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Dear Colleagues,

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is providing this update regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Visit our [webpage](#) for the most up to date information on case counts, information, and resources.

Guidance for Reporting Point-of-Care Testing Results to TDH

Point-of-care (POC) testing can be a useful component in the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) outbreak response. POC testing includes medical diagnostic testing that occurs at the time and place of patient care (e.g. bedside, physician's office), and many utilize various technologies, such as nucleic acid amplification (PCR) tests, antigen tests and serological (antibody) tests.

Effective immediately, clinicians, healthcare facilities and other settings utilizing point-of-care testing are requested to report individual results (positive and negative) to the Tennessee Department of Health via the POC reporting portal.

1. [Register](#) your facility for online reporting. You will not be able to submit data through the POC reporting portal without registering first.
2. Once your facility has been registered, you will receive the reporting portal link 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.

Full guidance on reporting is available online [here](#).

New Requisition Form for COVID-19 Testing at State Public Health Laboratory

Testing for COVID-19 continues to be available at the TN State Public Health Laboratory for priority populations; however please note that a new COVID-19 specific requisition form (PH-4360) is required. Please review the full specimen submission instructions (available [here](#)) before submitting a specimen to the TN State Public Health Laboratory.

Continued Call for MIS-C Cases

TDH continues to receive reports of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). As a reminder, TDH urges healthcare providers who have cared for patients meeting the MIS-C [criteria](#) to report suspected cases to the Tennessee Department of Health at **615-741-7247** (Amanda Hartley or Cassie Jones) or email VPD.IMM@tn.gov within 24 hours of identification.

Thank you for all that you do in keeping Tennesseans safe and healthy.

Tennessee Department of Health