

Community is what we are.

Many of us are blessed to call Fannin County home. Our community, like many, is currently experiencing an increase in COVID-19. While each of us has or will make a decision as to whether or not to be vaccinated, we want to take a few minutes to express our thoughts on the current increase in COVID-19 cases in Fannin County and to ask your assistance in working together to hopefully reduce the spread of this disease in our community.

Fannin Regional (as well as area facilities) are at or above capacity. Area health care providers are working diligently. We know that they are exhausted. We appreciate all their efforts. If you need care, please go to the hospital. The staff of Fannin Emergency Management Services continues to work around the clock.

Statistically, the vast majority of new COVID cases are among the unvaccinated.

We want businesses to remain open; we want recreation venues to be available. School is vital to students on so many levels.

If you have not been vaccinated, consider if the time is correct for you to get vaccinated. Consider if wearing a mask is appropriate for you or those you are around. Please continue to frequently wash your hands, cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze or cough, and otherwise be careful not to be around others when you are not feeling well – these are smart practices all the time.

Remember to take a minute to share a word of encouragement to area health care workers, EMS, Sheriff's deputies, police officers and teachers.

As a community, if we are willing to work together, we can help not only ourselves, but our families, friends, and children.

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