

Novel Coronavirus Public Health Response

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CDC Guidance Updates

- Recommendations for duration of Isolation and Precautions for Adults with COVID-19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/durationisolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fstrategy-discontinue-isolation.html)
 - Symptom-based criteria were modified as follows: Changed from “at least 72 hours” to “at least 24 hours” have passed *since last* fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
 - Changed from “improvement in respiratory symptoms” to “improvement in symptoms” to address expanding list of symptoms associated with COVID-19
 - Reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 has not yet been definitively confirmed in any recovered persons to date

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 - Anyone who have recovered from symptomatic COVID-19 and remains asymptomatic in recovery should not be retested during the first 3 months following their symptom onset because it's not likely to provide useful information.
 - Quarantine is not recommended for a previously-diagnosed symptomatic case who becomes a close contact of an infected person
 - Serologic testing should not be used to establish the presence or absence of SARS-CoV-2 infection or reinfection.

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I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms

- Can be with others after (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html>):
 - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
 - Symptoms have improved
 - Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others when you have no fever, respiratory symptoms have improved, and you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

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Tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms

- If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html>):
 - 10 days have passed since test
 - Depending on your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.
 - If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance above for "I think or know I had COVID, and I had symptoms."

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Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings

- Except for rare situations, a test-based strategy is no longer recommended to determine when to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions.
- For patients with severe to critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised, the recommended duration for Transmission-Based Precautions was extended to 20 days after symptom onset (or, for asymptomatic severely immunocompromised patients, 20 days after their initial positive SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test).
- Other symptom-based criteria were modified as follows:
 - Changed from “at least 72 hours” to “at least 24 hours” have passed *since last* fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - Changed from “improvement in respiratory symptoms” to “improvement in symptoms” to address expanding list of symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Drive-Thru Testing

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. July 21-25

*Elkhart

*Goshen, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

*Plymouth

*Testing children ages 2
and older at these
locations

Bluffton

Boonville

East Chicago

Hammond

Knightstown

Knox

Nashville

Princeton

Rising Sun

Tell City

Warsaw

West Lafayette

Executive Order 20-36

Special or Seasonal Events

Events after July 23 with total attendance more than 250 (inside or outside) must have a plan approved by local health department

- LHD decision because you are in the community
- Conversational approach so everyone is comfortable with the event proceeding; if the plan is missing some elements, work to improve
- Work with the designated event coordinators to ensure compliance
- The goal is to prevent cases and the need for contact tracing

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Plan checklist:

- ✓ Capacity limits – Confirm steps to meet limits in Stage 4 or 4.5 (Back on Track: https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN_Stage4.5_UPDATE_STAGE4.5.pdf)
- ✓ Guest information – Make sure guests are informed to stay home if sick or part of vulnerable population
- ✓ Staff & Volunteer Screening – Plan to screen for symptoms

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Plan checklist:

- ✓ Social distancing measures – Multiple entrances/exits, designated seating, one-way traffic flow, signage, ground markings
- ✓ Increased sanitation – Handwashing, sanitizing
- ✓ Face coverings – Identify if recommended or required
- ✓ Compliance – Event staff or volunteers to make sure people are adhering to the plan

Long-term care

- Most facilities are reporting in the new Redcap portal
 - Roughly 200 facilities (both nursing homes and assisted living) have not yet submitted data.
 - A team from long-term care will be reaching out to these facilities to find out why they have not submitted, and what ISDH can do to help them correct any issues.
- ISDH guideline requiring four hours of visitation per weekday, and four hours over the course of each weekend started Friday, July 17, as scheduled.
 - Some counties, because of outbreaks or other special circumstances, have temporarily instituted more stringent limitations on visitation – e.g., no indoor, only outdoor for the time being.
 - Because the ISDH guidelines are not an order, counties retain the right to impose stricter limits if officials conclude that those limits are reasonably necessary to protect the health of citizens in the county.
 - ISDH will continue to encourage to offer the greatest amount of visitation possible, but will not override these county decisions. Local officials know their unique problems and situations better than we do.

Contact Tracing

July 12 – July 18	Counts
Positive Cases loaded to MS Dynamics	4,995
Outbound Calls	27,005
Inbound Calls	4,179
Inbound/Translation Services Required	375

Of the initial case text messages sent, **4,157 (88%)** were **successfully received** by SMS text-enabled phone numbers

Of the initial exposure survey text messages sent, **7,238 (83%)** are **successfully received** by SMS text-enabled phone numbers

Of the exposure monitoring survey text messages sent, **23,630 (98%)** are **successfully received** by SMS text-enabled phone numbers

Community Testing Plan

- **Q. Can we partner with other counties? In other words, pull together the funding and offer clinics in those counties.**

A. Yes. The ISDH wants to ensure community-based testing for all is available where there is a need. We would request official sign off by each county that chooses to participate together and a plan as to how you will allocate resources.
- **Q. Can we partner with other facilities, hospitals, clinics, etc.?**

A. Yes. We welcome partnerships at a local level. So long as they offer testing to anyone, regardless of symptoms, and are available for testing after hours and on Saturdays as indicated in LOI.
- **Q. Can we opt to use a different patient registration and lab secession platform other than Zotec?**

A. Yes. If you already have one in place and/or someone you are partnering with already uses a different system, we will work with the ISDH lab to connect.

Community Testing Plan

- **Q. What can the funds be used on specifically?**

A. The funds are not limited to any one particular use rather whatever the county needs are beyond the resources and equipment the ISDH is providing. Some examples include; personnel, rent, utilities
- **Q. What supplies and equipment are provided specifically?**

A. All required PPE, signage, vax-cooler, large and medium cooler with ice packs for back up, 2-ipads, label printers (2), label cartridges, swabs/vtm, courier services from clinic to lab. All resources are based on 100 tests per day throughput at each location.
- **Q. How many personnel are required per clinic?**

A. There is no set requirement but we can and will provide best practices learned throughout the response. Recommendation for a fixed site location would be to have two registration and one swabber per site minimally

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- **Q. What is the minimum requirement to conduct specimen collection?**
A. There is currently no certification and/or license requirement to obtain swab specimen. The ISDH has a training video and literature for training. It is recommended that someone with a medical license of any kind is on-site or nearby in case of emergency.
- **Q. How will the funds be distributed to the health department? Will it be a cost reimbursement we're by the health department have to front the money and submit invoices for reimbursement?**
A. The grant will be a deliverables based grant based upon your work plan submitted. The funds will be provided and made available to the health departments to use as identified and approved by the ISDH.
- **Q. What are the minimum requirements for operation?**
A. We are asking each clinic to be open approximately 35 hours per week with at least two days having after hours availability as well as Saturday option.

Community Testing Plan

- **Q. What happens if our clinic sees more than 100 patients per day?**
A. The ISDH will monitor ongoing throughput and will provide additional resources including PPE supplies and test kits as needed.
- **Q. How long does the grant last?**
- A. The initial term will be Sept. 1 through June 30, 2021, with an option to extend another 12 months should there be a need.