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Thursday, April 2, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Latest Count of Virus Cases

The Tennessee Department of Health reports as of Wednesday evening there were 2,683 cases of coronavirus in the state. There have been 24 deaths. The number of cases in McMinn County remains at 3 positive tests and there have been 114 negative tests. Monroe County reports 3 cases. Meigs County still has 1. Rhea County has 1 case. Bradley County is reporting 14 cases. The CEO of Starr Regional Medical Centers of Athens and Etowah will be interviewed on WYXI Radio AM-1390 & FM 94.5 on the 8 a.m. news Thursday morning to discuss how Starr is dealing with the virus.

VIRUS CANCELLATIONS/CLOSINGS

- ✓ Both the Athens and Etowah Easter Egg Hunts have now been cancelled and may not be rescheduled.
- ✓ CASA is postponing its Red Shoe Run (5K & Awareness Walk) from April 25th to a date in August to be announced.
- ✓ The UT Extension-McMinn County office is closed until further notice. However, they have a temporary phone number which you can call Monday thru Friday from 8 to 5. The number is 423-333-9120.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will be closed until further notice. Staff will be available Monday-Friday from 9 to 5 to answer questions by phone and email. Materials can be renewed by phone, email, or by logging into your account. Materials can be returned in the designated outdoor drop boxes.
- ✓ Papaw's Place will not be holding their weekly auctions.

More Virus-Related News

- ✓ The Heritage Quilt Guild has cancelled the April 4th Cuddle Quilt Sew Day and the April monthly meeting.
- ✓ The LITE House announces that a free entrepreneur workshop designed to help entrepreneurs shift their mindset around their businesses and find a new way forward in our changing times will be held each Thursday from April 2nd to May 7th. The hours are 3 to 5 p.m. Register [HERE](#)
- ✓ If you need to contact the Tennessee State Unemployment Office, the number is 745-2028.
- ✓ AUB has been granted another extension for collecting bills by TVA. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says it is important for customers to understand that AUB is still paying TVA, the gas pipeline, Hiwassee Utilities, and for local water and wastewater services. He wants customers to know they need to pay on time when at all possible. He says the extension is meant to help those who need a little extra time to get their finances settled so they pay for their utilities.
- ✓ The McMinn County 4-H announces its Photo Contest 2020 will take place. Take pictures of things you like, such as plants, landscape, buildings, animals, or food. (No selfies) Photos are due via email by April 16th. Email: [HERE](#) with your name, grade, teacher, and school. Also, the 4-H Honor Club will meet via Zoom on April 8th at 2 p.m.
- ✓ Full Circle will be set up with their mobile unit in the Big Lots parking lot, behind McDonalds on Monday, April 6, from 10:00-12:00. They be giving out free diapers as long as the supplies last, sizes newborn through 4.

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Thu Night: Mainly clear. Low 39.
Friday: Partly sunny. High 69.
Fri Night: Partly cloudy. Low 44.
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Two U.S. Navy hospital ships are now fully engaged in the fight against Covid-19. USNS Mercy is now in Los Angeles and the USNS Comfort is berthed in New York Harbor. Both ships are like a giant floating hospital with 1,000 beds and complete facilities including surgery and ICU units. The ships will treat non-Covid-19 patients taking the pressure off other land based hospitals. Read a complete story about the Mercy & Comfort [HERE](#).

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks declined as investors continue to monitor the coronavirus pandemic. All sectors finished lower, led by utility and financial shares. Manufacturing data confirmed an economic contraction for March. Xerox is withdrawing its hostile tender offer to acquire HP. U.S. Treasury prices rose. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 974 points or 4.4% to 20,944. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 114 points or 4.4% to 2,471, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 340 points or 4.4% to 7,361

MORE VIRUS CANCELLATIONS

- ✓ The Athens-McMinn YMCA has postponed its April 18th Resurrection Run 5K & and 1 Mile Fun Run until Saturday, September 19th.
- ✓ The PTSD Support Group at Athens Lutheran Church next Tuesday night has been cancelled.

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The McMinn County Health Department is not currently doing any regular inspections of restaurants since they are closed except for take out or drive thru. The following restaurants were inspected in February.

Mayfield's Ice Cream Parlor - 100

Hardee's, Congress Parkway - 100

WeeZee's BBQ - 100

Hardee's, White Street - 99

The Midlife Frysis - 99

Pizza Hut - 99

Subway, John J. Duncan Parkway - 97

Taste King Donuts - 97

Eatowah Café, Etowah - 100

Etta N the Girls, Etowah - 99

Navarro's Smokehouse, Englewood - 99

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