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Defiance County Health Department Announces Changes in Services in Response to COVID-19

Defiance, OH- With cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) confirmed in Ohio, including cases that have come from community spread; Defiance County Health Department will be making additional changes in services to promote social distancing.

The following changes were **effective Monday, March 16th** as communicated to WIC participants:

WIC

- Infants & children do not need to be present at WIC appointments
- WIC will not obtain heights, weights or iron levels on anyone
- Benefit cards will be loaded and all nutrition questions will be answered
- Please come into the office one person at a time. If someone is in the office, please wait in the hallway, with at least 6 feet distance between individuals.

The following changes will take place **effective Wednesday, March 18th**:

Environmental Health Services: Walk-in service for will no longer be available at the health district office. Services will be provided as follows:

- Issuance of licenses, reviewing plans, and issuing water and sewage permits will take place via phone calls, mailings, faxes, emails and website referrals.
- The division will also continue to investigate foodborne illnesses, food safety complaints, public health nuisance complaints and provide other services. Complaints will be prioritized in accordance with the public health risk.

Birth and Death Certificates: Walk-in service for will no longer be available at the health district office.

Birth and death certificates can be ordered:

- **By Mail:** Download a request form for either a birth or death certificate. Complete the request form and include the signature of the person who is purchasing the certificate. Mail the completed request form along with payment and a **self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope**. Mail requests are usually processed the same day they are received.
- **Order Online:** Go to <http://defiancecohealth.org/birth-death-records/> and place your order. Orders must be placed by 3:00 p.m. EST in order for our office to process the same day

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