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Athens County hosted a second successful COVID-19 pop up testing site.

On Friday, August 14th, a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site was held at Athens High School. There were 356 people from Athens County and surrounding areas tested by the Ohio National Guard. At the time of this press release only 3 positive cases have been identified as part of the August 14th testing event. Two of the three positive cases were residents from other counties, so those cases have been transferred to the respective counties. Information on local testing sites will continue to be updated and shared through our website and social media pages.

As students come back to town and we begin to transition to fall activities, it is imperative to continue practicing the public health prevention measures of wearing a facial covering, physically distancing of at least 6 feet, and frequently washing hands and cleaning surfaces. We encourage everyone to continue to wear a facial covering in public and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. These actions will be part of our everyday activities for the foreseeable future. Consistently including these habits of good health into daily routines will be the best we can do at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) call center is open for specific questions about COVID-19, 1-833-4 ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). ODH updates the states numbers every day at 2pm. For Athens-specific questions regarding COVID-19, contact the Athens City-County Health Department at 740-592-4431 or visit the website www.athenspublichealth.org, Facebook page, and twitter @acchd_oh. Other information can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention page, www.cdc.gov, and the ODH Coronavirus page, www.coronavirus.ohio.gov. USE. TRUSTED. SOURCES. The potential for misinformation and rumors during times of high-profile global events/public health threats is high. Verify information before sharing.

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