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Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

## Gov. Lee: COVID Is "Under Control"

Governor Lee has announced the end of statewide COVID-19 public health orders and has signed Executive Order 80 which among other things ends the authority of local officials, such as county mayors, to issue mask requirements. Governor Lee says COVID-19 is now a managed public health issue in Tennessee and no longer a statewide public health emergency. He says as Tennesseans continue to get vaccinated, it's time to lift remaining local restrictions, focus on economic recovery, and get back to business in Tennessee. The governor says effective immediately, local county health departments will now offer a walk-up option to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. The McMinn County Health Department will offer drive-up vaccinations on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the county health department. However, vaccinations will be given at the Athens Regional Park on April 28th, 29th, and May 4th. For questions call 745-7431.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday 4-27

Tennessee: 844,246 cases, up 1,187. 12,163 deaths up 11.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,444 up 13	103	98
Meigs	1,373 up 2	31	25
Monroe	5,784 up 9	91	95
Polk	2,029 up 2	49	24
Bradley	14,840 up 29	370	149
Rhea	4,327 up 1	27	75

## More Chamber Winners

The Teacher of the Year award presented at last week's Athens Chamber of Commerce annual meeting went to Brittany Davis, an agriculture sciences teacher at McMinn County Career & Technical Education Center. She is pictured with Dr. Grant Willhite from TWU.



The Farmer of the Year award went to Matt Mason (right), who operates a farm in the Mount Harmony community. The award was presented by UT Extension Agent Tim Woods.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Dr. John D. Downes, Jr.**, age 102, of Athens, died April 9th at NHC of Athens. He did graduate research in Horticulture and Agronomy at Michigan State University and managed a research farm. He taught and lectured at Texas Tech University and later was a US AID post in Lesotho, South Africa. He and late wife, Nell, were avid gardeners and grew tomatoes and peaches highly prized by farmers and customers at the McMinn County Farmers Market. His remains are to be cremated and buried with a family ceremony at a later date at McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

### UNEMPLOYMENT UP SLIGHTLY IN MARCH

March unemployment figures show minor increases in most all of Tennessee's 95 counties.

**McMinn County:** 5.3% in March, 4.9% in February

**Meigs County:** 6.2% in March, 6.1% in February

**Monroe County:** 5.1% in March, 4.4% in February

**Polk County:** 5.2% in March, 5.0 in February

**Bradley County:** 5.1% in March, 4.6% in February

**Rhea County:** 6.6% in March, 6.3% in February

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Connie McIntosh. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding course. The class teaches participants how to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies, and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries, and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services personnel take over. Graduates will be certified with Lifeguarding, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid for 2 years. Classes begin on May 21st. Registration is \$200 for lifeguarding class and \$120 for recertification class. Call 744-2700 EXT 3 to register. Class size is limited to the first 10 registered.

✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce is holding a Downtown Cleanup Day starting at 3:30 p.m. today. The Chamber is working with civic groups and volunteer citizens to clean up the downtown area. If you would like to help, meet at Rotary Park at 3:30 p.m. Bring a broom or pickup tool.

✓ The Athens City Council will conduct a budget workshop on Tuesday, May 4th, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Athens Municipal Building Conference Room.

✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces that College Street will be closed from Jackson Street to Long Street from Friday, April 30th, at 8 a.m. until Saturday, May 1st, at 6 p.m. The purpose of the closing is for the Tennessee Wesleyan University commencement.

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