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Athens City-County Health Department reopens to the public.

The Athens City-County Health Department is now open to the public from 7:30 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Our lobby welcomes just one person or family at a time. A tent outside the entrance creates a space for people to wait until they can be served. We ask all of our visitors to wear a face covering in the building. Disposable masks are available to health department visitors. If visitors are unable to wear a face covering, arrangements can be made to provide services. Call for an appointment to get updated on immunizations. The Harm Reduction Clinic will reopen as a drive-thru clinic starting June 24th. More information about the clinic will be posted on our website and social media later in the month.

We are grateful for everyone’s patience through the COVID-19 response. As of today, at 2:00 pm, Athens County has no known active cases of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor our community activity and inform the public of changes to our COVID-19 status. We strongly encourage residents to continue to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet, wear a face covering when in public, and wash your hands frequently. Athens County Health Commissioner, Dr. James Gaskell reminds us, “there are still new cases of COVID-19 being reported in Ohio every day. Personal responsibility can keep the incidence of disease low in Athens County and help us protect our neighbors and loved ones. Wear your mask with pride.”

The Ohio Department of Health call center is open for specific questions about COVID-19, 1-833-4 ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). The Ohio Department of Health 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 Athens City-County Health Department 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 Ohio Department of Health Coronavirus page, www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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