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Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

The latest update from the Tennessee Department of Health says Tennessee continues to administer COVID-19 vaccinations according to the state's vaccination plan. Tennessee county health department staff members administered more than 25,000 COVID-19 vaccinations during the New Year weekend, and more than 157,000 total vaccinations have been given statewide to date.

COVID-19 vaccine supplies remain limited at this time, and availability of vaccines varies by county. Tennessee is currently working to vaccinate Phase 1a populations and individuals aged 75 and up. Tennessee counties may progress through COVID-19 phases at different times, depending on supplies of vaccines.

This week shipments of vaccines are expected to begin arriving at Tennessee pharmacies that are partnering with long-term care facilities to vaccinate their residents and staff members onsite. As county health departments vaccinate phases 1a2 and begin to vaccinate those 75 and older, pharmacies will also be administering vaccines for long-term care facility residents. Although this may result in smaller shipments to county health departments, The Tennessee Department of Health says it is critical to get vaccines to those who are at the highest risk of severe illness and death from the virus as quickly as possible.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Athens City Middle School will be going to remote learning January 6-8 due to boiler issues and no heat in the facility. This may be extended through next week depending on availability of parts to repair the boiler. Kids Connection will be open on a regular schedule. Drive-thru meals will be provided each day from 11 a.m. To 12:30 p.m. for Middle School students and any Athens City Schools virtual students. Students do not have to be present to pick up meals. The switch to remote learning is not related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

✓ The Etowah City Hall Lobby is currently closed until further notice due to COVID-19. Payments may be dropped into the lockbox at the front door. Call 423-263-2202 for assistance.

✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term. Five new members will be chosen. Each nominee must agree to serve a full term and agree to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. Nominations must be received by the Chamber office by January 11th.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE TUESDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 617,649 cases, up 5,399. 7,267 deaths, up 99.

COUNTY CASES RECOVERED ACTIVE DEATHS

| County | Cases | Recovered | Active | Deaths |
|---------|--------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| McMinn | 4,587 up 45 | 3,999 | 522 | 66 |
| Meigs | 1,010 up 12 | 871 | 124 | 16 |
| Monroe | 4,055 up 50 | 3,498 | 500 | 57 |
| Polk | 1,247 up 12 | 1,064 | 167 | 16 |
| Bradley | 9,605 up 112 | 8,437 | 1,091 | 77 up 1 |
| Rhea | 3,391 up 31 | 2,875 | 465 | 51 |

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Jesse Alan Vincent**, age 66, of Dandridge (formerly of Athens), died Sunday at UT Medical Center. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Nelva "Rella" Missildine Crowe**, age 73, of Athens, died Sunday at UT Medical Center. She retired from Niota Textile after more than 25 years of service. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Clearwater Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Tabitha Johnkins Smith**, age 83, died Saturday, January 2nd. She served as a cook for Hughes Cafeteria for 32 years. A Home-going celebration will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens. A walk through visitation will be held on Friday from 2 to 6 p.m.

♦ **Susan Marie Swafford**, age 53, of Athens, died Dec. 17th at her home. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

♦ **Jeffrey Scott Ingram**, age 56, of Sweetwater, died Dec. 29th. He was a Registered Nurse working at area hospitals for 30 years. A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

♦ **Jimmy "JP" Powers**, age 72, died last Sunday at his home. He was a veteran of the Tennessee National Guard and was employed as Maintenance Supervisor with the Athens Housing Authority for 38 years. No service or visitation is planned at this time.

♦ **Sharon Ann McGreevy**, age 67, of Athens, died Monday. She was a native of Cohoes, NY. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at River Worship Center, 180 Wetmore Circle, in Delano, with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m.

More Restaurant Scores

The following restaurants in McMinn County (outside of the city of Athens) were inspected between October 23rd and December 16th. A score of 70+ is passing.

Hiwassee BBQ, Reliance - 100

Hardee's, Calhoun - 99

Papa's Pizza To Go, Delano - 99

Farmhouse Coffee Company, Englewood - 99

Navarro's Smokehouse, Englewood - 99

Tellico Junction Restaurant, Englewood - 99

Hardee's, Etowah - 99

Cajun Lady Seafood on the Run, Etowah - 99

Don Armando's #2, Etowah - 98

Etta N the Girls, Etowah, - 98

The Spot of Etowah, 98

Jessica's Place, Delano - 98

Michael's of Etowah - 97

Mexi-Wing, Etowah - 97

Hong Kong King Buffet, Etowah - 91



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TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 6th

Today is Epiphany, a holy festival observed in many countries. Originally, it celebrated both the birth and baptism of Jesus. Since the 300s, the day has signified the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles.

1412 - According to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy, France. She was the French national heroine who was burned at the stake as a martyr. She led the French army to victory over the British at the siege of Orléans in 1429. She was later captured and condemned by an English court to be burned at the stake.

1759 - George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia.

1838 - Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

1912 - New Mexico became the 47th state