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Today, Governor Bill Lee provided an update on Tennessee's efforts regarding COVID-19. Gov. Lee's daily press conferences can be viewed live Monday through Thursday at 3 p.m. CDT here . Visit tn.gov/covid19 for up-to-date administrative action.

Key Updates

Widespread COVID-19 Testing Efforts

President Trump announced this week that states should move to test 2% of their population each month. With almost 170,000 residents tested already, Tennessee has met this goal for April and is looking to continue that progress through May.

Unified-Command Group is increasing testing of vulnerable populations in the coming weeks, including widespread testing of all long-term care facilities in Tennessee (more than 700 facilities and 70,000 residents) and additional testing sites in minority communities. The State of Tennessee has partnered with National Health Care Corporation to test all residents and staff within their 38 Tennessee facilities.

Expanded testing continues this weekend (May 2-3) for all Tennesseans regardless of symptoms with new drive-through sites available across each Grand Division. Sites for this can be found here .

Tennesseans can get a test five days a week at county health departments -- a full list of sites is available here , and additional information on Tennessee's aggressive testing push is available here .

Executive Order No. 31

Today, Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 31 to extend the prohibition of non-emergency dental services to Wednesday, May 6, to allow more needed time for the Tennessee Dental Association, the Tennessee Dental Hygienist Association, and the Tennessee Board of Dentistry to continue their work on guidance for safe reopening and practice.

The full text of Executive Order No. 31 can be found here .

Tennessee Pledge: Next Steps for Close Contact Services

Gov. Lee announced that close contact services, such as salons and barbershops, in 89 of Tennessee's 95 counties will be able to reopen at limited capacity on May 6. Our Economic Recovery Group will release industry-specific guidance for those businesses before the end of this week.

Access up-to-date guidance from the Tennessee Economic Recovery Group:

- Universal Guidance for Tennessee Businesses can be accessed here .
- Restaurant Industry Guidance can be accessed here

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- Retail Industry Guidance can be accessed here.
- Exercise Facility Guidance can be accessed here.

Additional information on Tennessee's Economic Recovery Group is available here.

Current Department of Health Testing Results (as of 3 p.m. 4/29)

Confirmed Cases	Hospitalizations	Fatalities	Recovered	Total Tests
10,366	1,013	195	5,140	168,549

For more information on COVID-19 in Tennessee, please visit the Tennessee Department of Health's website here.