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

Defiance, OH- The Defiance County General Health District (DCGHD) is closely monitoring Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). DCGHD is taking measures to minimize the impact within our county, and will be making changes in services to continue to promote social distancing.

Agency Wide:

- The Health Department lobby is open for **drop off only**. Slide mail into the first window labeled “drop off”.
- All essential meetings will be conducted virtually.

Community Health:

- All Defiance County Health Department Immunization Clinics: ***by appointment only***.
- The Cribs for Kids Program and Ohio Buckles Buckeye (OBB) Car Seat Program: call (419)784-3818 to schedule an appointment.
- For information regarding all other programming offered, please contact (419)784-3818.

Environmental Health Services: Walk-in service is 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.
- Standard inspections for services will occur according to the Ohio Administrative Code.

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**. Mailed 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 in need of assistance or have questions regarding WIC programming, call: (419)782-7770

- 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 a time to come to the WIC office to have your card loaded.
- 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.