

A Message from the Health Commissioner



Dear Community Members,

The official COVID-19 public health emergency declaration came to an end last week on May 11th, marking one more milestone since COVID-19 first impacted us three years ago. While the end of the public health emergency marks one more milestone, it does not mean COVID-19 will go with it. It remains important that we all continue to take the proper steps to keep our community safe and healthy.

What the End of the Public Health Emergency Declaration Means for Medina County

You might be wondering what this means for COVID-19 vaccine availability, testing, and other services here in Medina County. The Health Department remains committed to monitoring COVID-19 and providing resources and information to our county residents, even without the official emergency declaration. Below is a breakdown of services and options that will remain in place:

- **Vaccines:** The Medina County Health Department will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccines. The cost of these vaccines might change at some point in the future, but we currently have a supply of bivalent vaccines and grant funding to be able to offer them without charging an administration fee. COVID-19 vaccines will remain free of charge as long as a federal supply is available.
- **Vaccine Clinics:** We will continue to host our health department vaccine clinics every Tuesday from 9 am to 6 pm at our Ledgewood Drive location. These vaccine clinics are open to the public and offer COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. You can register by calling 330-723-9688, option 2.
- **Testing:** COVID-19 PCR testing will continue to be available at the Health Center at the Ledgewood location of the Medina County Health Department. At-home tests can still be ordered through the [US Postal Service](#) or purchased at local stores. Some local libraries might also still be offering COVID test kits. Call ahead of time to see if they have test kits in stock.

I encourage everyone to talk with your primary care provider about COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters that may be right for you. If you need a care provider you can call the Health Center at 330-723-9688 option 1 for an appointment.

Thanks to you and all of our Medina County residents for doing your part to keep our community safe and healthy! Health Department staff members are always available to answer your questions by calling 330-723-9688, option 2. Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) where we will continue posting any updates, and you can always find vaccine and testing information on our [website](#).

I look forward to continued partnerships and efforts to prevent disease, assure a healthful environment, prolong life, and promote well-being for the citizens of Medina County.

Sincerely,

Krista Wasowski