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Ohio Department of Health expands services at East Palestine clinic

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health Director Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA, today announced the department has expanded the services offered at its Health Assessment Clinic in East Palestine in order to better assist those affected by the recent rail derailment.

Beginning today, all visitors to the free clinic will have vital signs taken and be seen by a physician, who will conduct a medical examination.

“We have been working to bring additional medical resources to the community as quickly as possible,” said ODH Director Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA. “I am pleased we now can offer people a more complete medical evaluation.”

The clinic, located at the First Church of Christ, 20 W. Martin St. in East Palestine, is operated by ODH in partnership with the Columbiana County Health Department and with support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, physicians from East Liverpool City Hospital will also be supporting the clinic.

The clinic opened on Tuesday and is fully booked through Thursday.

[Click here for downloadable video \(without audio\) from yesterday’s clinic opening.](#)

In addition to the medical exams, mental health specialists and a toxicologist are available for consultation.

On Tuesday, ODH also began accepting appointments from a wider geographic area. At first, residents closest to East Palestine were prioritized. The wider area includes all residents of Unity Township in Ohio, as well as residents of Beaver County, Pennsylvania in zip codes 16115, 16120 and 16141.

The numbers to make appointments are 234-564-7755 or 234-564-7888.

Also, a new poison-control hotline has been established, exclusively for use by residents in the East Palestine area. That number is 1-877-603-0170.

The clinic will be open at least through March 4. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except for this Friday (Feb. 24) when it is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Ohio Department of Health’s mission is advancing the health and well-being of all Ohioans by transforming the state’s public health system through unique partnerships and funding streams; addressing the community conditions and inequities that lead to disparities in health outcomes; and implementing data-driven, evidence-based solutions.