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**Memorandum for:** Louisville Metro Board of Health

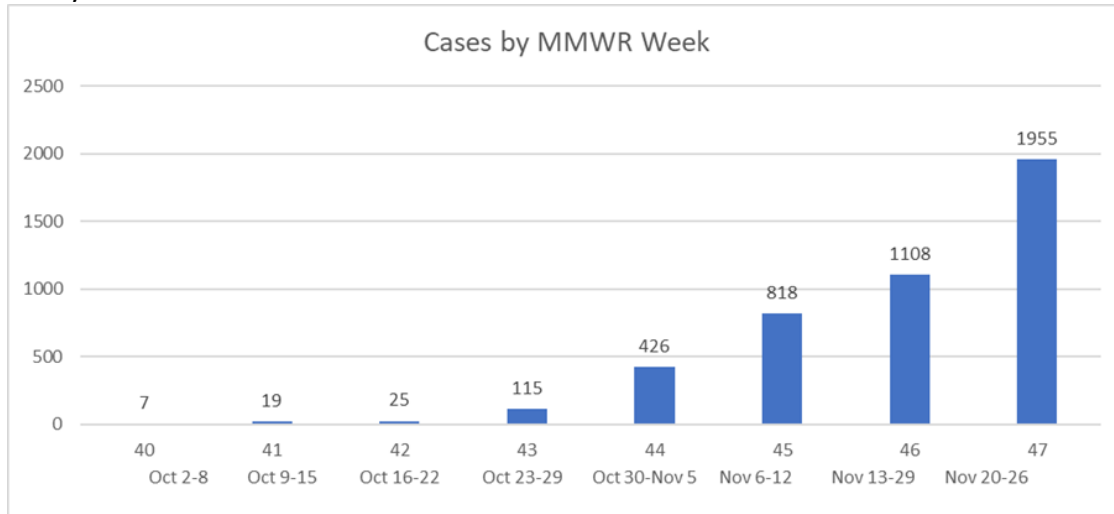
**From:** Jeffery Howard, Interim Director & Chief Health Strategist and Medical Director

**Subject:** December Director's Report - Trends and Insights from 10/29/22 – 12/2/22

- **Business continuity and flood recovery.** 400 E. Gray St. remains closed due flood damage. The location will remain closed until further notice. All services initially paused or relocated have been restored onsite, although in a limited capacity. Employees will continue to work remotely or at another LMPHW location until building restoration is complete.
- **Mayoral transition.** The mayor-elect has created a [website](#) designed to accept applications for positions in the new administration. Employees in appointed positions must reapply for their jobs, this includes 16 people at LMPHW currently serving as directors, assistant directors, executive administrators, and administrative coordinators in classification S-4.
- **Fiscal Year (FY) 22 annual report.** We [published the FY22 annual report](#) highlighting programs, projects, and services delivered from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The number of services provided was comparable to previous fiscal years, but the reduction in federal grants for the COVID-19 response decreased our revenue and expenditures to pre-pandemic budgets. New department initiatives highlighted include our Quick Response Team, water safety database, retail smoking licenses, and tick control.
- **Lead ordinance.** [0-134-22](#) passed and will create the Lead-Safe Housing Registry for pre-1978 rental properties, an important step in proactively protecting residents from lead. Our team will begin developing an implementation plan, which will include hiring additional staff to cover the expanded duties.
- **Harm reduction expansion.** Syringe disposal boxes can now be found in Portland, Shelby, and Boone Square parks. The boxes were recently installed to prevent the spread of bloodborne diseases such as HIV and hepatitis C. On the boxes, people can also find contact information for our Harm Reduction Services Program. The syringe disposal boxes were installed through a partnership with LMPHW, Louisville Parks and Recreation, Councilwoman Donna Purvis, and Metro Facilities.
- **Grant award.** The CDC has awarded LMPHW \$9.4 million over the next 5 years as part of the [strengthening public health infrastructure, workforce, and data systems grant](#). This funding will sustain foundational capabilities we built during the pandemic and will also

allow LMPHW to hire our first workforce development director to better support workplace mental health and well-being.

- **Flu.** Seasonal influenza activity remains [elevated across the country](#). So far, there are a total of 4,472 confirmed cases in Jefferson County and 1 flu-related death. The majority of cases (1926) by age group have been reported in children 0 months - 9 years of age. Outbreaks have been identified in schools, childcare facilities, and hospital settings. [Weekly flu reports](#) are published on our website, allowing the public to track cases of the flu in Jefferson County.



\*Reports are received from hospitals, laboratories, and private provider offices. The numbers above only reflect preliminary counts, are subject to change, and represent Jefferson County only.



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