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### **Defiance County Health Department Extends Changes in Services in Response to COVID-19**

Defiance, OH- Defiance County Health Department is extending change in services to promote social distancing until further notice. This includes:

#### **Agency Wide**

- All Defiance County Health Department classes, trainings, and programs are cancelled.
- All Defiance County Health Department immunization clinics are cancelled.
- All essential meetings will be conducted virtually.

**Environmental Health Services:** Walk-in service are not 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 is not 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

#### **WIC**

- If you are scheduled for a certification or re-certification appointment:
  - Do not come in to the office.
  - At the time of your appointment WIC staff will call you.
  - WIC staff will gather information, complete a diet assessment, and provide nutrition education over the phone.
  - You will then be scheduled for another time to come in and load the card.
- If you are scheduled for a nutrition education appointment:
  - Please report to the office at your scheduled appointment time with your ID and WIC card.

For more information, call the Health Department at 419-784-3818 or the WIC office at 419-782-7770.

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