Novel Coronavirus
Public Health Response

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Face Covering Requirement

ALL HOOSIERS MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING over their noses and mouths when:

- Inside a business, public building, or other indoor place open to the public. This does not apply to private offices and workspaces in which social distancing can be maintained.

- In an outdoor public space wherever it is not feasible to maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

- Using public transportation or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle.

See Executive Order 20-37 for a full list of exemptions.

State and local health departments will enforce compliance through education about the importance of wearing face coverings and dispelling misconceptions. If the data do not improve, Indiana may be forced to **RETURN TO A PRIOR STAGE OF THE STATE'S REOPENING PLAN**.

Local authorities may have imposed more stringent requirements if deemed necessary.

Created on July 27th, 2020. If you see different information published at a more recent date, use the most current recommendations.

Antigen Tests

- Guidance for reporting tests now includes antigen tests to prompt contact tracing: https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/IN_COVID-19_test_reporting%207.27.20.pdf

- Antigen testing should not be confused with serology or molecular testing. Here is the difference:
  - **Serology** tests detect the body's immune response through the production of antibodies.
  - **Molecular** tests (also commonly referred to as PCR) detect the virus's genetic material.
  - **Antigen** tests detect viral proteins.

- There have been reports of false positives with antigen testing. Labs should take steps to ensure quality results.

Community Testing Update

- Thanks to all who applied to participate in the program
- Reminder that work plans are due Friday
- Contracts are under way
- Preparedness field staff will reach out to operationalize plans
- Optum continues through August

Youth Cases

- Youth and outbreaks:
  - Graduations: special or seasonal events covered by [Stage 4.5](). Plans must be approved by local health department.
  - Seeing instances where young people get together and then infect each other or their adult family.
    - Sporting events
    - Camps
  - Important that they wear masks when out in public
  - ISDH has pulled together a youth focus group and is working on other messaging

Migrant Workers

- Consider quarantine for 14 days other than reporting for work
  - Discourage gatherings or socializing
  - Help provide food and supplies to limit trips into town
  - Test at an Optum site or let us know, and we'll bring a strike team
  - Let ISDH know if you need other support or resources

Contact Tracing

July 19 – July 25	Counts
Positive Cases loaded to MS Dynamics	5,500*
Outbound Calls	30,316
Inbound Calls	6,182
Inbound/Translation Services Required	228

Of the <u>initial case</u> text messages sent, **3,465* (87%)** were **successfully received** by SMS text-enabled phone numbers

Of the <u>initial exposure survey</u> text messages sent, **7,647 (81%)** are **successfully received** by SMS text-enabled phone numbers

Of the <u>exposure monitoring survey</u> text messages sent, **30,224 (99%)** are **successfully received** by SMS text-enabled phone numbers

School Report

- WebEx: 11 a.m. EDT Wednesday, July 29
- School report:
  - Preschools/daycares, K-12 schools, and colleges and universities
  - The report will be in the LHD App—Microsoft Dynamics
  - ISDH will send out a daily reminder to LHDs with a link to access their report
  - Details the patient's name, the school he/she is associated with, grade level, and what their link to the school was (student, faculty, visitor, etc.)
  - Please note that at this time, this report will NOT go directly to schools. It is the responsibility of LHDs to get this report to schools if they wish for the information to be available.
  - LHDs receive two daily email reminders to check their report in Dynamics.

Drive-Thru Testing

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. July 28 - Aug. 1

*Elkhart
*Goshen
*Plymouth

*Testing children ages 2 and older at these locations

Bluffton
Boonville
Chrisney
Gary
Hammond
Knox

Nashville
Rensselear
Tell City
Vevay
Warsaw
West Lafayette

Public Assistance Grant Program

- The deadline to submit Requests for Public Assistance (RPA) is **Aug. 31**. More information at: http://www.in.gov/dhs/paprogram.htm

- Every LHD should fill out RPA (basically a form that needs to be completed this month takes 15 minutes JUST IN CASE you have want to submit to FEMA in the future for 75% reimbursement.

- The form just qualifies them as an entity that could apply in the future, so you are strongly encouraged to submit the form.

- Go directly to the FEMA Grants Portal to do the RPA at GrantsPortal or https://grantee.fema.gov/

- FEMA funds already obligated to a few entities that submitted for reimbursement.

Guidance Updates

- Long-term COVID-19 Strategy Toolkit for Homeless Populations in the LHD toolkit under "Guidance"

- Isolate If You Are Sick: Separate yourself from others if you have COVID-19 - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html

- Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html

- Funeral Guidance for Individuals and Families: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/funeral-guidance.html (we are updating ISDH guidance)

- FAQ for School Administrators on Reopening Schools: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools-faqs.html

Clarifications and Reminders

- Notification: Schools may notify the Indiana Centralized Contact Tracing Program (ICCTP) of close contact information by calling 1-833-670-0067 with support from LHDs
- What is close contact
  - Sustained contact of 15 minutes close contact at one time
  - Those with face-to-face contact, especially during strenuous activity or frequent public exposure, are at higher risk
  - It's not:
    - Talking or meeting with someone while socially distanced
    - Passing someone in the hallway (masks still required)