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 providing a steady supply line of personal protective equipment (PPE).

RAPID DETECTION THROUGH TESTING

• More than 200 testing sites continue to be available throughout the state. These include state-provided, private, and community-sponsored locations. Testing at many sites is free. The state is testing more than 9,000 Hoosiers daily.

• 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.

• The percentage of Hoosiers who have tested positive for COVID-19 is about 8.7% since testing began in March.

CONTACT TRACING

Indiana has established an aggressive effort to track new cases of COVID-19 through a centralized contact tracing program. When the State Department of Health is trying to reach an individual regarding the coronavirus, a text message will be sent from the number 877-548-3444. A follow-up telephone call will come from the telephone number 833-670-0067, which may also display as IN Health COVID. Hoosiers are asked to answer the call to receive important information. To date, state contact tracers have made over 300,000 calls and sent over 430,000 text messages to Hoosiers.

The state’s contact tracing program attempts to reach those who have tested positive or who may have been in close contact with a positive individual as quickly as possible to provide resources needed to limit risk of further transmission and to assist with quarantine or isolation.

The state’s contact tracing program is working closely with K-12 schools to assist with identification of positive cases among students and ensure that schools and local health departments are notified promptly so appropriate precautions may be taken.

ISDH and local health departments are working in a complementary manner to identify the sources of local COVID infections and slow community spread. Together, the state and local health departments currently employ over 950 contact tracers.
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](https://backontrack.in.gov/ppedirectory.htm)

PROTECT INDIANA’S MOST VULNERABLE

Data has shown COVID-19 disproportionally impacts individuals over 65 years old. Over 92% of Hoosiers who have died from the virus are over age 60. As we get back on track, we must do so in a way that protects our most vulnerable citizens.