



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?

All laboratories that perform diagnostic testing for COVID-19, including nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT) and antigen tests, or that are performing whole genome sequencing on SARS-CoV-2 positive specimens.

When should we report?

Laboratories should report within 1 week of receiving a COVID-19 positive test result.

What should we report?

- **Positive diagnostic test results** should be reported for tests performed within your laboratory or received from reference laboratories you may be using, unless you are using a laboratory that submits results via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) for ALL of your COVID-19 testing.
- **Whole genome sequencing results** which identify COVID-19 variants (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-classifications.html>) should be reported.
- **Report all required data elements** (if available):
 1. **Patient demographics:** name, date of birth, sex, race, ethnicity, address, phone
 2. **Ordering provider information:** name, facility/practice, phone, fax, address
 3. **Laboratory information:**
 - i) Performing laboratory name, phone number, address
 - ii) Reporting facility name, phone number, address
 - iii) Date of the laboratory report
 - iv) Test performed (may differ from the test ordered)
 - v) Accession number
 - vi) Specimen type/source and collection date
 - vii) Result (quantitative and qualitative), interpretation, and reference range
 4. **Clinical information** (not required): illness onset date, hospitalization status, hospital admission date, hospital discharge date, pregnancy status, outcome (death)

How should we report?

- **Diagnostic test results** can be reported electronically or by fax:
 1. Report electronically via electronic laboratory report (ELR). To begin reporting via this method, email ceds.informatics@tn.gov.
 2. Fax the laboratory report to 615-741-3857
- **Whole genome sequencing results** for variants of interest should be reported electronically via ELR. Reach out to ceds.informatics@tn.gov if you cannot report via this method.

Questions about reportable diseases?

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