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Medical experts in Arkansas are advising residents to maintain COVID precautions despite the recent drop in cases. This week on Arkansas PBS, Dr. Mark Williams, dean of the college of public health at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, said the recent lull follows a pattern of peaks and valleys, or troughs (troffs) for the pandemic.

NEWS20 0:15 “...cases every day.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the community transmission rate in Arkansas is still considered high, based on the number of new cases per day. In areas with high transmission rates, the CDC recommends wearing masks in indoor public settings.

Winter COVID – 2

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Parents in Arkansas are being encouraged to get their children vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as approval is given by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. On Arkansas PBS this week, the Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Dr. Mark Williams, said the science behind the COVID-19 vaccines has been developed over many years.

NEWS21 0:18 “...vaccines are safe.”

Last week the Federal Food and Drug Administration authorized emergency use of the COVID-19 vaccine created by Pfizer for use in children ages 5 to 11. The CDC is expected to meet this week to give their recommendation regarding the vaccine’s use in children.