To get Back On Track, Indiana must stay ahead of COVID-19. The state is using a three-pronged approach to detect the virus through robust testing, tracing identified cases to prevent its spread, and protecting Hoosiers as they return to work and the economy by developing a steady supply line of personal protective equipment (PPE).

RAPID DETECTION THROUGH TESTING

• More than 200 testing sites are available throughout the state. These include state-provided, private, and community-sponsored locations. The state is testing about 9,000 Hoosiers daily and continues to increase the amount of testing available throughout the state, including many opportunities to obtain free tests.

• In addition, the Indiana State Department of Health continues to deploy a dozen strike teams to quickly respond to suspected cases in high-risk congregate settings, including long-term care facilities, prisons and jails, and some large-scale essential employers. These teams will continue to play a vital role in keeping Indiana on track through surveillance, early testing, and cohorting.

• As the amount of testing increases, the percentage of Hoosiers who have tested positive for COVID-19 is decreasing. About 8.9% of Hoosiers who have been tested received a positive result.

CONTACT TRACING

• Identifying cases through expanded testing is only part of the plan to stay ahead of COVID-19. Indiana has launched an aggressive plan to track new cases through a centralized contact tracing program to help stop the future spread of the virus.

• More than 600 people have been hired, and more than 2,500 outbound telephone calls are made each day to contact individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, an average of 345 inbound telephone calls have been received each day. About 1,400 close contacts are monitored each day. The program has had increased success reaching close contacts using automated monitoring surveys, which reduces the overall outbound telephone calls. Contact tracers are reaching 75% of those who have tested positive, and of those contacted, 85% are interviewed within the first 48 hours.

• This effort complements that of local health departments, which have engaged in contact tracing since the first positive case of COVID-19 was reported in early March.

• All Hoosiers who test positive receive a text, email, and complete a call with one of the contact tracers. These tracers connect Hoosiers who are potentially at risk to resources to assist with their quarantine or isolation.
PROTECT HOOSIER EMPLOYEES AND CONSUMERS

- The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has transitioned the Indiana Small Business PPE Marketplace to the PPE Directory which features Indiana companies that provide PPE products. Currently, 12 companies are listed.

- The PPE Directory may be found at https://backontrack.in.gov/ppedirectory.htm

PROTECT INDIANA’S MOST VULNERABLE

Data has shown COVID-19 disproportionally impacts individuals over 65 years old worldwide, and sadly, Indiana is no different. Over 92% of Hoosiers who have died from the virus are over age 60. As we begin to get back on track, we must do so in a way that protects our most vulnerable citizens.