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## Today's News... This Morning

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Friday, May 29, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

### Friday's Coronavirus Update

Tennessee has had 21,679 cases of COVID-19, with 14,632 patients recovered and 356 deaths. McMinn County reports 136 cases with 96 recovered and 14 deaths. Rhea County shows 198 cases, with 15 recovered. Meigs County reports 26 cases, with 21 recovered. Monroe County's total is 61 with 44 recovered and 1 death. Bradley County has 108 cases, 84 recovered, and 1 death. Polk County reports 15 cases with 13 recovered.

#### MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

- ✓ Decatur has decided to cancel their annual 4th of July fireworks show. Mayor Jeremy Bivens says he knows that a fireworks show is a tradition in Decatur, but the highest priority is the health and safety of the volunteers and community members.
- ✓ The Athens-McMinn Family YMCA announces that the state is extending free pandemic child care until mid-August and is letting more categories of workers qualify for the program. Through a partnership with Woodward Avenue Church of God, the Y has extended its capacity for child care significantly. For information, visit [OUR WEBSITE](#)
- ✓ Free lunches will be available for pickup daily Mondays through Fridays from 12:30p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for children 18 and under at the Etowah Carnegie Library. Each child must be present to receive meals, but meals are allowed to be taken off the premises for consumption.

### Starr Regional Eases Visitor Restrictions

Starr Regional Medical Center announces it is transitioning from a zero-visitor protocol to limited visitor restrictions at its Athens facility as the hospital gradually resumes elective and non-urgent cases and services. The decision was made after careful review of state and federal guidance. The updated restrictions will now allow most inpatients to have one visitor or support person per day.

Chief Executive Officer John McLain says the hospital's top priority is safeguarding the health and wellbeing of patients, providers, employees, and the community. McLain says they continue to monitor closely the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus in the community and feel confident that it is safe to begin allowing limited visitors again.

Under the updated restrictions, inpatients will be limited to one well visitor per day, including one support person for surgical and obstetric patients. All pediatric patients will be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All visitors must be 16 years or older, will be screened upon entry, and are required to wear a mask and an armband while in the facility. Visitors who do not pass the screening at entry will be asked to reschedule their visit until they are symptom-free. Visitors are not allowed for high-risk, isolation, immunocompromised, or patients who are under observation or test positive for COVID-19. Starr Regional continues to screen anyone who enters the facility for COVID-19 symptoms.

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**WESTERN SIZZLIN**  
To our loyal customers: We had planned to open June 1st, however, with the current meat situation we are unable to get the meat shipments required until the meat processing issues are resolved. With that said, we will have to delay the opening. At the present time, we do not have an anticipated opening date. **Western Sizzlin.**

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
**Friday** - Some sun, then turning cloudy. Possible rain & t'storms. High 82.  
**Fri Night** - Mostly cloudy. Possible t'storms. Low 61.  
**Saturday** - Intervals of clouds & sunshine. High 80.  
**Sat Night** - Mostly clear. Low 56.  
**Sunday** - Mostly sunny & beautiful. High 78.  
More Weather at: [wxyi.com](http://wxyi.com)

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# NEW TIMES STARTING MAY 31st

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Join us for our in-house relaunch on May 31st  
at our new times of 10:30am and 1pm!

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦ **Glen Everett Mashburn**, age 52, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

U.S. stocks slipped into negative territory at the end of the trading session. Shares of Dollar Tree rose after the discount retailer reported quarterly results above expectations. Treasuries were mixed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 148 points or 0.6% to 25,401. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6 points or 0.2% to 3,030, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 43 points or 0.5% to 9,369.

### NEW GUIDELINES FOR SPORTS

Governor Lee's Economic Recovery Group has issued new guidelines for noncontact sports and camps. Noncontact sports may resume under certain precautions, including efforts to maintain social distancing, wear masks when feasible, and added sanitization measures. Sports that may return are baseball, softball, volleyball, golf, tennis, cycling, track and field, and equestrian. Contact sports such as football, wrestling, and hockey are not permitted except for practicing in a manner that does not involve close physical contact with other persons.

## Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens is currently holding two Sunday services, one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 10:45 a.m. Social distancing is being observed.

- The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio FM 94.5/AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#) at 10 a.m. Sunday. Pastor David Graybeal says he is awaiting word from the bishop on when Keith UMC can gather together again.

- Lakeside Baptist Church on Highway 304 in Ten Mile will present The Carters this Sunday evening at 6. The service will be in the Sanctuary parking lot. The morning worship service will be at 10:45 a.m. in the gym parking area as usual.

- Glorybound Church at 446 Isbill Road in Madisonville will host an out-door singing in the parking lot tomorrow, May 30th, at 6 p.m. The guest singers will be Journey Home. Bring your lawn chair.

- Keith Memorial UMC will host an online virtual VBS every Wednesday at 7 p.m. from June 10th - July 8th. Pre-registration is required by June 5th. To sign up, visit: [keithumc](#)

- The Athens Christian Church at 802 Matlock Avenue will be having parking lot services during the month of May on Sunday mornings. They will start at 11 a.m. and last 30 to 40 minutes. They will be streaming them as well as broadcasting them on a low-powered FM transmitter.

### TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 29<sup>th</sup>

May 29, the 150th day of 2020. There are 216 days left in the year.

**1736** - American patriot Patrick Henry was born. He urged the colony of Virginia to prepare to fight against England shortly before the Revolutionary War began. He made the famous statement, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

**1790** - Rhode Island became the last of the original 13 states to ratify the Constitution.

**1765** - Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses.

**1790** - Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

**1848** - Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

**1903** - Comedian and actor Bob Hope was born in England.

**1917** - President John F. Kennedy was born.

**1942** - The biggest-selling record of all time was recorded on this date; Bing Crosby's White Christmas.

**1953** - Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and his Sherpa guide became the first men to reach the top of Mount Everest, 29,020 feet above sea level.

**1977** - Janet Guthrie became the first woman to race in the Indianapolis 500, finishing in 29th place (the winner was A.J. Foyt).

**1985** - 39 people were killed at the European Cup Final in Brussels, Belgium, when rioting broke out and a wall separating British and Italian soccer fans collapsed.

**1988** - President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened their historic summit in Moscow.

**1999** - Space shuttle Discovery completed the first docking with the International Space Station.