

Please note, this update has been implemented as of May 10th.

Tennessee Department of Health COVID-19 Data Update

Effective May 3, 2021

- To date, daily COVID-19 updates (daily case counts, datasets, most graphs and figures) from the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) are based on the date of public reporting. The daily update has been based on all new cases and case updates reported over a 24-hour period as of approximately 9:00 a.m. each calendar day.
- This way of reporting is not a reliable indicator of disease activity. The date of public report is not permanently recorded in TDH's surveillance database and is subject to system problems and data quality issues.
- TDH is shifting to a more reliable system-generated date: the date the COVID-19 case was added to our surveillance system. This will more accurately reflect when TDH was first notified of the case and will be consistent with standard data reporting practices for other reportable health conditions.
- This change will only impact how data are displayed over time in charts and graphs, **it will not impact the total number of cases being reported.**
- This change will cause a minor shift in the number of cases associated with each date in our historical datasets (at the state and county levels). Statewide peaks may shift slightly as they will now reflect each day's case reports as received by TDH. Percent positive will be calculated using the total number of labs recorded in the surveillance database on a given calendar day, rather than reflecting the aggregate change in total from day to day.
- All datasets going forward will provide data from March 2020 to the present using the system-generated date. All historical datasets will remain available.