

# Requirements for Laboratory Reporting of COVID-19 Test Results



The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) has updated the reporting guidance as part of its continuing public health response to COVID-19 (SARS- CoV-2). This guidance applies to diagnostic and screening facilities — defined as laboratories, non-laboratory testing sites, testing sites offering point-of-care (POC) testing or in-home testing — that perform COVID-19 testing.

Laboratories and testing sites that submit results via electronic lab reporting (ELR) are still required to report SARS-CoV-2 results to IDOH (HL7 or CSV files), per the [Indiana Communicable Disease \(CD\) Rule \(410 IAC\)](#). **COVID-19 lab results, including POC test results, that cannot be sent electronically are no longer required to be reported to IDOH.** This change is effective immediately.

## 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 electronically, 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 via ELR 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.

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