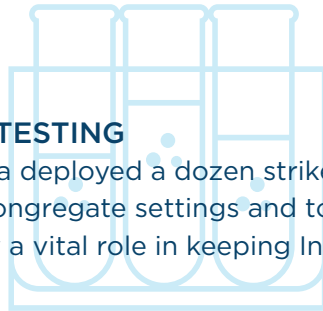
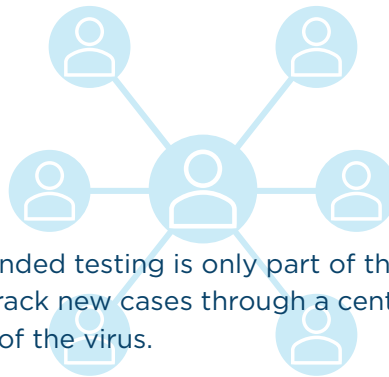


To get Back On Track, Indiana must stay ahead of COVID-19. To do this, we will employ a three-pronged approach to detect the virus through robust testing, trace identified cases to prevent its spread, and protect Hoosiers as they return to work and the economy by developing a steady supply line of personal protective equipment.



RAPID DETECTION THROUGH TESTING

- At the outset of COVID-19, Indiana deployed a dozen strike teams to quickly respond to suspected cases in high-risk congregate settings and to test individuals as indicated. These teams will continue to play a vital role in keeping Indiana on track through surveillance, early testing, and cohorting.
- To help in the early detection of new cases, the state is adding 50 testing locations in strategically located parts of the state. These sites will enable over 100,000 more Hoosiers to get tested per month and aid in the early detection of new cases.
- Additional testing sites at hospitals, local health departments, and other facilities will continue, and more sites will be added in the coming weeks.
- Hoosier employers, employees, and consumers can be confident that anyone who is symptomatic for COVID-19, or who is a close contact of a positive individual, will have access to testing.



CONTACT TRACING

- Identifying cases through expanded testing is only part of the plan to stay ahead of COVID-19. Indiana will also aggressively track new cases through a centralized contact tracing program to help stop the future spread of the virus.
- While ISDH, in cooperation with local health departments, has engaged in contact tracing since the first positive case of COVID-19 was reported in early March, centralizing contact tracing moving forward will enable the state to ensure all future cases are handled and data collected in a uniform and timely fashion.
- All Hoosiers who test positive in the future will receive a text, email, and complete a call with one of the more than 500 contact tracers currently being hired. These tracers will identify other Hoosiers potentially at risk and connect them to resources to assist with their quarantine or isolation.



PROTECT HOOSIER EMPLOYEES AND CONSUMERS

- Supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) are critical for businesses as they resume operations, with masks particularly in demand. The state is working with Hoosier companies that have already converted their lines of work to protective equipment or currently supply such materials.
- The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) will lead the development of the Indiana Small Business PPE Marketplace to provide reliable access to PPE for small businesses that need help to comply with safe workplace guidelines.
- Businesses and non-profit entities with less than 150 employees and registered to do business in Indiana will be eligible. More details will be outlined in the coming days.
- \$300 million will be distributed to counties, cities, and towns via a population-based formula from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for reimbursement of COVID-19 expenses. Funds may be used for expenditures caused by the public health emergency as outlined in U.S. Treasury guidelines. If local governments direct any of their allocation for local business, it must be used for PPE at this time. Future program phases are under development.

PROTECT INDIANA'S MOST VULNERABLE

Data has shown COVID-19 disproportionately impacts individuals over 65 years old worldwide, and sadly, Indiana is no different. Over 80% of Hoosiers who have died from the virus are over 65. As we begin to get back on track, we must do so in a way that protects our most vulnerable citizens.