



Benton County COVID-19 Weekly Update 09-18-2020

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Benton County, Ind. The Benton County Emergency Operations Center is committed to get timely information to the public. **Daily updates have moved to weekly updates sent out at the end of each week. Please check the Indiana State website for daily case number changes.** You may still call the Emergency Management Agency for questions or concerns.

As of today, September 18th, 2020, Benton County adds three (3) cases over the week which brings the total to eighty-eight (88) confirmed cases of COVID-19 (corona virus).

- **Travel Restrictions**

- Benton County Officials would like to remind residents and visitors of the area guidelines for reopening Indiana. **Benton County remains at the State recommendation of Stage 4.5 Guidelines.** All Benton County residents are required to follow Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-42. The Benton County Commissioners will not add any additional restrictions at this time. Both State and local guidelines may be modified if conditions warrant.

- **Recovery**

- **While conducting daily assessments of active cases, the symptoms of the patients have been improving and eighty-two (82) cases have been released from quarantine.** The Benton County Health Department utilizes the Center for Disease Control and Indiana State Department of Health guidelines for monitoring and quarantine recommendations. The State and local health department maintains contact with active cases of COVID-19 on an individual basis, as indicated. Although the overall numbers keep increasing, the number of active cases is lower than depicted on the Indiana State Maps and statistics.

- **Testing and Cases**

- Currently, Benton County has eighty-eight (88) confirmed cases of COVID-19 (corona virus). Testing is being accomplished by the Indiana State Department of Health and by direction of physicians for patients that meet certain criteria. Please keep in mind our number of positive cases will remain the same, but officials are seeing recovery numbers increase. **The number of active COVID-19 cases in Benton County stands at six (6) with zero (0) deaths being reported.** There have been one thousand six hundred fifty-one (1651) tests administered in total to Benton County residents for COVID-19.
- **Locally, a COVID-19 testing site has been opened at the Benton County Annex beginning this past week. The attached documents show the process and procedure for requesting and scheduling a test. This is a no cost test, by appointment only at 765-884-1343. Results are usually returned between 2-3 days. There have been sixty-one (61) individuals tested at the Benton County testing site.**

- **Symptoms**

- The main signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (corona virus) are as follows:
 - Dry persistent cough and/or shortness of breath with additional signs/symptoms of:

• Fever	• Headache
• Chills	• Sore Throat
• Repeated shaking with chills	• New loss of taste or smell
• Muscle Pain	
- Anyone exhibiting these symptoms should contact their physician for an evaluation.