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New cases of COVID-19 in Athens County.

Athens County has seen a recent increase in COVID-19 cases over the last week. Testing guidelines have been expanded to allow more people to be tested. While many businesses are reopening with several safety protocols in place, the state’s Stay Safe order reminds Ohioans that the public’s responsibility to slow the spread is as important as it has ever been. Individuals can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Wearing a face covering (if you are able to without compromising your own health)
- Practicing social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Limiting gatherings to 10 people
- Staying home if you are sick
- Working from home, if you can
- Sending just one person from the family to do the shopping
- Washing hands frequently for 20 seconds
- Cleaning high touch surfaces
- Monitoring your health
- Preparing for someone who may be ill in your home

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 and Facebook page, twitter@acchd_oh, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov, and the Ohio Department of Health Coronavirus page, www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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