May 28, 2021 Update

**Surveillance**

- COVID-19 vaccination data are available [here](https://COVID19.tn.gov).
- The weekly [Critical Indicators Report](https://COVID19.tn.gov) includes information to help stakeholders monitor trends in cases, symptoms, testing capabilities and health care system capacity.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations represent 4% of hospitalized patients in TN.

**Response**

- The Tennessee Department of Health today announced a new ad campaign, “Give It A Shot” focused on addressing vaccine hesitancy among Tennesseans. The ads will air across the state on broadcast, cable, and digital media. Some digital placement for this campaign began on May 1 and this is the next phase in the campaign rollout.
- TDH announced it will begin administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children ages 12-15 years. This is following the decision by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to recommend to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that the Pfizer vaccine be made available to administer to children ages 12-15 years beginning Friday, May 14.
- Find vaccination providers by visiting [VaccineFinder.org](https://VaccineFinder.org).
- Tennessee’s COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting dashboard is available [here](https://COVID19.tn.gov) and is updated Monday through Friday. Find answers to frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination [here](https://COVID19.tn.gov).

**Ongoing TDH Activities**

- Supporting COVID-19 assessments and vaccinations 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, according to CDC’s [recent Prioritization Recommendations](https://COVID19.tn.gov). Conducting surveillance for cases infected with [variants of concern](https://COVID19.tn.gov) and for breakthrough cases.
- Recruiting medical professionals through the [Medical Reserve Corps Program](https://MedicalReserveCorps.org).
- Supporting state laboratory testing.
- Organizing distribution of rapid antigen test kits to vulnerable populations.
- Implementing the state vaccination [plan](https://COVID19.tn.gov).

**Important Reminders & Updates**

- TDH has updated [Isolation and Quarantine guidelines](https://COVID19.tn.gov) to align with recent CDC recommendations for [fully vaccinated people](https://COVID19.tn.gov).
- A [hotline](https://COVID19.tn.gov) is available for frontline healthcare workers, implemented by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.