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February 5th, 2021

Fulton County COVID-19 Daily Brief by the Authority of Fulton County Health Officer Dr. Kevin Reyburn and Fulton County Health Nurse Rhonda Barnett RN

All information is subject to change

ISDH Case Numbers for Fulton County:
    Total Positive Tests – 1726 (Confirmed FCHD)
    Deaths - 27
    Total Tests – 8071

    Demographics for Fulton County

Positive		Deaths
0-19	245	0
20-29	231	0
30-39	253	0
40-49	232	0
50-59	262	0
60-69	244	7
70-79	159	3
80+	100	17

REMINDER

IF YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID-19 YOU MUST GO HOME AND SELF-ISOLATE IMMEDIATELY UNTILL RESULTS ARE CONFIRMED. CONTACT A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE TO DO ANY ESSENTIAL ERRANDS YOU MAY NEED DURING THIS PERIOD. FOLLOW THE RECOMMED SELF-DISTANCING PROCEDURES.

ER Open for Emergency's
Surgeries - Case by Case decided by your Doctor
Visitation - No visitation with limited exceptions

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE   Fulton County Health Officer

December 7, 2020   Dr. David Kevin Reyburn

PRESS RELEASE

Fulton County Health Department

COVID-19 Testing Site is
Moving

Fulton County Covid-19 Testing Site will be moving December 10th 2020 and will be open on December 11th 2020. The new location of the Fulton County Covid-19 Testing Site is 429 Apache Drive Rochester, IN. 46975. (between Schnabeltier and Towne Home Furnishings)

Covid-19 Testing Site hours will remain the same:

Monday-10a.m. -6p.m.
Tuesday-10a.m.-6p.m.
Wednesday-9a.m.-12p.m.
Thursday- Closed
Friday-10a.m.-6p.m.
Saturday-8a.m.-12p.m.
Sunday-Closed

Holidays are approaching quickly, these are the days, dates and hours that will be affected:

Christmas Day Friday December 25th- Closed
New Year's Day Friday January 1st-Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Monday January 18th - Closed

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COVID-19 Cases Update

Fulton County – As of today, Fulton County is reporting a total of 568 COVID-19 positive cases and 15 deaths. The Fulton County Health Department notes that the recent surge of COVID-19 cases within the County and surrounding counties has caused a rise in the number of hospitalizations and emergency room visits.

Therefore, the Fulton County Health Department urges Fulton County residents to practice the following:

- **Maintain social distancing.**
  - Maintain at least six (6) feet between separation distance between yourself and others.
- **Stay home if ill.**
- **Wash your hands frequently and properly, cover your cough, and cover your nose when sneezing.**
  - Wash hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water.
  - Cover your cough with your sleeve.
  - Cover your nose with your sleeve or a tissue when sneezing.
- **Limit indoor social gatherings to ten (10) people or less.**
- **Do NOT hold large in person Holiday gatherings or events.**
  - Limit attendance to ten (10) people or less.
  - Hold gatherings or events in outdoor areas.
  - Hold gatherings or events in areas where social distancing of six (6) feet can be maintained.
- **Wear face coverings.**
  - Wear face coverings over the nose and mouth when entering and in an enclosed public space or business.
  - Wearing a face covering does **NOT** eliminate the need for social distancing.
- **Utilize curbside, takeout, and drive through services to the greatest extent practicable.**
- **Avoid activities that further the spread of this virus.**

- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and wash your hands immediately after cleaning.**

Following these practices may help reduce the spread of this virus in the County. The Fulton County Health Department appreciates the community's cooperation in these endeavors.

October 20, 2020

Media Release

Due to increasing positive COVID cases in Fulton County coupled with those who need to quarantine to safeguard others, Rochester Schools is now considered in a "yellow" zone. We are finding that more of our faculty and staff are having to miss work due to COVID and that is hindering our ability to educate students while ensuring everyone's safety. On October 20, 2020 over 13% of our adult staff was absent.

That being said, we are putting you on notice that in-person learning may have to be discontinued for a period of time. If this happens, we will be engaging students virtually on the same schedule we started the 2020-2021 school year. Principals will be sharing that information directly with you.

Our goal, should we have to close, would be to try and provide a 48- hour notice of the impending closing thus allowing families to make necessary arrangements for their students. Again, we are NOT announcing a closing, but are working to communicate with parents that there is a strong possibility we will need to close.

Again, we appreciate your support and want to remind you to follow all guidelines around social distancing and the wearing of masks.

Jana K. Vance, Ed.S
Superintendent
Rochester Community School Corporation

ROCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD DELIVERY

FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL MEALS MAY BE DELIVERED TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT NOT PRESENT ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS, AS LONG AS THE MEALS ARE REQUESTED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN. FOR MEAL DELIVERY, WE MUST HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH ROCHESTER STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE MAKING DELIVERIES. PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU WANT SCHOOL MEAL DELIVERIES AND APPROVE TO SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH ROCHESTER STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. YOU MAY ALSO REQUEST TO PICK UP MEALS AT ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL AT THE ZEBBY DOORS. IN YOUR EMAIL RESPONSE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME OF EACH CHILD THAT YOU ARE REQUESTING MEALS FOR AND THE SCHOOL THEY NORMALLY ATTEND. ALSO PROVIDE THE ADDRESS WHERE DELIVERIES SHOULD BE MADE. PLEASE NOTE, MEALS CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THESE MEALS WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR STUDENTS LUNCH ACCOUNT ACCORDINGLY. DELIVERIES WILL RUN AUGUST 17 THROUGH AUGUST 21 FOR ALL STUDENTS, AND WILL CONTINUE FOR VIRTUAL STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL RESUMES ON AUGUST 24. TO PLACE YOUR FOOD REQUEST CALL KATHY WILKINSON AT 574-223-2159 OR EMAIL KATHY.WILKINSON@ZEBRAS.NET BY 3 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 13.

Grab and go lunches (with breakfast for the following day) can be picked up at the following locations and times for students age 18 and under.

Mentone Elementary (Main Entrance) 11:00am-12:30pm

Akron Elementary (Door R) 11:00am -12:30pm

Palestine Lake Boat Ramp Parking Lot 11:00am to 12:30pm

WestHaven Estates Parking Lot 11:00am – 12:30pm

Athens Church Parking Lot 11:00am-12:30pm

If parents or students do not have transportation available to pick up lunches, please call and leave a message for the following food personnel. Please leave information of student name, telephone number, address and the number of students needing meals.

Akron Elementary-Julie Kruger 574-598-2321

Mentone Elementary-Nikki Rutherford 574-598-2537

Tippecanoe Valley Middle School-Trisha Wilson 574-598-2230

Tippecanoe Valley High School-Shelly Holloway 574-598-2131

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Dawn Risten, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
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CONTACT TRACING-HOW DOES IT WORK?

When the Health Department receives information on a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, many processes go into action. First, the Community Health Nurse will speak directly with the patient or the delegate that the patient assigns. The patient is told to self-isolate at home until ten (10) days from the time symptoms began AND 1 days (24 hours) fever-free without fever-reducing medication, AND symptoms are improving. All THREE of those have to be happening to be released from isolation.

Next, any people that have direct contact with the patient will be contacted to make them aware they have been in contact with a person that has tested positive. The nurses will remind people of the symptoms and to stay self-quarantined at home for 14 days from the last day of contact with the infected person. Close contacts may be quarantined longer than the infected person due to time it takes to incubate.

Close contacts are those people who have been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive person for an accumulative total 15 minutes or longer.

If no symptoms after 14 days, then the person that had contact with the COVID-19 positive person, they are no longer considered to be at-risk.
The employer of the COVID-19 positive person will be contacted as well. It will be told to the business that they need to inform those that have had immediate contact with the COVID-19 positive patient. Those with direct contact need to self-quarantine at home for14 days. After 14 days, the person could go back to work if the person is not showing symptoms.

End

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April 7, 2020

* WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY, MINIMUM 20 SECONDS

* AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS

* CLEAN AND DISINFECT FREQUENTLY TOUCHED OBJECTS AND UNWASHED HANDS
* IF YOU ARE OUT OF WIPES A SIMPLE SOLUTION OF BLEACH AND WATER CAN BE USED. EXAMPLE: 1 CUP OF BLEACH TO 1 GALLON OF WATER

* SELF ISOLATION/QUARANTINE: YOU MUST STAY HOME. YOU ARE NOT TO LEAVE YOUR HOME. YOU MUST HAVE A PERSON OUTSIDE YOUR HOME GET YOUR ESSENTIALS FOR 14 DAYS.

* THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY TESTED (NO SYMPTOMS) FOR COVID-19 YOU MUST SELF ISOLATE/QAURANTINE UNTIL YOU GET YOUR TEST RESULTS BEFORE YOU CAN RETURN TO WORK

* IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 SELF ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS AND 72 HRS SYMPTOM FREE WITHOUT FEVER REDUCER.

* MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CDC AND ISDH AS IT PERTAINS TO COVID-19 (6ft) APART

* ALL RETAIL BUSINESSES SHALL BE AT 75% CAPACITY AND BUSINESSES CLASSIFIED AS RESTAURANTS SHALL BE AT 75% CAPACITY BEGINNING JUNE 12TH **(50% BAR SEATING).**

* COVID-19 SYMPTOMS: CHILLS, DIFFICULTY BREATHING OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH, PERSISTENT COUGH, ANY NEW RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS, FATIGUE, BODY ACHES, LOSS OF TASTE AND SMELL OR A FEVER

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Fulton County Pharmacy and Grocery Hours

Medication (Pharmacy):

Kroger   (574) 223-6347
Drive-through & Walk up window Open
Monday - Friday   9AM – 9PM
Saturday   9AM – 6PM
Sunday   11AM – 6PM

CVS   (574) 224-4304
Drive-through
Monday – Friday   9AM – 8PM
Saturday & Sunday   10AM – 5PM

Walgreens   (574) 223-3249
Drive-through & Some shopping if needed
Seniors
Tuesday Morning Only   **8AM – 9AM**
Monday – Friday   9AM – 7PM
Saturday   9AM – 6PM
Sunday   10AM – 6PM

Walmart   (574) 223-9482
Drive-through only "side by hotels"
Monday, Wednesday - Saturday   9AM – 7PM
Seniors and at-risk shoppers
Tuesday Morning Only   **6AM – 7AM**
Tuesday   7AM – 7PM
Sunday   10AM – 6PM
** Closed Daily for Break 1:30PM – 2:00PM

Webb's (Akron)   (574) 893-4413
Curbside pick-up only/ Deliveries on extreme cases
Monday – Friday   9AM – 6PM
Saturday   9AM – 1PM
Closed Sunday

Webb's (Rochester)   **(574) 223-2216**
Curbside pick-up & delivery / Drive through / Front Door is locked
Monday – Friday   9AM – 7PM
Saturday   9AM – 3PM
Closed Sunday

Grocery Store Hours:
    Kroger   **(574) 223-3881**
    Seniors and at-risk shoppers
    Mon, Tues, Wed, Thursday   **7AM – 8AM**
    Daily   8AM – 11PM

    Save-A-Lot   **(574) 224-3434**
    Daily Seniors and at-risk shoppers   **9AM – 10AM**
    Daily   10AM – 6PM

    Dollar General (Akron)   **(574) 353-0168**
    Daily   8AM – 9PM

    Dollar General (Rochester)   **(765) 319-8775**
    Daily   8AM – 9PM

    Viking Foods   **(574) 893-4563**
    Monday – Saturday   7AM – 7PM
    Sunday   Closed

    Walmart   **(574) 223-9481**
    Seniors and at-risk shoppers
    Tuesday Morning Only   **6AM – 7AM**
    Daily   7AM - 8:30PM

Food:
    School Meals
    PDF files of Rochester, Akron & Caston School Lunch
    On County and School Websites.

    Church Meals / Food Banks
    Grace United Methodist Church Cancelled Free Meals on Wednesday

The Cross   **(574) 223-3107**
"Matthew's Market" 100 West 3rd Street, Rochester
Monday, Friday   11:30AM – 1:30PM
Mobile Pantry Second Thurs of the Month   4PM – 6PM
Gatherings will be kept to a limit due to social distancing

Kewanna Food Pantry   **(574) 653-9052**
114 South Toner St, Kewanna
Serving Aubbeenaubbee, Union, and Wayne Townships
Thursday   8:30AM – 10:30AM

UWS Ministries of Akron   **(574) 893-4121**
301 S West St, Akron
Serving Henry and Newcastle Townships by Appointment Only
Thursday Pickup   2PM – 4PM

Area Special Announcements:
- For Information Regarding Federal Aid Contact Terry Lee at Fulton County Economic Development. Phone: 574-223-3326
- Daily Meetings are being held with Community Leaders.
- All County Buildings are still officially closed to the public
- Rochester City Pool is Closed for the Summer 2020 Season
- Rochester City building is closed to the public/drive-through only

04/07/20 – Fulton County Government
Due to the ongoing effort to keep everyone safe during this Covid-19 emergency we will be requiring anyone from the public who has to enter the Annex, Court House, Highway Dept., Sheriffs administration building and the jail to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth. If any departments have any public in on a regular basis, could you please reach out to them and give them a heads up on wearing a mask as we will NOT be providing the masks.

Respectfully,

Bryan W. Lewis
Pres. Commissioners

04/07/20

NEWS RELEASE

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Fulton County Property Tax Statements

Fulton County's 2019 payable 2020 tax statements will be mailed April 14th. You will see that the tax bills will look different this year. You will need to use the appropriate spring or fall coupon when making your payments. If you are paying for the whole year at once, you can pay with one check but please send us both the spring and fall coupons and make sure your check totals both the spring and fall coupons.

The County Annex building is currently closed to the public until further notice. Please look for updates from the County Commissioners.

Property tax due dates are May 11th for the spring installment and November 10th for the fall installment. Due dates have not changed. Please make every effort to pay on-time. We are aware that the Governor has indicated late penalties will be delayed until July 10th. We have not received final details on this from the state yet. There are many questions and concerns that have not been finalized relating to the penalty delay.

It is understood that this is a difficult time for everyone, every household, every business and every government entity. Your property taxes provide funding for many government and public entities that must continue to have proper funding to provide the public services that are needed for all of us. Paying on-time is important.

As we exercise caution in dealing with the current health situation relating to the COVID-19 Virus, we are requesting the public NOT come to the Fulton County Annex building to pay your property taxes, unless it is absolutely necessary.

Please follow the guidelines listed below:

1. **Please limit your exposure to public places. Be extremely cautious if you have any underlying health concern that may further compromise your health if exposed to this or other viruses.**

2. If you feel ill, or have any symptoms of illness, please DO NOT come to the annex building.

3. If you have been around anyone who has been ill, please DO NOT come to the annex building.

4. If you have questions about your taxes – CALL US 574-223-2913. We will be happy to answer your questions over the phone or email me treasurer@co.fulton.in.us.

There are multiple *PAYMENT OPTIONS* that are available to you:

1. *Pay by MAIL.* Your envelope must be postmarked by the due date to be consider on-time. Send a self-addressed/stamped envelope if you want a return receipt(s). Check or money order is accepted. DO NOT SEND CASH.

2. *ON-LINE BILL PAY with YOUR bank.* There is typically no charge by your bank for this service. Use your Parcel Number or your Duplicate Number as your account number when paying by this method.

3. *Pay by DEBIT or CREDIT CARD* with a service fee of 2.50% (charged by the service provider) of the total you are paying. Go to www.co.fulton.in.us under the Treasurer's page and follow the links.

4. *DROP BOX outside the Annex Building.* We are providing a drop box outside the Annex building by the south doors. We will be checking this drop box several times a day. Please have your payment in an envelope or we have an envelope box on the side of the drop box. Please place your check and payment coupon in the envelope. If you want a receipt, please provide a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Check or Money Order Only – NO CASH in the drop box.

5. *Local Banks* – Lake City Bank and Community State Bank in Kewanna will be taking payments. Please have your coupon and pay exact amount only.

Partial payments are always accepted anytime throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate office –

- Tax Payments – Treasurer's Office at 574-223-2913
- Exemptions – Auditor's Office at 574-223-2912
- Assessed Values – Assessor's Office at 574-223-2801
- Drainage Assessments – Surveyor's Office at 574-223-3317

Thank you for your time and understanding and I appreciate your cooperation.

Please, if you have any questions, call us at 574-223-2913.

Kathy Easterday
Fulton County Treasurer
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treasurer@co.fulton.in.us
574-223-2913

04/02/20 – Rochester Community Schools
Beginning Friday, March 20, Rochester Community Schools will provide food routes and pick-up locations for our families. The meal packages are intended to cover five days per student. Cafeteria staff will develop meals for all free and reduced lunch students. If you would like this free service provided and are NOT on free/reduced meals, please email kathy.wilkinson@zebras.net or call 574-223-2159 ext. 5004 by noon on Thursday, March 19 so staff knows to package food for your student. This FREE FOR ALL service will last the entirety of school not in session.

Pick up locations are on Fridays from 11:00 am to 12:30 at:
    - Heart to Heart Church of the Nazarene (1987 Southway 31)
    - Grace United Methodist Church (201 West 7th Street)
    - Faith Outreach Church (1125 East 9th Street)
    - Mill Creek Church (1136 North State Road 25)
    - Safe Harbor Church (1944 Sweetgum Road)

Food cannot be consumed on site.

Meals will be delivered on Fridays to students who ride busses:

 - 4 (Brad Smiley)
- 14 (Stacy Ingram)
- 19 (Ion Tamer)
- 21 (Mary James)
- 27 (Kevin Wallskog)

Someone must be home to pick up the food package. If you are not able to be home during that time, please contact Mrs. Wilkinson to arrange for church pick-up or another form of delivery

Respectfully
Jana K. Vance, Ed.S
Superintendent

04/02/20 – The Outlet
THE OUTLET - DRIVE THRU
Come and grab a snack bag for
the children in your home!
Every Wednesday 4 to 5pm
Locations: 602 Main Rochester, 612 East Walnut St Akron, 201 E Main Kewanna,
7413 Liberty Ave Fulton
To comply with social distancing please only 1 or 2 people from each family to pick up and stay 6 ft from others.

04/02/20 – Caston Schools
Dear Caston Family:

We're happy to inform you that Caston's Food Service Department will be providing free sack
breakfasts & lunches for all students every Monday and Tuesday, behind the school, located at Door 9 from 11-1:00..
There are three options that we are giving our community at this time (subject to change as we have
opportunities to evaluate the program).

Option 1: Email Alysha Marrs (marrsa@caston.k12.in.us) by 9:00 a.m. to inform her you will be driving through to pick up
bagged meals at the back drive by the football field at door #9 (right by the loading dock) between
11:00 AM & 1:00 PM Monday or Tuesday. Your email needs to include the number of children in your
household needing meals (anyone 18 & under). You can then conveniently pull up to that area and the bags of meals will
be delivered to your automobile -- no need to get out of the car!

Option 2: If you have no means of picking up meals during the pick-up time stated above, please
contact Alysha Marrs (marrsa@caston.k12.in.us) to setup for delivery. We will get

back to you and do our best to deliver
meals to convenient locations for families on Mondays ONLY.

We love our young Comets and want to help during these trying times, so we are encouraging our community to pick up a weeks' worth of meals, on Mondays or Tuesdays, to limit public exposure and do our part to do essential traveling. This service, we are providing, is FREE to ALL, regardless if you receive assistance or not. If there is anything further we can assist you with to make these coming weeks easier, please let us know. Thanks!

03/27/20 – City of Rochester
Rochester, March 23, 2020:

In accordance to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-08, Stay at Home Order. The City of Rochester has implemented these additional measures:

1. City Offices will be closed to the public beginning at 12:00pm on March 24, 2020. Local Government is an essential operation and staff will remain in the office during regular business hours (7:30am – 4:00pm). Please call City Hall at 574-223-2510 during these hours for city business related needs.
2. Utility payments will still be accepted by any of these methods:
     a. Online, by phone, drop box, or drive up window.
3. All city parks will be closed to all activities, this includes the Round Barn Golf Club and Course.

Please visit the Fulton County webpage at www.co.fulton.in.us for the most current information for our county and for links to State and Federal updates and resources.

Thank you.
Mayor Denton

03/26/20 – Town of Fulton
Effective Tuesday, March 24th, the Fulton Town Hall will be closed to in-person services and payments until further notice. Also, our curbside recycling is suspending until further notice. Any questions: Call office phone at (574) 857-3162 or email us at townoffulton@hotmail.com

03/26/20 – Town of Akron
Per the guidance of Indiana Governor Holcomb, all Pike Memorial Park playground equipment and the basketball courts are now closed until further notice. Open park spaces and trails may still be utilized within the COVID-19 safety guidelines.

The Akron Municipal Utilities Billing / Customer Service Office will be Temporarily Suspending Both IN-PERSON Services and IN-Person Utility Payments until Further Notice.
English Statement from Town of Akron
https://www.co.fulton.in.us/egov/documents/1585054284_53699.jpg
Spanish Statement from Town of Akron
https://www.co.fulton.in.us/egov/documents/1585054335_53993.jpg
Informational Websites:
  Approved Formula for Bleach Disinfectant
  https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/bleach.html
  https://www.co.fulton.in.us/department/index.php?structureid=87
  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
  https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/
  https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1
  https://www.coronavirus.gov/

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