

Requirements for Laboratory Reporting of COVID-19 Test Results



As diagnostic and screening facilities – defined as laboratories, non-laboratory testing sites, testing sites offering point-of-care testing or in-home testing related to COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2), continue to perform COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) testing on behalf of Indiana and its partners, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) has published up to date reporting guidance to effectively continue its efforts in coordinating a rapid, comprehensive public health response to COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic.

IDOH has been working with facilities to provide a secure means to make reporting a more efficacious process. There are numerous methods in which testing sites can report their COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) results. Please determine the best method in which your facility can report appropriate COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) lab results, based on the updated COVID-19 Reporting Methods.

If you are unsure which COVID-19 reporting method is ideal for your testing sites, please email Irene Jameson at IJameson@isdh.IN.gov and Catherine McQuern at CMcquern@isdh.IN.gov.

Updated Requirements:

1. All laboratories performing COVID-19 Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT, e.g., RT-PCR testing) for residents of Indiana shall continue to report all negative COVID-19 test results, in addition to the positive results already required to be reported to IDOH in a manner prescribed by the department, within twenty-four (24) hours of completing the test.
2. All laboratories performing COVID-19 antigen testing for residents in Indiana shall report the results of positive tests for COVID-19 antigen to IDOH, in a manner prescribed by the department, within twenty-four (24) hours of completing the test. Negative results for non-NAAT tests (e.g., rapid, or antigen test results are no longer required to be reported.
3. All laboratories performing COVID-19 antibody testing for residents in Indiana have the option of continuing to report the results of all tests for IgM, IgG, and IgA for COVID-19 antibodies to IDOH, but are no longer required to submit antibody test results, positive or negative.