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## 13 schools report new cases of COVID-19

MCCSC board asks state to give teachers vaccination priority

By Emily Cox  
The Herald-Times

Twelve schools in the Monroe County Community School Corp. and one in the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corp. have reported new COVID-19 cases, according to the state's school dashboard.

Schools reporting fewer than five positive cases have their data suppressed to protect privacy. The state's school dashboard is updated weekly at noon on Mondays. This week's update includes cases reported in the seven-day period ending Jan. 29.

### MCCSC

Among the MCCSC's elementary schools, Binford, Rogers, Childs and Lakeview each reported fewer than five new COVID-19 cases among students. Marlin reported fewer than five new cases among students and fewer than five new cases among staff. Summit and Highland Park reported fewer than five new cases among staff and Templeton reported fewer than five new cases among teachers.

Among the middle schools, Batchelor reported fewer than five new cases among students and fewer than five new cases among staff. Batchelor has reported fewer than five cases among students, teachers and staff each, since the school year began.

Bloomington High School South reported fewer than five new cases among students and fewer than five new cases among teachers. Since the 2020-21 school year began, South has reported 57 student cases, six cases among teachers and seven cases among staff. That's four more student cases than the previous week.

Bloomington High School North reported fewer than five new cases among students. North has reported a total of 28 student

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Southern Poverty Law Center releases report on nationwide numbers for 2020

## HATE GROUPS DECLINE IN STATE BUT THREAT REMAINS

By Tim Evans | USA TODAY Network

The number of hate groups operating in the U.S., including in Indiana, dropped in 2020, but that is more a reflection of the pandemic and how groups operate than the threat posed by their members and others inspired by them, the Southern Poverty Law Center reported this week.

The nonprofit organization that

monitors "activities of domestic hate groups and other extremists" reported 19 hate groups operated in Indiana — among 838 nationwide — in 2020. The Indiana count on the SPLC's "Hate Map" was one fewer than reported in 2019, while the national number fell from 940.

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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** A group of about 100 people outside the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis on Jan. 6 chant "stop the steal," in support of Donald Trump's unsubstantiated claims that he won the November election over Joe Biden. (Robert Scheer / USA TODAY Network) // An online promotion for the Proud Boys, one of 19 groups the Southern Poverty Law Center say was actively promoting hate in Indiana in 2020. (Anti-Defamation League courtesy image) // Members of the Ku Klux Klan try to have a "Kookout" at Madison's Jaycee Park in August 2019 but found protesters — who put up a banner reading "Pinko Commie Birthday Party" — were there to greet them with shouts. (Matt Stone / USA TODAY Network)



The John Waldron Arts Center as seen in July 2020. (Rich Janzaruk / Herald-Times)

## Waldron officially owned by city again

Facility's transfer from Ivy Tech complete; assessment underway

H-T Report

In late January, Ivy Tech Community College transferred ownership of the Waldron Arts Center to the city of Bloomington, according to a city news release.

An agreement to transfer the building did not involve a financial

exchange, according to the release, and contracts for utilities and maintenance also have been transferred to the city.

"City staff have obtained an appraisal of the property's value and reviewed proposals for the building from some interested organizations," the Tuesday news release reads. "Staff are continuing to assess the building's structural and mechanical systems and perform a

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CITY OFFICIALS, in a news release

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### COVID-19 PANDEMIC

#### MONROE COUNTY

**9,743**

CASES

Number of first vaccine doses given: **12,596**  
Fully vaccinated (as of Tuesday): **2,829**

**117**

DEATHS

#### STATEWIDE

Cases: **629,903**  
Deaths: **9,677**

#### VACCINATIONS

First doses given: **568,937**  
Fully vaccinated: **155,362**

**Monroe County 7-day positivity rate through Jan. 26:** 2.6% all tests, 12% individuals.  
**Area counties:** Brown (909 cases, 35 deaths), Greene (2,493 cases, 64 deaths), Owen (1,749 cases, 38 deaths). See HeraldTimesOnline.com for more area and state COVID-19 statistics.