

# Knox Public Health

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1.) We are no longer listing the total number of specimens submitted for testing on the details chart. There has been an increase in testing sites, such as urgent cares, walk-in clinics at pharmacies, LTC facilities, healthcare providers, out-of-county colleges, etc. These testing sites are not required to inform Knox Public Health of the number of COVID-19 tests they conduct on Knox County residents. We are only hearing about the "positive tests" not the negative tests. Thus, we feel the number we were providing did not give an accurate picture of those being tested and thus skews the positivity rate which is derived from the total number of tests divided by the number of positive tests.

2.) The term "recovered" has been replaced with "isolation complete" in the status column on the detail chart. We feel that "isolation complete" better explains the actual status of the individuals: they are no longer being isolated and thus, not considered contagious. Before, when we were using "recovered," it basically meant that the individual was out of quarantine and no longer showing symptoms. After further discussion, we felt it was just too general of a term. Actual recovery may take weeks or months.

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