

Press Release

Hamilton County Health Department



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Health Department COVID-19 Status Update

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN - The Hamilton County Health Department reports 4 new case of COVID-19 today, bringing the total to 30. Epidemiological investigations reveal the following data:

Case Status

Positive Test Results	30
Negative Test Results	299
Total Test Results	329
Hospitalizations	13
Quarantined	132
Recovered	8
Deaths	1

Age Demographics

18-49 years	12
50-64 years	5
65+ years	13
Not yet determined at the time of press [†]	0

[†] Not all of the details of a case may be available at the time of publication.

Sex Demographics

Male	18
Female	12
Not yet determined at the time of press	0

Race Demographics

White	24
Black	5
Asian	1
Not yet determined at the time of press	0

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The Health Department wants to make it clear that if a person is in a waiting period for a pending COVID-19 lab test, they must self-isolate at home for the *entire period until they are notified of their test results*. A healthcare provider will only take a swab sample from someone that meets the CDC criteria for COVID-19 testing, and since those criteria are strong indicators that an individual could be infected with the virus, they must assume they have the virus and could spread it. During this waiting period, the person should remain isolated in their home and avoid contact with other people. Only a negative lab result can release a person from this period of isolation.

Resources can be found on the Health Department's COVID-19 [web page](#). Anyone with questions about COVID-19 is urged to call the Health Department's hotline at 423-209-8383, which is available in both English and Spanish.

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