COVID-19 is a Reportable Disease in Tennessee. Healthcare providers and laboratories should report patient information and laboratory results for patients who test positive for COVID-19.

Who should report?
Healthcare providers who use SARS-CoV-2 point-of-care (POC) testing as the primary diagnostic tool and do not routinely send specimens for laboratory-based testing. Healthcare providers who send tests for laboratory-based testing do not need to report if they confirm that the laboratory is submitting SARS-CoV-2 results to TDH.

When should we report?
Healthcare providers should report within 1 week of receiving a COVID-19 positive test result.

What should we report?
- Positive POC test results
- Positive laboratory-based nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) results (only if the provider cannot confirm results are reported by the laboratory)
- Clusters of COVID-19 illnesses linked to the same exposure location. Clusters in congregate care settings (long-term-care facilities, corrections facilities, homeless shelters) are of highest priority for reporting.
- **Report all required data elements** (if available)**:**
  1. **Patient demographics**: name, date of birth, sex, race, ethnicity, address, phone
  2. **Provider information**: name, facility/practice, phone, fax, address
  3. **Clinical information**: illness onset date, hospitalization status, hospital admission date, hospital discharge date, pregnancy status, outcome (death), specimen collection date, specimen source

How should we report?
Point-of-care test results should be reported via the TDH POC reporting portal:

1. [Register](#) your facility for online reporting. Your facility will <u>not</u> be able to submit data through the POC reporting portal without registering first.

   Note: Include all POC devices used in your facility when registering. The list of FDA-approved EUA devices can be found [here.](#)

2. Once the facility has been registered, you will receive the link to the reporting portal and your facility- specific information will prepopulate into the reporting portal so that you will not need to re-enter this information with each report.

   Note: A facility link can be shared by multiple reporters. The reporter's information will populate based on the person who registered. There is no need for each additional reporter to update their info. Each reporter will need to update patient and result information. The same link can be open at the same time by multiple reporters.

How should we report (continued)?

Laboratory-based test results should be reported via case or morbidity report:

1. **Case Report:** Complete the case report for each patient by filling out the [PH-1600](#) and including a copy of the laboratory result. Fax the PH-1600 form and a copy of the positive laboratory report to 615-741-3857.

2. **Morbidity Report:** Use this option only if you already report diseases or conditions to TDH via Morbidity Reports. Reports are electronically submitted to NBS through https://hssi.tn.gov/auth/login.

Clusters: Report clusters to the local/regional health departments ([tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html](#)) or email COVID19.Cluster@tn.gov.

Are COVID-19-associated deaths reportable?

COVID-19 deaths linked to a cluster in a long-term care facility should continue to be reported. Other COVID-19-associated deaths do not need to be reported by healthcare providers.

How do laboratories report results?

Laboratories performing SARS-CoV-2 testing should be reporting these results electronically via ELR. Guidance for laboratory reporting is found [here](#). If you are a laboratory that needs to report via ELR, please email [ceds.informatics@tn.gov.](mailto:ceds.informatics@tn.gov)

Questions about reportable diseases?

Visit https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html.