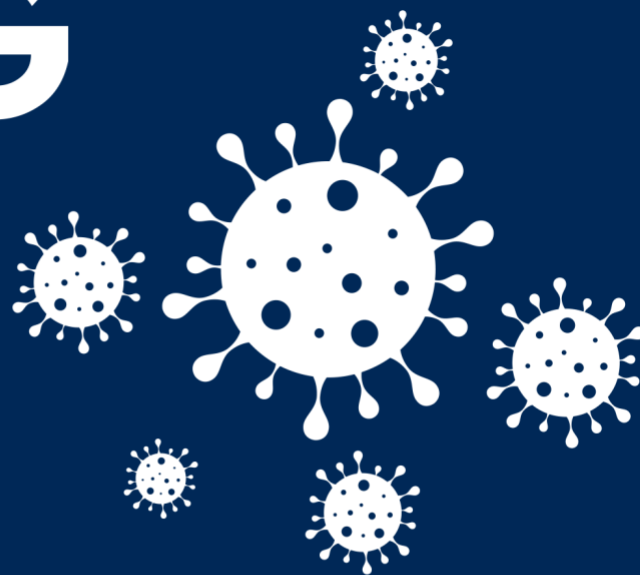


# COVID-19 STATE-BY- STATE CONTACT TRACING

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## COVID-19 Contact Tracing Update – June 3, 2020

### **Introduction:**

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, states and localities have been tasked with identifying ways to slow the spread of this deadly disease. Many have turned to contact tracing as a part of the process of supporting patients and helping to identify and warn of contacts of exposure in order to stop chains of transmission.<sup>1</sup> Some entities have also turned to outside private companies to assist with contact tracing efforts.

Below is a recap of each state's contact tracing efforts, which include whether the entity has tapped the National Guard or an outside private company to assist, how many contact tracers the entity has hired or plans to hire, along with testing guidelines. It is important to note this list and summary is constantly evolving. Also, for a global view, please see [this study](#) from Access Partnership.

### **States:**

#### **Alabama**



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state has at least 85 full-time staff working on contact tracing along with volunteers from medical schools. The state also plans to use Apple and Google's contact tracing technology via a statewide [app](#). (as of 5/28/20)
- [Alabama Department of Public Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Testing is focused toward persons at highest risk for COVID-19, and potential adverse outcomes or concerns regarding infection control (healthcare or long-term care workers), which is consistent with federal guidelines. If a patient does not meet Alabama Department of Public Health's criteria and their physician wishes for them to be tested, the patient's specimen should be tested by a commercial laboratory.

#### **Alaska**



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Each confirmed case has gone through a complete contact tracing process. After the planned hiring surge, there will be 68 contact tracers per 100,000 residents. The

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

state [currently has 145 contact tracers](#) but plans to increase it to 500 as the state opens up. (as of 5/28/20)

- [Alaska Department of Health and Social Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The state of Alaska has expanded testing criteria for COVID-19 and is encouraging anyone who has symptoms to get tested. If persons have new symptoms, even mild ones, that could be COVID-19, they are encouraged to contact their healthcare provider or local Public Health Center.

### Arizona



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state currently completes contact tracing through local health departments; however, Arizona Department of Health Services is implementing a statewide contact tracing resource that can provide additional capacity. Ideally, the state's plan is to have 40 teams with 10-15 people per team. (as of 5/11/20) **No update.**
- [Arizona Department of Health Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The Arizona Testing Blitz offers testing at more than 70 sites throughout the state for anyone who thinks they have been exposed to or infected with COVID-19. This initiative has been occurring every Saturday starting May 2 and was recently extended to May 30.

### Arkansas



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state has deployed [a team of 230](#) public health workers, secured at least 85 volunteers, and expects to hire 350 additional contact tracers as part of its contact tracing efforts. It also recently requested \$22 million from the CARES Act with some of that to be used to hire 85 more full time contact tracers. The Arkansas Department of Health has a plan to quickly identify individuals who have encountered known positive COVID-19 cases, which includes the [SARA Alert](#) that sends daily notifications to individuals identified as a close contact of a COVID-19-positive person. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Arkansas Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - If persons have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath OR if one thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19, they are instructed to call ahead to their healthcare provider or schedule a test at a local health unit.

## California



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Has a statewide goal to hire 20,000 contact tracers. It also has a partnership with the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, San Francisco to provide 20 hours of online and in-person training to the employees selected to be re-deployed. The project intends to train 3,000 new tracers every week through the beginning of July. Another \$18.7 million is being requested to develop a data management platform “alongside the state’s disease surveillance system to support the contact tracing workforce.” Under the plan, they’ll launch a contact tracing technology platform and run a “contact tracing call center.” [Currently](#), the state has more than 2,800 tracers on hand and another 500 who have been trained in recent weeks. [Governor Newsom also announced a partnership with UCSF and UCLA](#) to launch a robust online contact tracing training program. (as of 5/28/20)
- [California Department of Public Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - If one has a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, the person is instructed to call their physician and get tested if they recommend it.

## Colorado



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Colorado’s state public health agency is primarily working to support its county-level contact tracing efforts, and hasn’t set a formal target for number of contact tracers. (as of 5/9/20) **No update.**
- [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - If a person has symptoms that could be COVID-19, getting tested will provide the diagnosis one needs to determine next steps. However, if one works in a care facility, works at a facility with an outbreak, or has been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, it may be advisable to get a test even if there is a lack of symptoms.

## Connecticut



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Under the ContaCT computerized contact tracing system, developed in cooperation with Microsoft, health department staffs and volunteers around the state collect names and locations of recent contacts from people who test positive for COVID-19, and then reach out to people who may have been exposed. [Gov. Ned Lamont](#) said at

a recent news briefing that more than 300 volunteers have been trained to work with health departments on the effort. The state is aiming to have 400 to 500 student volunteers, alongside more than 300 employees. While, the statewide ContaCT system was originally set to be operational by May 18, it will now be operational in all local health departments by [sometime in June](#) and only 55 out of 64 local health departments have access currently. (as of 5/28/20)

- [Connecticut COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Anyone experiencing certain COVID-19 related symptoms and risk factors as defined by CDC guidelines, as well as those who meet certain requirements, including state residency and age guidelines, are eligible for testing.

### Delaware



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Approximately 200 Delawareans will be hired as contact tracers as the state enters into an agreement with NORC at the University of Chicago to build Delaware's statewide contact tracing program. As the State of Delaware scales up its contact tracing operation – 100 members of the [Delaware National Guard are currently working with the Delaware Department of Health](#) to aid in contact tracing. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Delaware Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)

Testing will be prioritized for any symptomatic individual, anyone with known exposure to COVID-19, all long-term care residents and staff, vulnerable Delaware populations (including the elderly and members of low-income communities) and certain front-line essential workers. Some hospital testing sites require that individuals obtain an order or prescription from a health care provider for testing.

### District of Columbia



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The District expects to hire 200 candidates for its Contact Trace Force over the next few weeks in three positions: Supervisors (10), Case Investigators (40), Investigators (150.) They hope to bring on [900 in total](#). (as of 5/12/20) **No update.**
- [DC Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Priority groups for testing:
    - i. Hospitalized patients and healthcare facility workers with COVID-19 symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath.
    - ii. Patients in long-term care facilities with symptoms; patients over the age of 65 with symptoms; patients with underlying conditions like diabetes, heart disease, lung disease who also have symptoms; and first responders with symptoms.

- iii. Critical infrastructure workers with symptoms; individuals who do not meet any of the above categories but have symptoms; healthcare facility workers and first responders; and individuals in detention centers and individuals experiencing homelessness with symptoms.

### Florida



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - According to Florida's Health Department, more than 1,100 individuals, including students, epidemiologists, and other staff from across the Department, are currently involved in contact tracing every positive case of COVID-19 in Florida. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Florida COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Individuals are instructed to contact their doctor or County Health Department if they think they have been exposed to COVID-19, have symptoms, and need to be tested. The doctor or county health official will decide whether one needs to be tested.

### Georgia



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Georgia health officials said it's close to hiring about 1,000 contract tracers. (as of 5/19/20) **No update.**
- [Georgia Department of Public Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The Georgia Department of Public Health recently announced a new online testing request system to streamline COVID-19 testing. If one is evaluating a patient who meets one or more of the following criteria, they must submit a testing request through the online system: Hospitalized patients, any person with symptoms, and the following people without symptoms may be tested as capacity allows. Asymptomatic persons must be tested using a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab (see specimen collection details below): Healthcare workers, first responders, and other critical infrastructure workers who have been exposed to COVID-19 or residents of a long-term care facility or other group residential setting experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19.

### Hawaii



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The governor said the state would work with the University of Hawaii to train as many as 300 people to become contact tracers — finding close contacts to those



who have tested positive for COVID-19 and monitoring them. Right now, there are 80 contact tracers [statewide](#). The state is set to receive [\\$50 million in funding](#) to ramp up contact tracing efforts of which \$2.5 million will go towards a collaboration with the University of Hawaii to train contact tracers. (as of 5/14/20) **No update.**

- [Hawaii Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated priorities for testing patients with suspected COVID-19 infection. High priority includes hospitalized patients, healthcare workers, workers in congregate living settings, first responders with symptoms, residents in long-term care facilities or other congregate settings, including prisons and shelters, with symptoms, and persons identified through public health cluster and selected contact investigations. Priority includes persons with symptoms of potential COVID-19 infection, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea and/or sore throat or other groups or persons prioritized for testing as part of public health investigations or surveillance activities.

## Idaho



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The governor recently announced that Idaho will invest \$7 million from the CARES Act to expand its contact-tracing capabilities, with plans to employ 255 contact tracers statewide. The state is [on its way to having 500 contact tracers](#) according to Governor Little. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Idaho Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Testing for COVID-19 is currently being done on a patient-by-patient basis. Epidemiologists at the local public health districts and the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare are in consultation with healthcare providers and will facilitate testing for the sickest and those with the highest risk of infection. Since influenza is still widely circulating and has similar symptoms, rapid flu tests will generally be recommended to rule out flu before proceeding with COVID-19 testing.

## Illinois



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The governor said Illinois needs to hire 3,800 tracers and estimates the state's program will cost \$80 million. Additionally, he recently [unveiled](#) the details of a new contact tracing system that would be launched within the next few weeks. The state [received](#) approximately \$286 million in funding to bolster its contact tracing and testing efforts, and Mayor Lightfoot of Chicago plans to allocate another [\\$56 million](#) to expand the contact tracing program to 600 people. (as of 5/28/20)

- [Illinois Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Testing at community-based testing sites is now available for people who: Have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath and fever) or have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19 or a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition. Testing at community-based testing sites is also available for those with or without symptoms who: work in a healthcare facility; work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons; work as a government employee; serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, or firefighters; or support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare, and sanitation.

### Indiana



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state hired more than 500 people to trace the contacts of those who tested positive for COVID-19. Indiana recently signed a [\\$42 million contract with Maximus](#) to set up contact tracing call centers. Purdue University Global also announced it would be offering a [free online training course](#) in contact tracing. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Indiana Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Healthcare providers may order a test for any patient who needs one based on their clinical evaluation. The Indiana State Department of Health will continue to focus on testing close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 positive patients when it is imperative that the contact continues to work and/or have close contact with at-risk populations and highest-risk residents even if they don't have symptoms. Those individuals include: Anyone who is admitted to the hospital whose physician is concerned that their symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, symptomatic healthcare workers (inpatient, outpatient, nursing home, and other long-term service facilities) and first responders who provide direct care to at-risk patients, as well as symptomatic long-term care facility residents or staff who have direct contact with patients, persons experiencing homelessness, patients who expire with suspected COVID-19 symptoms, patients and staff at correctional facilities, patients age 65 and older with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or patients with underlying health conditions with symptoms of COVID-19, including lung or heart disease, or who are immunocompromised, obese or pregnant women.

## Iowa



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The governor has said the state is ramping up its contact tracing efforts. The task has been assigned to dozens of staff members from the departments of public health and human services, and it is training more than 150 National Guard members to help. Nearly 900 soldiers have been tapped to assist with the state's coronavirus efforts. (as of 5/7/20) **No update.**
- [Iowa COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The following should get a test: Hospitalized patients (of any age) with a fever or respiratory illness for diagnosis or any hospitalized patient prior to discharge to a long-term care facility or other nursing care facility; older adults (> 60 years of age) with a fever or respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing) and chronic medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, or chronic kidney disease); persons of any age with a fever or respiratory illness who lives in a congregate setting (i.e., long-term care facilities, dormitories, residential facilities, correctional facilities, treatment facilities); healthcare workers, essential services personnel, first responders or critical infrastructure workers with a fever or respiratory illness (e.g., healthcare worker, fire, EMS, law enforcement, residential facility staff, food supply and water plant operators); and, children receiving care in as well as staff working in childcare homes and childcare centers with a fever or respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing) without alternative diagnosis.

## Kansas



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Has plans to hire 400 volunteer contact tracers plus 20 medical students but right now, is relying heavily on cellphone data and online apps as part of its contact tracing efforts. Individual counties have also [announced](#) efforts to recruit more contact tracers. Currently, the state has roughly 220 contact tracers. (as of 5/17/20) **No update.**
- [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The Kansas Department of Health and the Environment will only test symptomatic individuals who are referred by a healthcare provider. There are also four known private reference labs that are doing testing.

## Kentucky



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state plans to train and hire close to 700 new contact tracers and investigators using federal COVID-19 relief funds over the next 7 months. The governor [appointed](#) a person in the Office of the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Service to lead the contact tracing efforts. (as of 5/18/20) An online tracking system, which [underwent](#) a soft launch but is not quite ready to go live, will be used to record information about anyone exposed, "conduct outreach, and monitor wellness." (as of 5/28/20)
- [Kentucky Department for Public Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Testing is available for both those with and without symptoms at various locations. Many county health departments offer testing with or without an appointment, but some require persons to meet the CDC testing requirements. The full list of counties can be found [here](#).

## Louisiana



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The governor signed contracts to set up two call centers that will be filled entirely with Louisiana-born agents. The call centers will be based in Lafayette and New Orleans and the training for the contact tracers will be handled by Louisiana State University's Stephenson Disaster Management Institute. (as of 5/14/20) The governor [said](#) 450 people have been hired to do the work. The state has pegged the number of contact tracers it needs at about 700, but officials say they will scale up to that number if needed. The Edwards administration says it plans to pay around \$15 million to \$20 million in federal dollars to four companies to hire contact tracers. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Louisiana Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines:](#)
  - Louisiana has many public and private [testing facilities](#). Of these, most of the public health centers require a patient to meet the CDC guidelines for testing or at least be symptomatic, but do not require an appointment.

## Maine



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Gov. Janet Mills [announced](#) a 3-part contact tracing strategy. They will be expanding their personnel to include 50 trained volunteers and 125 contracted staff. Main will be implementing the Sara Alert system, which allows individuals who have been diagnosed or potentially exposed to COVID-19 to report daily symptoms through

web, text, email, or calls. They will also establish Community Action Programs (CAPs), which will offer individuals in isolation or quarantine social supports such as delivered meals, prescriptions, and behavioral health counseling. (as of 5/28/20)

- [Maine COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines:](#)
  - As of May 19, the [state is only testing people with one or more symptoms](#) of COVID-19 or people who do not have symptoms but may be in an area where a risk of an outbreak is high or are healthcare workers who may be in close contact with infected persons. Testing must be ordered by a clinician.

### Maryland



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Gov. Larry Hogan [announced](#) that Maryland’s contact tracing operation across all 24 jurisdictions will be “fully operational” the week of 5/25. The state says it is now on track to have more than 1,400 case investigators statewide after the governor announced a contract with the National Opinion Research Center to hire and train more investigators to contact trace COVID-19 cases. The Maryland Department of Information Technology and the Maryland Department of Health have also partnered to develop COVID Link, a data management platform to “facilitate the state’s contact tracing partnership with local officials.” The platform was onboard earlier in May as a pilot program in Baltimore City, rolled out to additional counties including Prince George’s County and Anne Arundel County, and is set to be fully operational in all 24 jurisdictions next week. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Maryland Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Maryland is asking only patients who exhibit symptoms and are at high risk (older, underlying conditions) to obtain a test.

### Massachusetts



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative is the result of a partnership between the state of Massachusetts’ Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and nonprofit Partners in Health, where more than 1,700 individuals have been deployed throughout the state to trace the contacts of all confirmed positive COVID-19 patients. In addition to this, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that it would be partnering with [the](#) private sector to set up support centers. The governor has allotted \$44 million for contact tracing. (as of 5/18/20) **No update.**
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)

- Massachusetts is recommending seeing a health provider about testing if someone has symptoms or has been in contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19. There are sites specifically for public safety personnel as well as mobile testing sites for people at long-term care or assisted living facilities.

### Michigan



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced the launch of a large-scale effort expanding contact tracing capacity through a public-private partnership, with roughly 2,200 to 3,500 trained volunteers out of a pool of 7,000 total volunteers to aid local staff and 130 state agency staff in contact tracing. Specifically, the state is recruiting volunteers with a background in public health, health care fields, or community organizing. The state also partnered with Rock Connections, LLC and Deloitte for contact tracer management. (as of 5/9/2-)
- [Michigan Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - If a person thinks they may have been exposed to COVID-19, they are instructed to monitor themselves for symptoms. If they experience symptoms, they must go to their healthcare provider who will determine whether one should be tested.

### Minnesota



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state currently has about 400 contact tracers, but stated it hopes to have 1,400 by June. (as of 5/18/20) **No update.**
- [Minnesota Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - People should get tested if they are displaying symptoms and in certain cases, such as where an outbreak is occurring, the Minnesota Department of Health may recommend testing for those who do not have symptoms.

### Mississippi



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Mississippi has plans to add 20 workers to its contact tracing team and will not meet the estimated need of 30 workers per 100,000 people. Recently, Mississippi received a [\\$6.5 million dollar grant](#) for to increase testing and contact tracing capabilities. **No update.**
- [Mississippi Department of Health](#)

- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Before being tested, people must be screened for likelihood of infection using the [C-Spire Health](#) smartphone app, or it can be done by talking on the phone to a clinician. Testing is available by appointment only, but those deemed high risk will be given next day appointments.

### Missouri



- *Contact Tracing*
  - Commissioner of Higher Education Zora Mulligan announced plans to work with colleges and universities to recruit contact tracers, using [nursing students completing clinical](#) hours as contact tracers. St. Louis. Contact tracing protocols vary by county as of May 4, when Governor Parson released the [“Show Me Strong Recovery Plan.”](#) **No update.**
  - **Kansas City** is [reporting](#) seven full time tracers, five more are being hired and there is additional staff of 12 people. Based on the city’s population, they will need 75-150 contact tracers. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Missouri Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The state recommends testing of symptomatic and asymptomatic people, but some testing locations may require a physician’s referral or recommendation. Private testing facilities are being used in conjunction with state labs to meet demand.

### Montana



- *Contact Tracing*
  - Montana recently got [\\$5 million from Federal Cares Act](#) to help bolster contact tracing. NO further data on how many contact tracing employees the state has. (as of 4/28/20) **No update.**
- [Montana Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Individuals who feel they may have COVID-19 based on the CDC symptom guidelines should contact their healthcare provider to see if they should be tested; private and public testing facilities are in use.

### Navajo Nation



- *Contact Tracing*
  - Has roughly 80 contact tracers and is requesting more workers and funding. Several Members of Congress are pushing for more funding to assist with actions like contact tracing during the coronavirus pandemic. A Navajo Epidemiology Chief [notes](#) contact tracing will be difficult because so many are without a phone;

however, a contact tracing training program is [underway](#). Native tribes as a whole received \$8 million from the federal CARES Act, but the [Navajo Nation is suing](#) because they have to share that money with for profit Alaska Natives corporations, how much aid the Navajo Nation actually receives to aid in contact tracing and testing remains to be seen. (as of 5/8/20) **No update.**

- [Navajo Nation Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Navajo Nation is capable of [testing onsite](#), and protocols vary by site. There have been large testing efforts as of May 17<sup>th</sup>, ranking third highest testing rate per capita after New York and Louisiana.

### Nebraska



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The governor challenged the state's Department of Health and Human Services to mobilize 1,000 individuals to help with contact tracing efforts. So far, the state has trained [277 additional state employees](#) to assist with contact tracing efforts of local public health agencies. (as of 5/14/20) **No update.**
- [Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Testing is prioritized for hospitalized patients, and patients from vulnerable and high-risk groups (nursing homes, group homes, daycares, public safety, and healthcare workers).

### Nevada



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Nevada currently only has 2.5 contact tracers per 100,000 people. (as of 5/16/20) Nevada has been awarded \$88.9 million in grant funding to enhance COVID testing and contact tracing. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Nevada Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - If an individual has traveled to an affected area within the last 14 days or have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, they are instructed to contact their health care provider. In order to prevent health care facilities throughout Nevada from being inundated with calls and patients arriving at their locations without prior appointments, local health districts are urging residents to only contact your medical professional if it is a serious situation.



## New Hampshire



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - New Hampshire recently received \$61 million from the latest relief bill to increase testing and contact tracing capabilities. 50 to 60 contact tracers from the Department of Health were added to the state team of [70 from the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control](#) in March, but the two major cities each have their own public health departments that conduct their own investigations, so the total number is uncertain (as of 4/20/20). **No update.**
- [New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - If one develops a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, they should call ahead to their healthcare professional. The healthcare professional will determine if they need to be tested for COVID-19. [Pharmacists](#) in New Hampshire can now administer COVID-19 tests, under a new executive order from Gov. Chris Sununu.

## New Jersey



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Governor Persichilli has said New Jersey will likely need 1,000 to 5,000 more people to assist with contact tracing efforts to stamp out future outbreaks. Many of them will likely be recruited through the state's public universities, including the Rutgers School of Public Health, as well as staffing agencies. (as of 5/28/20)
- [New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Testing is prioritized for health care workers and first responders, personnel in congregate living settings, those who have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, and individuals who are experiencing CDC-recognized symptoms of COVID-19.

## New Mexico



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state needs at least 670 people for telephone debriefings to effectively trace contacts involving infections and is currently accepting applications for over 200 positions, according to the governor. (as of 5/22/20)
- [New Mexico Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The following individuals may now be considered for COVID-19 testing: asymptomatic people who are close contacts or household members of New Mexico residents who have already tested positive for the coronavirus; asymptomatic residents in nursing

homes. Asymptomatic people in congregant settings like homeless shelters, group homes, detention centers; symptomatic people displaying the COVID-19 symptoms of cough, fever or shortness of breath.

## New York



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - New York State has partnered with Bloomberg Philanthropies, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Vital Strategies to create the NYS Contact Tracing Program. New York plans to add as many as 17,000 contact tracers through a partnership with former Mayor Mike Bloomberg, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Resolve to Save Lives, headed by former CDC Director Tom Frieden. [New York City](#) is partnering with Salesforce to build the city's coronavirus contact tracing program, designed to track and test contacts of anyone who tests positive for COVID-19. Salesforce will deploy a call center as well as a customer relationship and case management system that will help the city track potential cases and isolate people before they become sick, he said. [New York](#) is also reaching out to the public to be trained as contact tracers. (as of 5/28/20)
- [New York Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The NY Department of Health has revised guidance to increase testing for frontline workers, including all first responders, health care workers, and essential employees who interact with the public, while continuing to prioritize resources. Drive-thru testing is by appointment only. An online assessment is available to screen symptoms and register for testing.

## North Carolina



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state currently has 250 contact tracers and has recently the launched the AWARE Contact Tracing [Exchange, a partnership between artificial intelligence \(AI\) technology company Diveplane and IoT integration solution provider Knowmadics, IT infrastructure & solution provider Iron Bow Technologies.](#) (as of 5/27/20)
- [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should consider getting tested. The Department of Health has issued updated guidance on who should be tested for COVID-19. The new guidance recommends that clinicians test any patient in whom COVID-19 is suspected.

## North Dakota



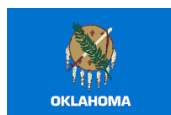
- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - North and South Dakota have has partnered to develop an app, called CARE19, utilizing Apple and Google’s contact tracing technology. However, fewer than 34,000 North Dakotans have signed up for the app so far. The company is now facing accusations regarding privacy intrusion. (as of 5/21/20)
- [North Dakota Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - People are being asked to contact their healthcare providers to determine whether or not they should be tested. They recommend contacting healthcare providers remotely before visiting.

## Ohio



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state hopes to have [2,000 contact tracers](#) and has partnered with Boston-based non-profit Partners in Health. (as of 5/26/20)
- [Ohio Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The state continues to emphasize testing of patients who are most severely ill, patients who are moderately ill with a high risk of complications – such as those who are elderly and those with serious medical issues – and individuals who are critical to providing care and service to those who are ill.

## Oklahoma



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Currently, there are 350 people with at least another 500 hired, where health officials announced earlier this month a goal to reach 1,200 contact tracers. The Oklahoma Army and [National Guard](#) are getting involved in the contact tracing effort. (as of 5/28/20)
- [Oklahoma Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - COVID-19 testing is open to everyone; people no longer need to exhibit symptoms to be tested for COVID-19.

## Oregon



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Oregon's current contact tracing [plan](#) is to hire [15 full time contact tracers for every 100,000 residents in the state](#). Additionally, the state is partnering with universities to conduct to track, test and map the COVID-19 symptoms of 100,000 Oregonians over the course of a year. (as of 5/27/20)
- [Oregon Health Authority](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - People are being asked to contact their healthcare providers in order to determine whether or not they should be tested. They recommend contacting healthcare providers remotely before visiting.

## Pennsylvania



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The Governor has announced that it is ramping up a new contact tracing program which would enlist citizens who have gone through the [training course at HACC](#), but according to the health department website there are currently [only 150 contact tracers in place](#). (as of 6/1/20)
- [Pennsylvania Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - People are being asked to contact their healthcare providers in order to determine whether they should be tested.

## Rhode Island



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state recently unveiled contact tracing app, Crush COVID, that will be used by state health experts to conduct contact tracing and better understand the spread of COVID-19. The state is entered into a [six month contract with Salesforce](#) to develop the app that allows citizens to share vital information such as location and symptoms, and Salesforce agreed to do support for the app free of charge. According to a representative of the Department of Health, there are currently about 100 human contact tracers, but it is constantly changing (as of 6/1/20)
- [Rhode Island Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The Rhode Island Department of Health recommends that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

## South Carolina



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state has employed more than 1,800 contact tracers and has begun to implement an app using the Apple/Google API. (as of 5/28/20)
- [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Those who show symptoms are asked to call their healthcare provider, who will evaluate whether they should receive testing. If they meet the criteria for testing, DHEC will help arrange testing with their healthcare provider.

## South Dakota



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - North and South Dakota have has partnered to develop an app, called CARE19, utilizing Apple and Google's contact tracing technology. It is entirely voluntary to download and so far, the SD DOH has not had a COVID-19 case in which the infected individual reported using the Care19 app. The company is now facing accusations regarding privacy intrusion. (as of 5/26/20)
- [South Carolina Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - People are being asked to contact their doctors in order to determine whether or not they should be tested. Testing is recommended for people who have had symptoms.

## Tennessee



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Tennessee now has more than 500 contact tracers making calls daily throughout the state. (as of 5/26/20)
- [Tennessee COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - The governor has announced free COVID-19 testing will be available for any Tennessean, regardless of traditional symptoms.

## Texas



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Governor Abbott has awarded nearly \$300 million to the MTX group to manage contact tracing in the state. The governor has [planned](#) to bring on at least 4,000 tracers. (as of 5/26/20)
- [Texas Health and Human Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - People are being asked to contact their doctors to determine whether they should be tested.

## Utah



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - More than 1,000 state employees volunteered to become contact tracers, and 150 or so have been trained so far. [More than 45,000 people](#) have signed up for Utah's contact tracing app, Healthy Together, built by social media start-up Twenty. (as of 5/19/20)
- [Utah Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Currently, anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms could be tested for COVID-19.

## Vermont



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Currently, currently has 53 trained contact tracers and is implementing a plan to train additional tracers as needed. Contact tracing staff will [engage](#) with cases and their contacts using SARA Alert technology, a text-based monitoring system, enabling the state to handle 300-900 cases and their contacts per week under this new strategy. (as of 5/19/20)
- [Vermont Public Health Response](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Anyone without symptoms can now be tested at a pop-up location. Health care workers, first responders and childcare providers are encouraged to get tested. People who are returning to Vermont, and who are at day 7 or later in their quarantine period, can also be tested. People must sign up for a testing time and location before going.

## Virginia



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The Virginia Department of Health is working to hire 1,300 total contact tracers and supervisors to boost local health districts' workforces examining who is been exposed to the virus. They are working with a large number of communities at the moment and are close to executing contracts for expanded contact tracing work, more test kits, and will use Apple's API system. (as of 6/1/20)
- [Virginia Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Individuals are encouraged to contact their doctor if you have symptoms and want to be tested for COVID-19.

## Washington



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state has trained more than 2,100 people to work as contact tracers with about 630 employees of local and state health departments working on the task. The state has also trained 723 members of the National Guard and 769 employees of the state Department of Licensing to help. The state is also considering the implementation of a contact tracing [phone application](#). (as of 5/26/20)
- [Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Testing is being limited to those who are showing symptoms. Officials are encouraging the use of an online self-assessment developed by Providence and Microsoft.

## West Virginia



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The governor said that West Virginia University's School of Public Health and the state Department of Health and Human Resources are partnering to recruit and train contact tracers, including members of the National Guard. The state is in the second phase of training workers through a 14-hour, free, online training course, which became available on May 18th. Experts say the state needs roughly 300 individuals to conduct contact tracing. (as of 5/24/20)
- [West Virginia Department of Health & Human Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Similar to other states, many of West Virginia testing facilities are prioritizing testing for individuals who are symptomatic.

## Wisconsin



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - Governor Evers has declared that \$75 million of the nearly \$2 billion federal allotment would be used towards expanding contact tracing and achieving the state's goal of hiring 1,000 contact tracers. (as of 5/25/20)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Wisconsin provides an online health screening assessment that individuals can fill out if they are experiencing symptoms and afterwards, they will be contacted by a health practitioner.

## Wyoming



- [Contact Tracing](#)
  - The state has received \$50.4 million in federal funding to be allocated towards testing and contact tracing, and there were about 50 contact [tracers in Wyoming as of May 3.](#)
- [Wyoming COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Testing Guidelines](#)
  - Health care providers have been asked to limit the testing they send to public labs. People considered for high priority and priority for testing include people showing symptoms or asymptomatic people prioritized for public health monitoring, sentinel surveillance, or screening of other asymptomatic individuals according to state and local plans.