

April 09, 2021 Update

Surveillance

- COVID-19 case data, health information and relevant updates to Tennesseans are available at [COVID19.tn.gov](https://www.covid19.tn.gov).
- COVID-19 vaccination data are available [here](#).
- The weekly [Critical Indicators Report](#) includes information to help stakeholders monitor trends in cases, symptoms, testing capabilities and health care system capacity.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations represent 7% of hospitalized patients in TN.

Response

- Over one million Tennesseans have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Approximately 29% have received at least one dose.
- All Tennessee adults, age 16 and older, are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Find vaccination providers by visiting [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org).
- TDH data show uptake of the vaccines in Tennessee remains low, especially in rural areas. Many rural Tennessee county health departments are seeing only a fraction of their daily COVID-19 vaccination appointments filled. TDH is developing a strategy to accelerate through phases of the vaccination plan while balancing vaccine supply/demand.
- Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting dashboard is available online [here](#) and is updated Monday through Friday. Find answers to frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination [here](#).
- State-specific visitation restrictions for long-term care facilities ended Feb. 28. Facilities should use the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidance for safe operation and visitation.

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](#). Conducting surveillance for cases infected with [variants of concern](#).
- Utilizing the Healthcare Resource Tracking System to monitor COVID-19 [hospitalization numbers](#), personal protective equipment inventories and strain on the healthcare system.
- Recruiting medical professionals through the [Medical Reserve Corps Program](#).
- Supporting state laboratory testing.
- Organizing distribution of rapid antigen test kits to vulnerable populations.
- Implementing the state vaccination [plan](#).

Important Reminders & Updates

- TDH has updated [Isolation and Quarantine guidelines](#) to align with recent CDC recommendations for [fully vaccinated people](#).
- COVID-19 tests are free to all in [local health departments](#).
- A [hotline](#) is available for frontline healthcare workers, implemented by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.