



## Monroe County Health Department

Monroe County, Indiana

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### MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BIWEEKLY CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

*MCHD will provide biweekly updates in order to keep everyone informed and up to date on the rapidly changing coronavirus pandemic. These updates will not replace regular press releases.*

- Monroe County Health Department reports that more coronavirus tests are being done on county residents but none have tested positive at this time. The current number of positive tests in Indiana is 56, an increase of 17 from 3/18/20, according to the Indiana State Department of Health. <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/>.
- ISDH has a new coronavirus hotline at 1-877-826-0011. There are two lines available, with line 1 for the public with general questions and line 2 reserved for medical providers. Because of the high number of calls, those with questions are asked to visit the ISDH website first at <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/> to see if the answers are available there.
- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has new guidance on when home isolation for those with COVID-19 can be discontinued: [CDC guidelines](#)
  - Home isolation can stop if the following three things are true:
    - No fever for at least of 72 hours without use of fever-reduction medication  
**AND**
    - Other symptoms, such as cough & shortness of breath, have improved  
**AND**
    - If testing **is** available – you receive two negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart  
**OR**  
If testing is **not** available, at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first started
- The Red Cross is reporting a severe blood shortage with donors urgently needed. With many blood drives being canceled due to coronavirus prevention measures, the center reports supplies of blood are running low. Call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment.



- The Health Department, IU Bloomington, and Cook Medical held a webinar for local businesses on 3/18/20 on coronavirus and how businesses can prepare.

Information on the coronavirus outbreak continues to change rapidly. The Monroe County Health Department will share local information related to COVID-19 and press releases on its Facebook page and on the county website at [www.co.monroe.in.us](http://www.co.monroe.in.us).

For more information, visit ISDH at <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/> and the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

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