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### MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

The Monroe County Health Department will provide short updates and information to share to help keep everyone informed on the rapidly changing coronavirus pandemic. These updates will not replace regular press releases for more urgent information. You can also view updates on our Facebook page (updated daily) and our website at [www.co.monroe.in.us/HealthDepartment](http://www.co.monroe.in.us/HealthDepartment).

#### Novel Coronavirus CASES –

Cases of novel coronavirus or COVID-19 in Indiana have increased by over 1200 since Tuesday, 3/31/20. This is likely due to both increased testing as well as transmission. During the same time period, COVID-19 related deaths more than doubled and went from 49 to 102.

Date	Globally		United States	Indiana	Monroe County
3/24/20	392,331		46,450	981	3
3/31/20	801,400		164,610	2159	30
4/3/20	1,030,628		245,573	3,437	40

Source- John Hopkins University, Indiana State Department of Health Dashboard

- CDC states that preliminary evidence from a study in Singapore shows that people infected with COVID-19 can transmit the disease 1-3 days before the onset of symptoms. They recommend public health departments expand contact tracing to include the period of time before symptoms start to account for asymptomatic transmission. CDC stated this finding also strongly supports the importance of social distancing in stopping the spread of the novel coronavirus. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6914e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e1.htm?s_cid=mm6914e1_w)



- The Indiana State Department of Health Coronavirus Dashboard has added new metrics. In addition to the number of positive cases and deaths available at state and county levels and general demographics, the Dashboard has added:
  - Number of COVID-19 tests completed at state and county levels
  - Trend lines for cases, number of tests and deaths
  
- ISDH has expanded its high risk population for prioritizing limited COVID-19 testing to include people who have symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and:
  - Need hospitalization with acute respiratory illness
  - Work in healthcare or as first responders
  - Are pregnant
  - Are 65 years of age or older
  - Live or provide direct patient care in a long-term care facility and have no known COVID-19 contact
  - Are experiencing homelessness with no known COVID-19 contact
  - People who die with suspected COVID-19 symptoms
  - Are an inmate or staff member (with direct inmate contact) with no known COVID-19 contact
  - Are patients with certain underlying conditions, such as chronic lung disease, heart disease with complications, immunocompromised, severe obesity, uncontrolled diabetes, renal failure or liver disease
  
- Smart 911 – People who have been diagnosed or have symptoms of COVID-19 can help protect emergency care workers by signing up for Smart911. Smart911 is an app that allows people to input personal and medical information that helps first responders prepare when responding to a call to their residence.
  - For more information, visit <https://www.smart911.com/>
  
- The State of Indiana is recruiting professional health care volunteers to help with the COVID-19 response.
  - Healthcare Reserve Workforce Licensed Professionals
    - Those who hold an Indiana medical license
    - or
    - Medical professionals without an Indiana license
      - Retired or who became inactive in last 5 years
      - Those who hold medical license in other states
      - Those who held medical license in other states who retired or became inactive in last 5 years
      - Certain medical students and graduates
  - According to ISDH, 13,621 people have volunteered already
  - For more information and to sign up, visit <https://redcap.isdh.in.gov/surveys/?s=9TDEN3ETC9>

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