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For Healthcare Providers

For information on evaluating patients for COVID-19, as well as the latest waivers and flexibilities for healthcare facilities, visit COVID-19 Resources for Healthcare Providers.

For Patients

For more information for those who suspect they have COVID-19, those waiting on test results, and those with COVID-19, visit COVID-19 Resources for Patients.

For General Questions

For general COVID-19 questions, call 1-800-270-7268 or email covid19info@adph.state.al.us. Telephone calls are answered from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Interpreters are available. For frequently asked questions and to check your symptoms, visit Alabama.gov COVID-19 Information Hub at covid19.alabama.gov. Also see our FAQ page.

Situation Summary

In December 2019, a new (or novel) human coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) type emerged in China. At this time, it's unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people. Patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath appearing anywhere from 2 to 14 days after exposure. Learn more about coronaviruses, how they present, and how they are tested by visiting Human Coronaviruses.

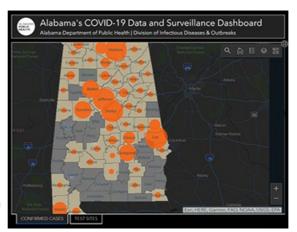
This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is providing updated information and guidance on this website, as well as, Facebook and Twitter, as it becomes available.

Current Situation in Alabama

For cases, deaths, and total tested by county of residence and total hospitalizations statewide reported in real time, view the table below or visit our Data and Surveillance Dashboard. View mobile version.

Case Characteristics as of April 9

Total Tested primarily represents tests that were satisfactorily performed by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL), along with some data

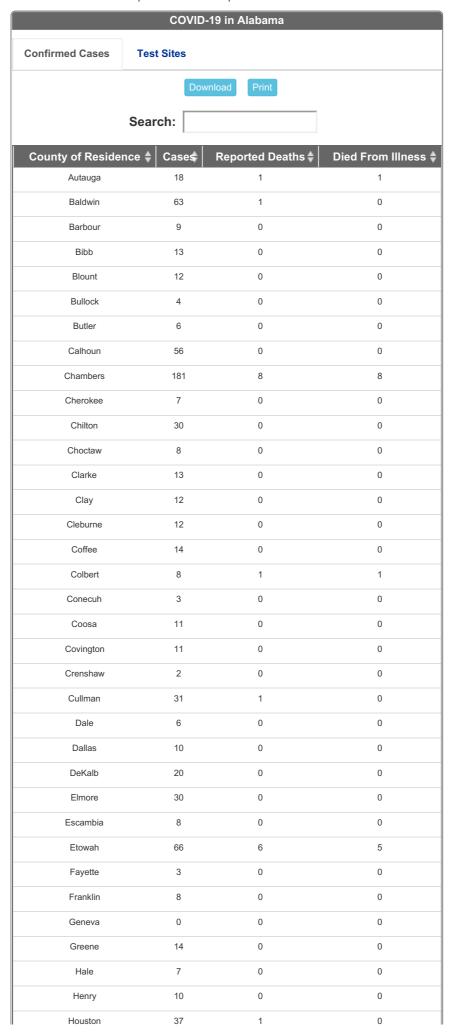


from commercial labs. Commercial labs are required, by law, to report positive tests to ADPH. Some commercial labs do not report negative specimens.

Reported Deaths and Died From Illness on the dashboard represent the number of individuals who have a positive lab result and are now deceased. To count a person who died from COVID-19 disease, the medical record of the deceased person has to be reviewed by a physician and Infectious Disease and Outbreak staff. Once review is complete, if the death is attributed to COVID-19, the individual will also appear in the Died From Illness on the dashboard. Reported Death totals are cumulative and will never decrease.

Testing Sites are facilities who have reported to ADPH that they are collecting specimens for COVID-19. This map does not reflect all collection sites in Alabama. Call the testing site for additional information before visiting. Or call the Alabama COVID-19 24/7 hotline at 1-888-

264-2256 for testing sites and hours of operation near you. Interpreters are available. Note: There is no medical advice provided at this telephone number.



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You can find updated numbers on persons under investigation and confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The ADPH Office of Oral Health is accepting donations of personal protective equipment such as gowns, masks, and gloves for distribution to area hospital healthcare personnel. Please contact Jessica Durham at (334) 206-2924 or by email at Jessica.Durham@adph.state.al.us to arrange a drop-off time at the RSA Tower. See our flyer for more details.
 ADPH is seeking donations of facemasks for home health care patients. Contact Dr.
- ADPH is seeking donations of facemasks for home health care patients. Contact Dr. Choona Lang, Homecare Division Director of the Bureau of Home Health and Community Services, at 334-206-5696 or by email at Choona.Lang@adph.state.al.us.

- Message from the State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris (03/03/20)
- **COVID-19 News Conferences**
- **ADPH News Releases**
- **ALERT HAN Messages**
- Bureau of Communicable Disease (BCD) News Releases
- Alabama Dental Treatment Protocol
- **Guidance for Correctional Facilities**
- Guidance for EMS
- **Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers**
- Information for Persons with HIV
- Information regarding ALL Kids
- Information regarding Newborn Screening
- Information regarding Vital Records
- Guidance for Funeral Planning
- Pandemic Education, Planning, and Preparedness
- Alabama Crisis Standards of Care Guidelines

The Ventilator Triage Guidance posted in 2010 is no longer in effect. It has been replaced by the Alabama Crisis Standards of Care Guidelines. The Alabama Crisis Standards of Care Guidelines are the only crisis care guidelines endorsed by the Alabama Department of Public Health. All people deserve compassion and equal respect, and with this in mind, the allocation of care cannot discriminate based on race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, exercise of conscience or religion.

- Print Materials Available for Download:
 - Handwashing Poster: English | French | Spanish
 - "Do Not Enter If You Think You Have The New Coronavirus" Poster
 - "Attention Patients" Travel Outside of the U.S. Posters: English | Chinese | Spanish
 - Stop the Spread of Germs Flyer
 - Share Facts About COVID-19 Flyer
 - Social Distancing (Red, Yellow Green) Flyer
 - Contact Tracing Flyer
 - Cleaning and Disinfecting in Public Settings
 - Non-Essential Businesses Flyer
 - Smart Shopping Flyer: English | Spanish
 - Dial 911 for Emergencies Only Flyer
 - DIY Cloth Face Covering Instructions based on CDC Recommendations
 - How to Properly Remove Gloves

Resources and Updates from CDC

For the latest on COVID-19, visit the CDC Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) website | En Español.

- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary
- Check and Record Everyday (CARE) Booklet (For Self-Monitoring)
- Information for Travelers
- Stigma Related to COVID-19
- Keeping workplaces, homes, schools, or commercial establishments safe
- Information for the General Public
- Information for People at Higher Risk and Special Populations
- Information for Businesses and Employers
- Information for Essential Critical Workers and Employers
- Information for Healthcare Providers
- Information for Health Departments (State, Local, Territorial and Tribal)
- Information for Healthcare Facilities, including Long-Term Care Facilities
- Information for Schools and Childcare Settings
- Information for Institutions of Higher Education
- Information for Laboratories
- Information for Community- and Faith-Based Leaders
- Information for Airlines and Airline Crew
- Information for Cargo and Cruise Ships
- Information for Patients with Pets During Home Care and Isolation
- Considerations for School Closures
- FAQs on COVID-19 and Pets
- Handouts and Posters for Download

Resources from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

For guidance for healthcare facilities, including but not limited to, nursing homes, hospice facilities, dialysis facilities, home health agencies, and for use of industrial respirators, visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

COVID-19-Related Emergency Orders of State Agencies

Resources from Alabama State Agencies and other Alabama Resources

- Alabama Community College System
- Alabama Deparment of Commerce
- Alabama Department of Economic Affairs
- Alabama Department of Labor
- Alabama Department of Revenue
- Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs
- Alabama Industrial Development Training (Alabama Works)
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
- Alabama Medicaid Agency
- Alabama State Department of Education
- Retirement Systems of Alabama
- Small Business Administration
- 211 Connects Alabama (United Ways of Alabama)

Additional Resources

- National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association: COVID-19 Fraud Resources
- U.S. Department of Justice: Report COVID-19 Fraud
- Coronavirus 2019-nCoV Global Case GIS Dashboard by Johns Hopkins CSSE
- World Health Organization (WHO) Advice for the Public: Myth Busters
- World Health Organization (WHO) Advice for the Public: When and How to Use Masks
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency List of Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College Health Association (ACHA) Brief on 2019 Novel Coronavirus: What Campuses Need to Know
- Information for Funeral Directors and Coroners
- Marine Safety Information Bulletins from the U.S. Coast Guard
- For Veterinarians: The New Coronavirus and Companion Animals
- American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
- USDA Statement on the Confirmation of COVID-19 in a Tiger in New York

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