

Today's COVID-19 Update (Tuesday, March 31, 2020 @ 4:50 pm):

As of the time of this posting, Daviess County has not received any positive COVID-19 lab reports of those tested. The Health Department does NOT get notified when COVID-19 tests are collected or pending from local health care providers.

The Health Department only gets notified of those hospitalized or who are at high risk of exposure that have been placed into quarantine while test results are pending.

Health care providers are instructing their patients who present with COVID-19 symptoms to self-quarantine.

Due to ISDH guidelines and very limited testing kits, health care providers are not able to test everyone who has symptoms. This is why the providers place their patients into self-isolation.

Whether or not there is a positive lab test result, the treatment remains the same. STAY HOME, Wash your hands, social distance yourself from others and follow up with your health care provider if symptoms get worse.

Is COVID-19 here, most likely YES!!!! – The message to everyone remains the same: STAY HOME!!!

The Indiana State Department of Health released new guidelines for testing as of today which extends testing to more Indiana residents.

**ISDH will approve COVID-19 testing for the following highest-risk Patients:**

**Patients who require hospitalization** due to complications of their acute respiratory illness and symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

**Healthcare workers and first responders** with symptoms consistent of COVID-19 who in their role have potential or unknown exposure to at risk patients.

**Patients and staff (who have direct contact with patients) at long-term care facilities** with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and otherwise no known COVID-19 contact.

**Persons experiencing homelessness** with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and otherwise no known COVID-19 contact.

**Patients who expire with suspected COVID-19 symptoms.**

**Patients and staff** (with direct contact with inmates) **at correctional facilities** with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and otherwise no known COVID-19 contact.

**Patients 65 years of age and older with symptoms consistent with COVID-19**

**Patients with underlying conditions with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 following CDC guidelines:**

People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma

People who have heart disease with complications

People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment

People of any age with severe obesity (BMI >40) or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease

Pregnant women