



April 3, 2020 Update

SURVEILLANCE

- Please visit the [TDH COVID-19 webpage](#) for the most up-to-date case count.
- The TDH State Public Health Laboratory and commercial laboratories have increased capacity to test for the virus causing COVID-19.
- TDH is beginning enhanced surveillance efforts for COVID-19 through the existing influenza Sentinel Provider Network (SPN), known nationally as [ILINet](#).

RESPONSE

- Hundreds of public health staff are monitoring the situation and working closely with CDC, other state agencies, and metro/regional health departments to protect Tennesseans.
- TDH is recruiting medical professionals through the [Medical Reserve Corps Program](#).
- Ongoing TDH activities include:
 - Supporting [COVID-19 assessments](#) at local health departments.
 - Operating information lines for public inquiries (>5,000 calls since 3/5).
 - Maintaining a clinician's consultation line within the SHOC (5,353 calls since 1/20).
 - Sharing information via social media networks and the TDH COVID-19 webpage (Nearly 11 million reached on Twitter, and over 2 million on Facebook).
 - Conducting telebriefings for healthcare providers, hospitals, and partners.
 - Investigating cases, tracing contacts, and monitoring close contacts of cases.
 - Developing and disseminating guidance documents.
 - Utilizing the Healthcare Resource Tracking System to monitor personal protective equipment (PPE) inventories and strain on the healthcare system.
 - Supporting state laboratory testing.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Per Executive Order 23, Tennesseans are required to stay at home unless engaging in essential services or essential activities.
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water (or alcohol-based hand rub).
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your arm a tissue and immediately throw it away.
- Clean and disinfect objects (e.g., cell phone, computer) and high-touch surfaces regularly.
- Practice social distancing by staying six feet away from others and avoiding unnecessary travel.
- Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.

RECENT GUIDANCE UPDATES FROM CDC

New [COVID-19 PSA webpage](#)

Updated [Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19](#)

Updated [Disinfecting Your Facility if Someone is Sick](#)

Updated [Guidance Documents](#)