

May 29, 2020 Update

Surveillance

- Please visit the [TDH COVID-19 webpage](#) for Tennessee's most up-to-date case count or CDC's [COVIDView](#): a weekly surveillance summary of U.S. COVID-19 activity.

Response

- Tennessee has a continued commitment to expanded testing, with over 415,000 total tests administered in the state so far. Over 125,000 of these tests were administered in local health departments, where tests are free to all.
- A partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers has allowed the state to stand up 450 additional hospital beds at Alternate Care Sites. 1,000 volunteer healthcare workers stand ready to staff these additional hospital beds to respond to potential surges.
- The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has been a major partner in shipping 14 million pieces of personal protective equipment to healthcare workers and first responders in all 95 counties.
- CVS pharmacy has partnered to provide eighteen drive-through self-swab testing locations throughout the state.
- A [hotline](#) has been established for frontline healthcare workers by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
- This month, Tennessee
 - tested all inmates in Tennessee Department of Correction facilities,
 - worked with all major metropolitan housing development agencies to provide voluntary free testing,
 - tested in all veterans homes,
 - supported testing within the intellectual and developmental disability community, and
 - will have tested all residents and staff of long-term health facilities in the coming weeks.
- UCG has focused its testing efforts on vulnerable populations in long-term care facilities, veterans' homes, and correctional facilities. UCG is engaging with local leaders in Memphis, Nashville, and Chattanooga to strategize accessible testing events for vulnerable populations in low-income, high-density residential communities.

Recent Executive Orders Issued by Governor Lee

- [Executive Order 38](#) relaxes some social distancing guidelines in the state, including allowing groups of up to 50 to take part in social and recreational activities.

Ongoing TDH Activities

- Supporting COVID-19 assessments at local health departments.
- Operating information lines for public inquiries and maintaining a clinician's consultation line.
- Sharing information via social media networks and the TDH COVID-19 webpage and conducting telebriefings for healthcare providers, hospitals, and partner agencies.
- Investigating cases, tracing contacts, and monitoring cases and contacts.
- Utilizing the Healthcare Resource Tracking System to monitor personal protective equipment inventories and strain on the healthcare system.
- Recruiting medical professionals through the [Medical Reserve Corps Program](#).
- Supporting state laboratory testing.

Important Reminders

- The [Tennessee Pledge](#): a plan to help Tennesseans return to work in a safe environment, restore their livelihoods and reboot the state's economy.
[General Guidelines](#) | [Restaurant Industry](#) | [Retail Industry](#) | [Exercise Facilities](#) | [Close Contact Businesses](#) | [Lodging & Accommodations](#) | [Manufacturing](#) | [Construction Worksite](#) | [Office Building](#) | [Non-Contact Recreation](#)
- CDC recommends wearing [cloth face coverings](#) in public settings where social distancing is difficult.
- Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you are sick. Wash your hands often with soap and water (or alcohol-based hand rub) for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.

Recent Guidance from CDC

- New: [COVID-19 Forecasts: New Hospitalizations](#) | [COVID-19 Employer Information for Office Buildings](#)
Updated: [Guidance Documents](#) | [Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#) | [Funeral Guidance for Individuals and Families](#) | [Households Living in Close Quarters](#) | [Considerations for Restaurants and Bars](#) | [Health Departments](#) | [Financial Resources](#) | [Key Resources](#) | [Returning from International Travel](#) | [Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations](#) | [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country](#) | [COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#) | [Contact Tracing Training Plan](#) | [Apply COVID-19 Contact Tracing Protocol to Realistic Scenarios](#) | [Confidentiality and Consent](#) | [Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) for Triage of Suspected COVID-19 Patients in non-US Healthcare Settings: Early Identification and Prevention of Transmission during Triage](#) | [Operational Considerations for Personal Protective Equipment in the Context of Global Supply Shortages for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: non-US Healthcare Settings](#) | [Evaluation and Management Considerations for Neonates At Risk for COVID-19 Healthcare Facilities: Preparing for Community Transmission](#) | [Cases in the U.S.](#) | [World Map](#)