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Athens, Tennessee

How to Sign Up for the Vaccine

The Tennessee Department of Health and Tennessee's Unified Command Group have added new features to their COVID-19 website to make it easier for users to find county-specific information and request an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination. You can type in the county for which you need information and you will be directed to a page that asks a few questions to see if you are eligible to receive the vaccine at this point. It will also give you information about whether the county has supplies of vaccine, and will give you a phone number to call and will take you to a link to sign up for an appointment. There is a lot of other information on the website as well about the number of COVID cases in each county, hospitalizations, etc. This is the website of the new tool: <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/eligibility/> You can still call 1-866-442-5301 for an appointment.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday P.M.

Tennessee: 687,751 cases, up 2,430. 8,430 deaths, up 39.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,085 up 19	4,524	488	73
Meigs	1,144 up 4	1000	128	16
Monroe	4,571 up 20	4,052	457	62
Polk	1,436 up 8	1,239	180	17
Bradley	10,791 up 40	9,632	1,068	91 up 2
Rhea	3,824 up 9	3,350	418	56

Abandoned House Burns in Madisonville

The Gudger Fire Department called for mutual aid from the Englewood Rural, Madisonville City, and Notchey Creek Fire Departments this past Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 9 p.m. for a structure fire on Chestua Church Road in Madisonville. The front section of the abandoned structure was heavily involved. The fire was quickly extinguished. Gudger Fire Chief Derrick Leming was in command of the scene.

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Tuesday: Cloudy. High 52.
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Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. High 48.
Wed Night: Partly cloudy. Low 38.
Thursday: Mild with occasional rain. High 51.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **William "Bill" Allen**, age 74, of Decatur, died Sunday at his residence. He retired from Duracell after 42 years in the Chemical Lab. He was also an avid farmer. Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Charles Riedel**, age 90, of Athens, died Monday at his residence. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **James Gary Grant**, age 84, of Etowah, died Monday. He served in the military for 42 years. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **J. C. Vaughn**, age 90, of Cleveland, died Saturday at his residence. He was retired from Athens Furniture Company. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Catherine Jewel England**, age 76, of Ten Mile, died Saturday at her residence. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Ten Mile. The family requests that you bring and wear your mask during the service and practice social distancing. There will be no formal visitation. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge.

More Community News You Can Use

✓ The UT Extension McMinn County Office invites you to join them for 8 sessions designed for seniors 60+ titled "Eat Well, Feel Well." The instructor is Samantha Mull. Classes begin on February 5th and continue for the next 7 weeks on Friday. Classes will be held in the demonstration kitchen from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 6, and face masks are required. To pre-register, call 745-2852. All participants receive a goodie bag.

PRUITT FIRED, FULMER RETIRES

◆ UT football coach Jeremy Pruitt has been fired after three seasons. In 2018 he coached the Vols to upset wins over Kentucky and Auburn, but finished with a 5-7 record. In 2019, the season started with losses to Georgia State and BYU, but the Vols came back with an 8-5 record. The 2020 season was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Vols finished with a 3-7 record amid investigations into possible wrongdoings by the football program in the areas of compliance and recruiting. There is also word that Athletic Director Phillip will retire from his job.

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✓ U.S. Representative Chuck Fleischmann has been named Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee for the 117th Congress. Fleischmann, who represents several counties including McMinn and Bradley, issued a statement saying he is excited to once again assume that position. He says it is a critically important role and says he is looking forward to continuing to work with Chairwoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to secure funding to safeguard our homeland, including the southern border and preventing the flow of opioids into the U.S.



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