions to open **MAY 22** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 38, allowing groups of up to 50 people to participate in social and recreational activities while encouraging strong social distancing measures, and expands the number of Tennesseans who may return to work **MAY 26** Brentwood Library re-opened -Williamson Parks and Rec began limited programs and opened additional facilities -Williamson County Animal Center in Franklin and dog park resumed regular public hours -Franklin Special Schools announced continuing free meals during summer for families that qualify for free and reduced school lunches **JUNE 12** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 49, amending visitation requirements concerning long-term care **IUNE 29** Williamson County Health Department Hit Record Number of COVID-19 Tests Completed **IULY 3** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 54, providing local governments with authority for face coverings **IULY 8** Williamson County Mayor issued an executive order that implemented a mask mandate **IULY 9** -Williamson County Mayor issued addendum to declaration of public health emergency Williamson County Schools released reopening framework **JULY 31** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 55, facilitating continuing effects of COVID-19 by amending prior executive orders AUGUST 1 Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 55, allowing allow contact sports and extending local authority for nask requirements **AUGUST 3** Williamson County Mayor issued a mask mandate extension until August 29th **AUGUST 28** Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 59 extending certain provisions of prior executive orders **AUGUST 30** -Williamson County mask mandate expired -Masks still required in county facilities and businesses encouraged to require masks before entry **SEPTMEBER 3** TN Department of Health updated reporting format for active cases **SEPTEMBER 29** -Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 63, facilitating the continued response to COVID-19 and extended certain provisions OCTOBER 21 Tennessee released its first draft of the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan **OCTOBER 24** Williamson County Mayor reinstated a mask mandate until October 30th OCTOBER 30 -Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 67, facilitating the continued response to COVID-19 and extended certain provisions -Williamson County Mayor issued a mask mandate extension until December 29th **DECEMBER 20** Gov. Lee issued Executive order 70, limiting gatherings and urging working from home **DECEMBER 21** TN Department of Health testing at the Williamson County Agricultural Center changed schedule to offer drive-through self-testing on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, while continuing drive-through department-administered testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays **DECEMBER 22** -Gov. Lee issued Executive order 73, facilitating the continued response to COVID-19 and extended certain provisions -Williamson County Mayor issued a mask mandate extension until February 27th **DECEMBER 23** -Vaccines began for phase 1a1 Vaccines scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Williamson County Ag Center **DECEMBER 30** -The Tennessee Vaccination Plan was updated to reflect changes in distribution strategy -Vaccines began for phase 1a2 2021 **JANUARY 4** -Williamson County Emergency Management Agency created a vaccine distribution page on their website, launched the vaccine availability alert system through survey monkey, and launched a vaccine registration process through SignUpGenius -Vaccines began for individuals ages 75+ **IANUARY 5** A vaccine call center staffed with Williamson County Health Department employees opened using the already established COVID-19 public info line **JANUARY 7** Williamson County vaccine distribution transitioned to a waitlist system, run by the Tennessee Department of Health and hosted on SignUpGenius, called the COVID Priority List **JANUARY 13** TN Department of Health changed the name of the "COVID Priority List" to "COVID Waitlist" **JANUARY 14** Williamson County Emergency Management Agency created a vaccine rumor control page on their website addressing vaccine distribution confusion within the county **FEBRUARY 2** Vaccines began for individuals ages 70+ **FEBRUARY 15** Tennessee Department of Health changed the vaccine registration platform from individual county waitlists on SignUpGenius to a statewide registration system called VRAS (Vaccine Registration and Administration Solution) **FEBRUARY 22** -Vaccines began for phase 1b and individuals ages 65+ -Williamson County began using VRAS for vaccine registration **FEBRUARY 27** Williamson County mask mandate expired **MARCH 8** Vaccines began for phase 1c **MARCH 11** President Biden declared that all adults will be eligible to receive a vaccine by May 1 **MARCH 15** Williamson County began using VRAS for vaccine administration at the Ag Center MARCH 22 -All COVID-19 testing (self-test kits and health department administered PCR testing) moved out of the Ag Center and back to the county health department clinics in Franklin and Fairview -TN Department of Health extended vaccine distribution hours at the Ag Center -Vaccines began for phases 2a, 2b, and individuals ages 55-Gov. Lee announced plan to make all Tennesseans ages 16+ eligible for the vaccine by April 5 **MARCH 24** Williamson County opened up vaccine eligibility to all Tennesseans ages 16+ **APRIL 5** The TN Department of Health opened statewide vaccine eligibility for all Tennesseans ages 16+ **APRIL 6** President Biden declared that all adults in the U.S. will be eligible to receive a vaccine by April 19 **APRIL 13** The TN Department of Health paused the distribution of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. The Williamson County Health Department has only ever distributed the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, so vaccination operations continue unchanged. **APRIL 19** All adults in the U.S. became eligible for vaccines **APRIL 23** The TN Department of Health resumed distribution of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine in other counties across the state APRIL 27 The Williamson County Health Department began offering 100 non-appointment vaccines per day during select hours at the Ag Center, in addition to vaccines appointments JUNE 1 The TN Department of Health scaled down the hours of operation for vaccines at the Ag Center, due to lower vaccine demand **JULY 1** -The Williamson County Health Department moved vaccine operations out of the Ag Center and to 1405-A Brookwood Ave., located behind the Franklin Clinic -Williamson County EMA returned to Activation Level 5, normal operations **AUGUST 2** The Williamson County Health Department moved vaccine operations to the Franklin Clinic **AUGUST 6** Gov Lee signed executive order 83 to facilitate a continued response, especially in hospitals **AUGUST 8** Williamson County EMA moved to Activation Level 4, monitoring **AUGUST 6** WCS voted to implement a mask mandate for elementary schools until September 21st due to the rising number of active cases from the delta variant **AUGUST 12** The FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EAUs) for both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to allow for the use of an additional 3rd dose in certain immunocompromised individuals **AUGUST 13** The CDC recommended a 3rd dose of mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) for moderately and severely immunocompromised individuals **AUGUST 16** The Tennessee Department of Health began offering a 3rd dose of mRNA vaccines to immunocompromised individuals Gov Lee signed executive order 84, giving parents the ability opt-out of mask requirements for k-12 **AUGUST 23** -The Pfizer vaccine received full approval from the FDA for ages 16+ -WC Health Department expanded testing hours and began allowing those ages 16+ to self-test (previously only those ages 18+ could use self-test kits) -FSSD implemented a mask requirement in all schools **AUGUST 26** WCS extended the mask requirement to K-12, beginning August 31 and expiring September 21 SEPTEMBER 7 -Williamson County Health Department moved testing and vaccine operations back to the Agricultural Center, but in a different building than what was previously used -Franklin and Fairview health department clinics continued to offer Everlywell self-test kits to walk-ins during normal business hours **SEPTEMBER 17** FDA recommended a Pfizer booster for those ages 65+, 6 months after completion of primary series **SEPTEMBER 22** -FDA approved a Pfizer booster for certain populations -The ACIP met to discuss Pfizer boosters for certain populations **SEPTEMBER 23** The ACIP voted and CDC recommended Pfizer boosters to certain populations: ages 65 + and LTCF residents, ages 50+ with underlying health conditions, and optional for ages 18+ with underlying health conditions or occupation settings that have higher COVID exposure **SEPTEMBER 27** TN Department of Health and the Williamson County Health Department began offering Pfizer boosters to certain populations following the CDC recommendation **OCTOBER 14** FDA recommended Moderna boosters for special populations (the same as those under the Pfizer booster recommendations) for 6+ months after the initial 2 dose series **OCTOBER 15** FDA recommended J&J boosters for everyone ages 18 and up, 2+ months after the initial dose **OCTOBER 20** FDA amended the EAUs to allow for boosters for Moderna and J&J and the ability to "mix and match" vaccines **OCTOBER 21** CDC recommended boosters for Moderna and J&J vaccines as well as "mixing and matching" vaccines, following FDA recommendations **OCTOBER 25** TN Department of Health began offering boosters of Moderna and J&J **OCTOBER 29** FDA authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer vaccine in children ages  $5\,\text{-}11$ **NOVEMBER 2** ACIP and CDC unanimously recommended the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5-11 **NOVEMBER 3** The TN Department of Health announced offering the Pfizer vaccine to children ages 5-11 **NOVEMBER 10** Williamson County Health Department began offering low-dose Pfizer vaccine to ages 5-11 **NOVEMBER 15** Williamson County Health Department moved all COVID operations out of the Ag Center and back to the Franklin Clinic, with testing and vaccines available by appointment only **NOVEMBER 19** -The CDC expanded their recommendation on boosters, stating that everyone ages 18+ who received Pfizer or Moderna may get a booster and everyone ages 50+ should get a booster. -Gov. Lee ends the state of emergency in Tennessee after nearly 20 months DECEMBER 9 The FDA and CDC expanded the eligibility and recommendations on boosters, stating that those ages 16-17 who received Pfizer could receive a Pfizer booster and that everyone ages 18+ and fully vaccinated should receive a booster **DECEMBER 16** The ACIP voted that mRNA vaccines are preferred over the J&J vaccine **DECEMBER 18** The Omicron variant surpassed Delta to become the most dominant COVID-19 strain in the U.S., making up 73% of new infections