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Audrain County Health Department Shifting This Week to Weekly Reporting of COVID-19 County Numbers

With steadily declining numbers as the backdrop, the Audrain County Health Department (ACHD) will be scaling down the number of times per week it reports active cases in the county at a certain time. Starting today, Wednesday, March 17th, the ACHD will only be reporting the number of active cases and other metrics of COVID-19 in the county every Wednesday.

ACHD Administrator and CEO Craig Brace feels with a picture of a seven-day average instead of a one-day average, residents will have a clearer picture of how the virus is progressing over a longer period of time instead of a snapshot of time. With the new reporting schedule, residents will be able to see the seven-day metrics that are being presented in the new report and see how the county is faring.

“Some of the seven-day metrics have been a part of our reports for about three months now. One thing we have seen over that time internally is you can’t really see what is going on through a daily report as clearly as you can through a weekly report,” he said. “With the reporting moving to a weekly basis, we feel it will be easier to track COVID-19 in the county.”

Brace wants residents to know this does not mean the pandemic is over in Audrain County.

“It isn’t,” he said. “This virus is still real, still a danger to those that are susceptible and unvaccinated against it. You still need to continue to mask up, practice social distancing and try and limit your contact with those not in your immediate family.”

Brace says vaccinations of those eligible do need to continue.

“With our vaccination numbers increasing daily of those fully vaccinated in the county, we are getting that much closer to that herd immunity level you keep hearing CDC scientists talk about,” Brace stated. “We’ve got to continue to get those eligible to be vaccinated, vaccinated. If we can continue to do that, we come closer and closer each day to defeating this virus.”

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