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MADISON COUNTY AWAITS OVER 50 COVID-19 TEST RESULTS

“The official report, of positive test results, is entered into the database once daily by ISDH. When this report is entered, we are already 2-3 days behind because test results are taking longer than expected”, Stephenie Grimes, Madison County Health Administrator.

Dr, Stephen Wright, Health Officer reminds, “patients who are tested must self-quarantine until results are back”, which poses questions for family members and contacts, who have questions about self-quarantine until results are known. “We field many calls from people and employers asking about self-quarantine, what it means to be tested and ‘assumed positive’. We talk through each situation and determine the best course of action, based upon CDC guidelines”, Stephenie Grimes. “Bottom line, if there is any question, self-quarantine”.

Of the 4,651 individuals tested in Indiana, 645 have tested positive. We anticipate this same ratio of positive tests, for the 50+ results we are currently waiting.

“In the meantime, how many additional people could be exposed by waiting the 2-3 days despite being under ‘quarantine’”? The weather is getting warmer and the tested patients may start to wander Indiana”, Dr. Troy Abbott, Health Board Chair, “and we continue to ask everyone to slow the spread and please Stay At Home” so you are in compliance with Madison County directives”.