

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Freeze Warning until 9 a.m. Cloudy morning with snow showers. Partly cloudy with a rain shower chance in the afternoon.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and frosty.
HIGH: 45 LOW: 26



91-year-old veteran defeats COVID-19 at Riverview Health



On Friday, April 10, Riverview Health discharged Gerald Hyndman, a 91-year-old Vietnam and Korean war veteran, who recently beat COVID-19. He was admitted to Riverview Health on March 10 after testing positive for COVID-19. He spent 10 days on Med/Surg and in ICU. He was eventually moved to Acute Rehab where his stay was extended another 10 days. Hyndman beat all odds, and after testing negative for the virus, was able to go home to spend Easter weekend with his family.

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Brainard urges everyone to wear face masks in public

The REPORTER

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard is strongly urging all who are in public to wear face coverings.

Brainard is also urging employers to request all front-line employees wear face masks and be tested for the COVID-19 virus. Testing is a very important part of preventing the spread of the virus. Identifying those asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 will allow them to self-quarantine for the recommended 14-day period, further reducing the spread of the virus.

It has been recommended by physicians that wearing face coverings can help slow the spread of COVID-19. While homemade masks are not rated to stop all airborne particles, experts suggest that the reduction of the spread of droplets that occurs when a face covering is worn does

reduce the distance these droplets can travel, therefore reducing the likelihood of one coming into contact with the virus.

Brainard requests those out shopping for necessary items at essential businesses such as grocery stores, hardware stores, pharmacies, restaurants and others interacting with the public wear face coverings. In addition,



Brainard

businesses should also request that food and product delivery persons, private shelf-stockers and mail/package carriers (UPS, FedEx, USPS, Amazon, etc.) wear masks while in those essential businesses.

Physical distancing and hand washing are still recommended precautions even when a face covering is worn. Staying at home, washing your hands for at least 20 seconds, physical distancing of six feet or more, wearing

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Noblesville Schools offers internet access during eLearning

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools is providing free, 24-hour, high-speed wireless access to Noblesville Schools students, faculty and staff who may not have internet connectivity due to COVID-19-related school, library and business closures.

Parking Lot Hotspots

Noblesville Schools has set up "lot hotspots" so users can maintain social distancing while accessing the internet from their cars.

Wireless internet is now operational in the parking lot at all Noblesville Schools with the exception of Hazel Dell (due to ongoing construction). The service provides the full range of internet usage from an individual's district-issued device, allowing people to view websites, download materials, and login to instructional or conferencing programs.

Please click on [this link](#) for a map showing where access is available at each school.

For health and safety as well as to provide the service to all who need it, Noblesville Schools asks that people using the Wi-Fi lot hotspots do the following:

- Stay inside cars and remain on site only as long as necessary.
- Turn off vehicle engines to save gas and reduce emissions.
- Never leave children unattended in the vehicles.

Every Miller Connected: Wireless Hotspots

Noblesville Schools is now offering a limited number of free wireless hotspot devices to families who have limited or no internet access at home.

Every Miller Connected is a program sponsored by Noblesville Schools. It gives students with the greatest need the opportunity to borrow a free "hotspot" for use during the school year.

Mobile hotspots allow free access to the internet. Multiple students can sign

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County officials continue to say "no" on additional COVID-19 data

Hamilton County health officials have tightly controlled access to information related to COVID-19, providing some data but refusing to share other, even when requested. The county continues to cite HIPAA as the reasoning.

After repeated requests from the Reporter for more localized data, Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger said the county has issued a request for the governor's office to



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Publisher's Perspective

make a statement on what can be released.

I'm not real certain what Steve expects Holcomb to say. HIPAA is a federal law. And, Indiana officials have been much more transparent, apparently not as concerned about the data they are releasing violating HIPAA.

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health issued new, more detailed demographics, which now include age, gender, race and ethnicity.

Public left in the dark on Health Board meeting

The Hamilton County Health Board will hold its quarterly meeting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 16. The meeting will be conducted virtually.

The health board continues its lack of transparency by not providing instructions to the public on how to view the virtual meeting. Hamilton County officials did say, "The public may email questions to health@hamiltoncounty.in.gov by 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 15."

The board gave no indication on when it would provide answers to the public's emails.

State COVID-19 demographic data are available on Pages 3-4.

The state also provided data from hospitals on percentages of ICU beds available and ventilator usage.

Hamilton County officials say, at the advice of

the same state officials, they cannot release the data on a local level.

Looking at how other

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Westfield student earns prestigious Luddy Scholarship

The REPORTER

Lucas Snyder, a student at Westfield High School, has been named one of the first recipients of the Luddy Scholarship, the most prestigious scholarship awarded by the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering at Indiana University.

Luddy Scholars are afforded exclusive opportunities to interact with tech leaders, faculty and alumni who will help students build their networks while enabling the next generation of STEM leaders create transformative solutions who will change the world. Luddy Scholars also

enjoy programs featuring tech visionaries from strategic locations around the United States.

In addition to his stellar academic achievement, Snyder was selected due to his community service, his volunteer work, especially his time volunteering with the Merciful Help Center community. Snyder plans to major in intelligent systems engineering at Luddy.

The program was established in 2019 as part of a gift from IU alumnus and founder and chairman of the board of ServiceNow, Fred Luddy. Luddy's \$60 million gift – the second-largest private

donation in the history of Indiana University – sought to invest in the people of the Luddy School and the students of the state of Indiana. The Luddy Scholars program supports high-achieving Hoosier students who earn a minimum grade point average of 3.8 and a Scholastic Aptitude Test score of at least 1,410 or an ACT score of at least 32.

"We're tremendously excited to welcome the first recipients of the Luddy Scholarship," said Dennis Groth, interim dean of the Luddy School. "Our students will be the technology innovators of tomorrow, and the Luddy

Scholars will take on a leadership role at our school as an example of what can be accomplished through determination and a willingness to discover new solutions to the problems that impact our daily lives. They will showcase the best that the Hoosier state has to offer in technology."

About the Luddy School

Established in 2000, the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering is one of the broadest of its kind. Blending the fields of computer science, informatics, intelligent systems engineering, information and library science, and data science,

the Luddy School is home to more than 3,000 students from the United States and around the world. The forward-looking School's faculty are world-renowned experts in their respective fields and lead the way in critical areas such as artificial intelligence, bioinformatics, high performance computing, programming languages, security, healthcare, human-computer interaction, computer engineering, bioengineering and AI-driven-engineering. Computer and information sciences research expenditures are ranked 12th in the country.



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4-H'ers can take part in monthly Photo Challenge

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Come join the fun of the 4-H Photo to Challenge. It is open to all youth grades 3 through 12 using a different theme each month.

Take photos that fit the monthly theme. Submit entries online at bit.ly/hamco4hcameracorp by the last day of the month. "Judges Pick" and "People's Choice" winners will be posted monthly on social media.

Monthly themes for 2020 include: April – Spring has Sprung; May – Simplicity; June – Bold Beauty; July – Let Freedom Ring; August – Fairs, Festivals,



Fun; September – Community (Black and White); October – Sunset to Sunrise; November – Occupations; December – Holiday Happenings.

Learn tips for taking good photos by visiting the Purdue Extension Hamilton County website at extension.purdue.edu/hamilton. For more information about the photo challenge contact Program Assistant Erin Allen at allen563@purdue.edu.

gloves and covering one's face are all ways to help slow the spread of this deadly virus traveling the globe.

Brainard released the following statement:

"I am strongly urging the public to wear face masks or face coverings of some type when they are out away from their homes. State law does not give mayors the authority to order all to wear face coverings during this crisis. It is so important that we take every precaution to stop the spread of COVID-19, especially as we pass into what many are predicting is the worst time for Indiana.

"I strongly urge everyone who is a frontline worker to consider their safety and the safety of others by adding a face covering to the list of things they are

doing to better protect our community. We need to remember how easily this virus can spread and take seriously the warnings from the medical community about flattening the curve so that our healthcare workers are not overwhelmed and so that our scientific community can create ways for us to battle COVID-19.

"I thank you all for your diligence in this battle. We are going to come out of this crisis a stronger and more resilient community. I am touched by the ways people are helping each other and lifting our spirits during this time of physical distancing. Many are finding that keeping their distance physically does NOT mean we can't find unique and entertaining ways to connect socially and I applaud everyone for that."

on to a single hotspot, so students within a family are asked to coordinate use. Both the device and monthly service fees are fully paid by the district. The program is intended to help district students access online resources at home to ensure educational equity.

To ensure peace of mind for parents, these devices use internet content filtering and browsing history is recorded. Only one device may be borrowed per household.

Please follow [this link](#) to learn more.

COVID-19 Home Wireless Access

To qualify for the services listed below, families would need to be a part of the school free/reduced lunch program.

Charter/Spectrum

- Two free months of internet for qualified families; no cancellation fees: 1-844-488-8395.
- Access to Spectrum hotspots for free for anyone:

spectrum.com/wifi-hotspots

Comcast

- Two free months of internet for qualified families; no cancellation fees: internetessentials.com
- Access to Xfinity hotspots for free for anyone: wifi.xfinity.com

AT&T

- \$10 per month plans for qualified families. [Click here.](#)
- Increasing hotspot data by 15GB on unlimited plans
- Access public Wi-Fi hotspots for free

Verizon

- Offering new internet options for low-income households
- Adding 15 GB of data to customers

T-Mobile/Sprint

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Metronet

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.





What's new for 2020?

The Atlas Cross Sport.



All **Atlas Cross Sport** models come with a touchscreen infotainment display with both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration. Navigation is optional, as is a reconfigurable digital gauge display and SiriusXM satellite radio. The Volkswagen Car-Net connectivity app allows for remote starting and analytics while a 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot allows occupants to remain connected to the internet with their smart devices while on the go.

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government agencies throughout our nation have handled COVID-19 data and HIPAA, you further see the lack of transparency from Hamilton County officials.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster said at a press conference last week, "We believe this is important information for the people. We want the people to know what we are facing."

In other states, including California, Minnesota, Georgia and Iowa, county or state officials have named the care facilities with outbreaks or positive cases. Tennessee is working on releasing the names of the facilities where staff members test positive. Several government health organizations report COVID-19 data by zip code.

Indiana's Health Commissioner Kristina Box announced the number of deaths that occurred at an Anderson nursing home. Box specifically identified the nursing home as Bethany Pointe Health Campus.

Adam Marshall, an attorney with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press has been tracking records and access issues across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic. Marshall was quoted saying, "Many state and local governments have cited the federal health care privacy law – known as HIPAA – to withhold documents, but it doesn't apply. Public officials just throwing HIPAA around like it's a magic wand are not correct. The more data a government releases, the more the public can understand its response to the ongoing health emergency."

Attorney Amanda Martin, with the law firm Stevens Martin Vaughn & Tadych, addressed the issue in an email she sent to reporters earlier this week as part of a regular series of updates on open government laws. In her letter Martin said, "Remember that release of de-identified information or aggregated data does not violate HIPAA."

If you measure the importance of data at a local level, by the number of emails and phone calls I have received supporting the Reporter's push for more transparency, Hamilton County people want more from county officials.

Why?

If you have a loved one in a local nursing home, wouldn't you want to know? Maybe, if that nursing home was a hot spot for COVID-19, and your loved one was lucky enough to remain virus free, wouldn't you consider moving them to another facility or arranging home healthcare?

Coronavirus will have a financial impact on every government entity in the county. An educated public will be better at understanding the effect of COVID-19 on their community's financial resources.

If you knew the number of ICU beds and ventilators available at local hospitals, wouldn't you be able to make a more informed decision on which hospital you would choose if you get sick?

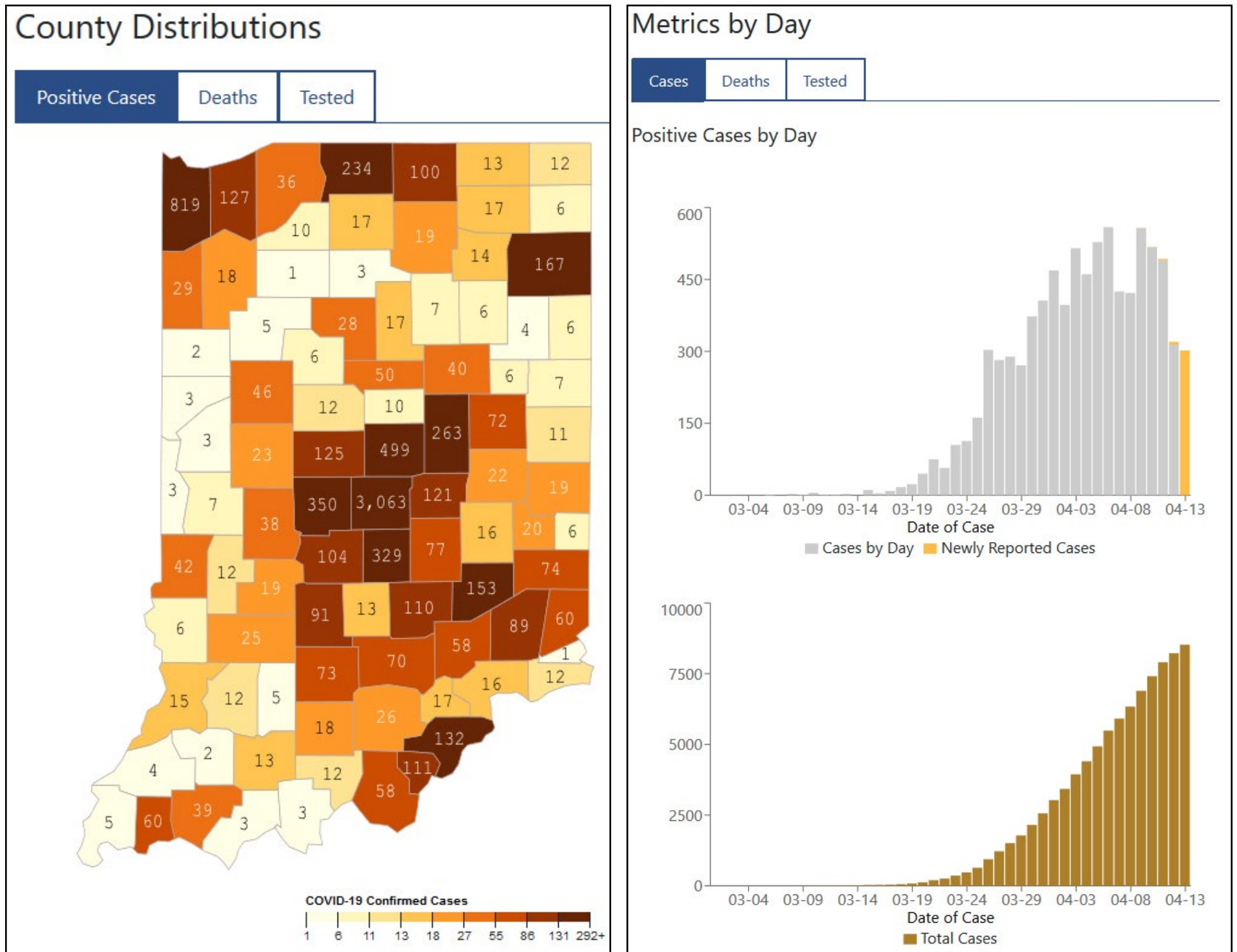
Finally, people just want to know. They want to see the overall impact on their community. They see data the state is releasing and simply don't understand why the same data cannot be produced on a local level. They are not buying into the county's HIPAA response.

At some point we will reach the apex at a county level. That apex may not necessarily reflect an individual community.

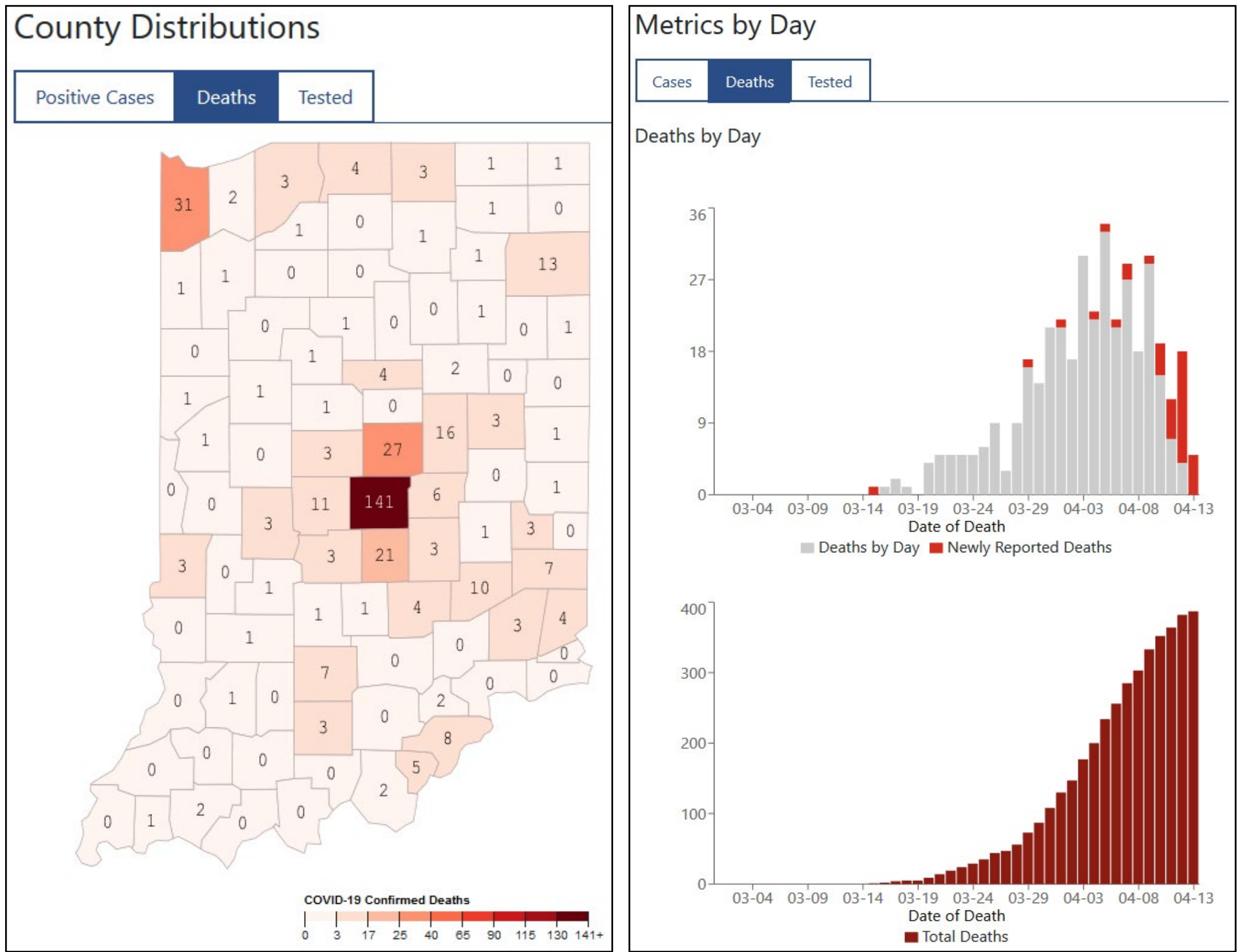
I've had a few people tell me it is their right to know. I don't think so, but certainly, in my opinion, the more informed a community is, the better the community becomes at making decisions that could save lives.



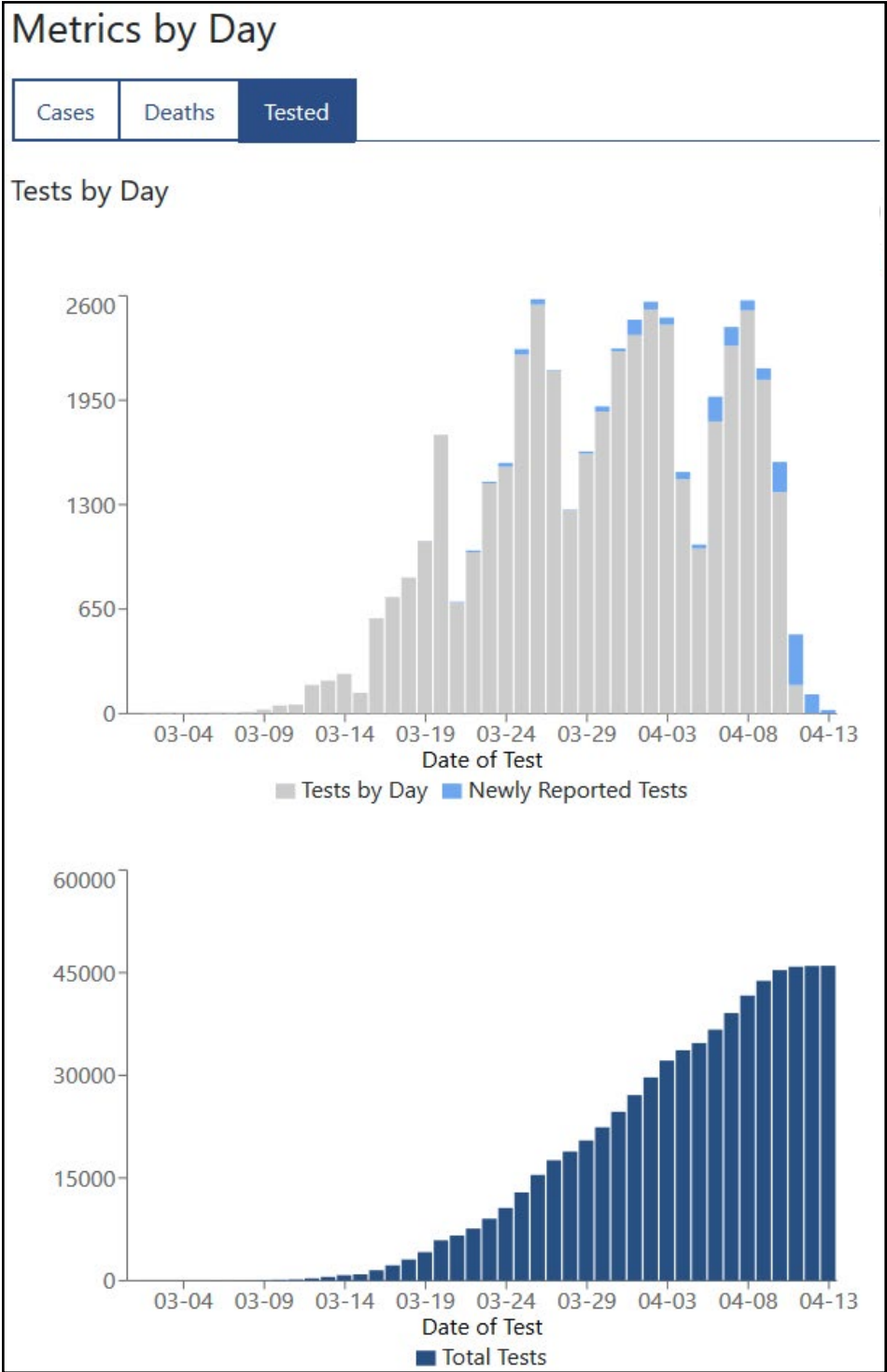
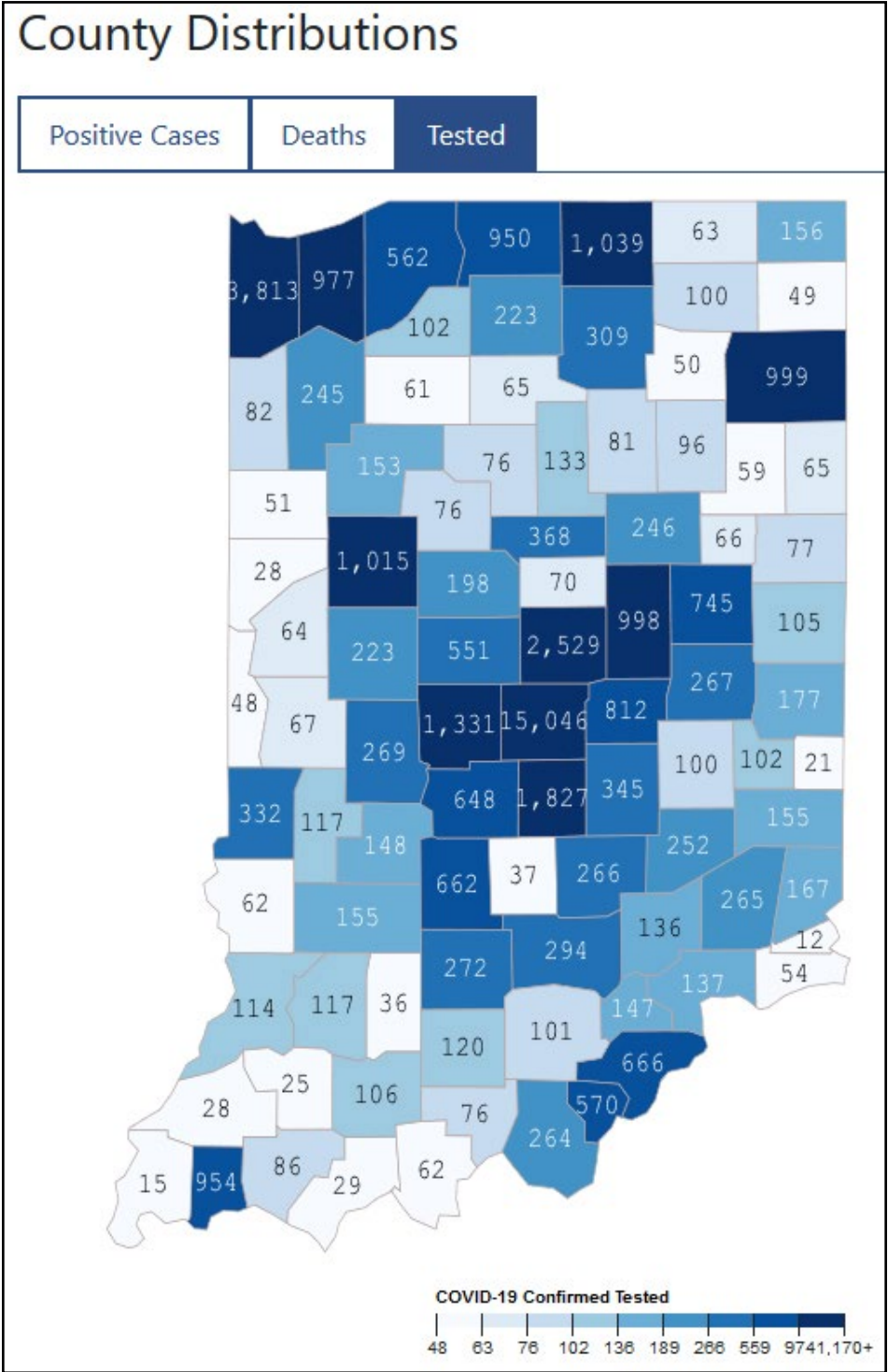
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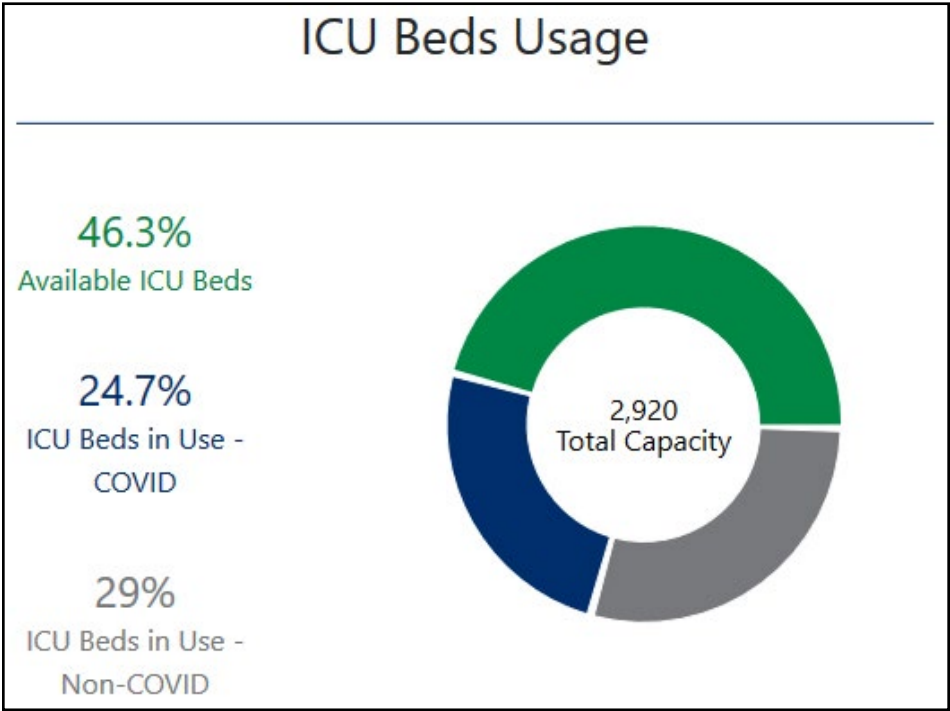
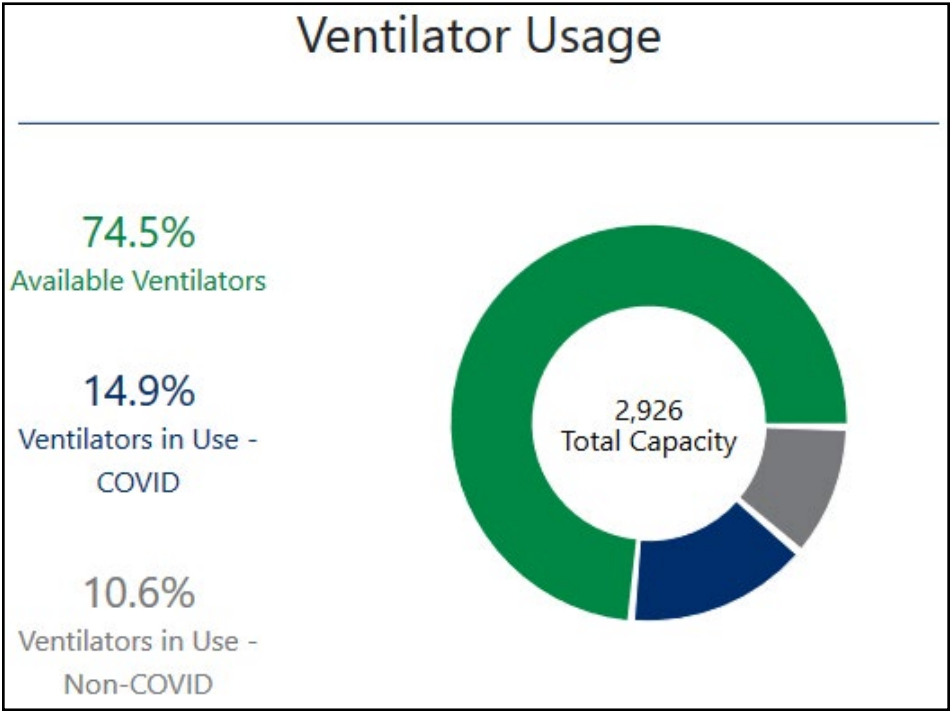
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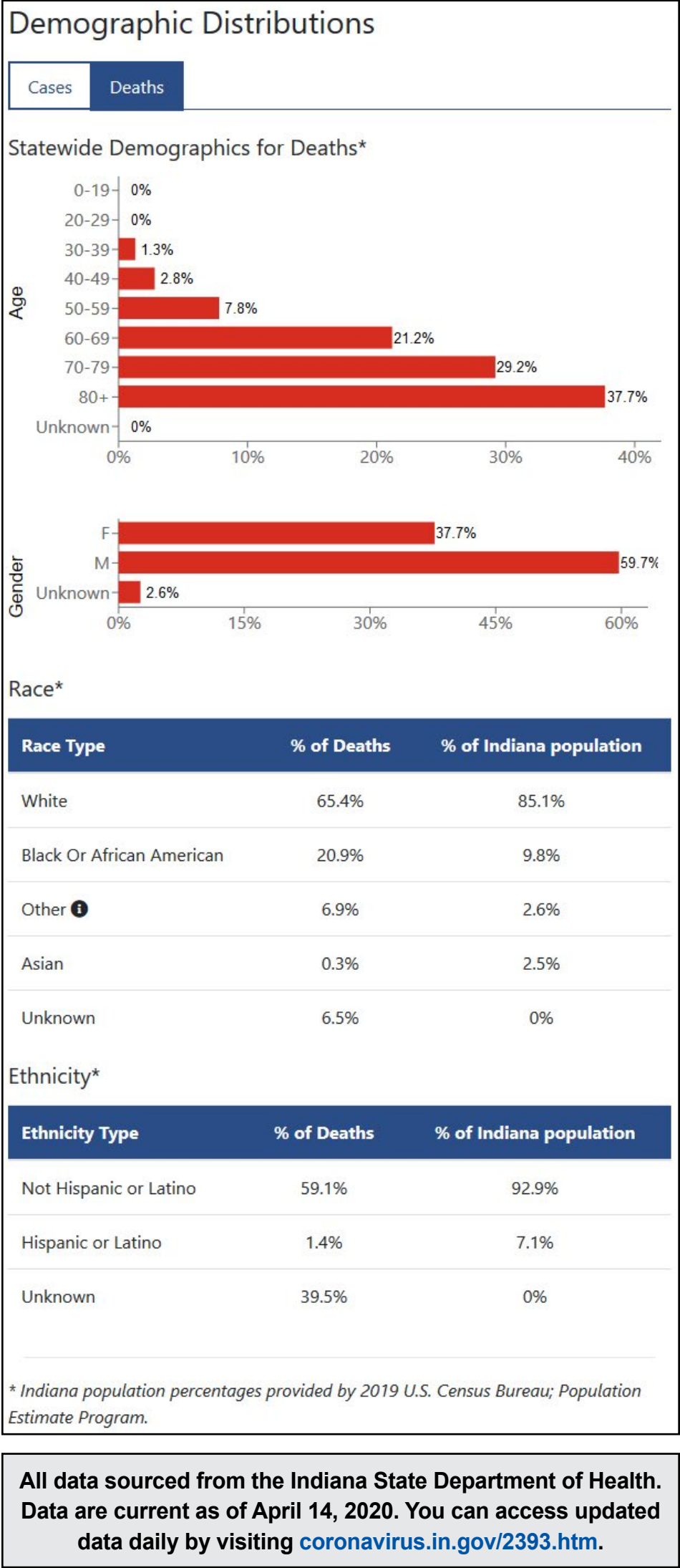
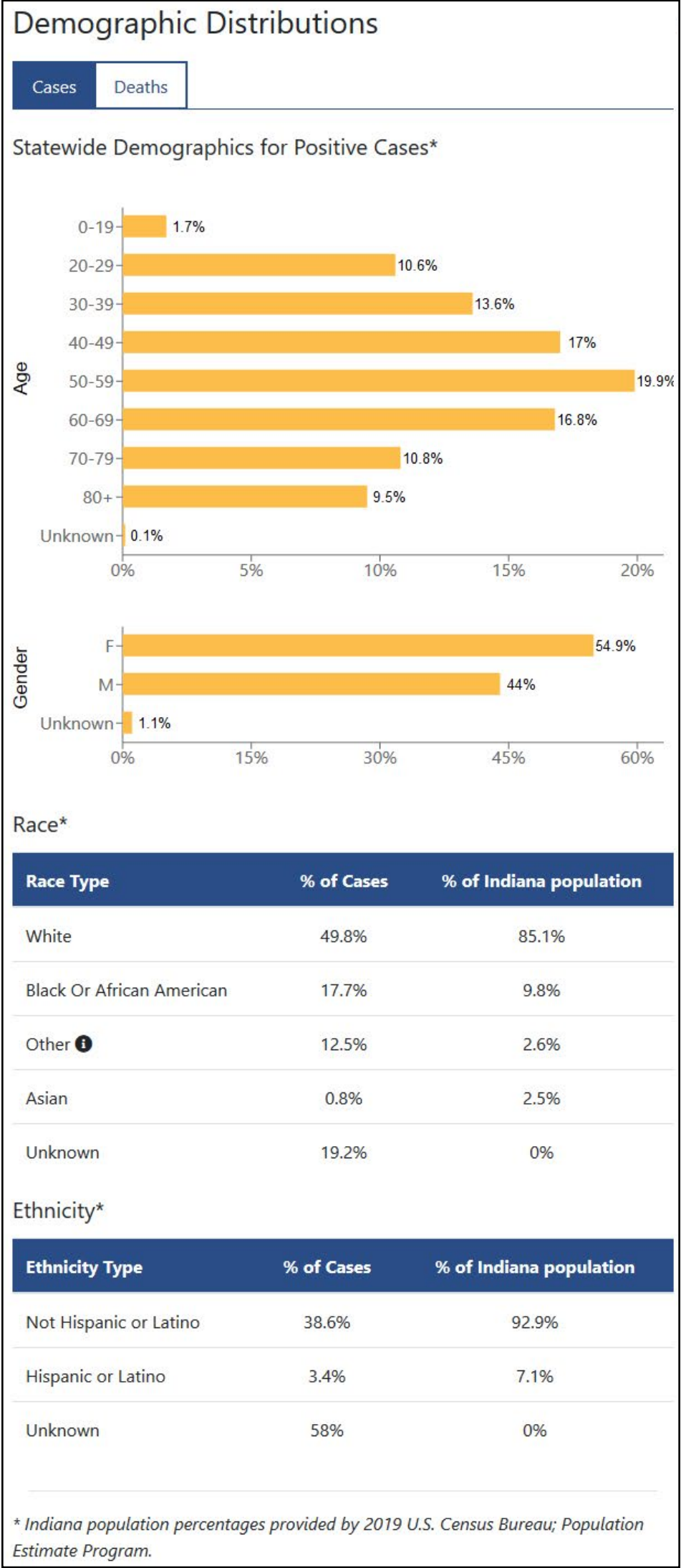
Testing Data & Associated Metrics



Usage of Ventilators & ICU Beds



Demographic Data



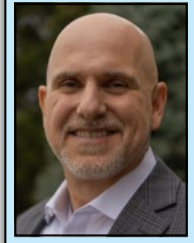
State Senate candidate supports protection for first responders

During my time as a correctional officer, patrol officer, narcotics detective and homicide investigations supervisor, I learned firsthand the importance of our first responders. Our first responders are at the tip of the spear, protecting and keeping our communities safe every day.

It goes without saying that the physical and mental wellbeing of our heroes is incredibly important to me. Even in the best of times, our first responders deal with stressful, dangerous, and often life-threatening situations. During this epidemic, the stakes have never been higher for our front-line heroes.

We've all seen pictures and read stories of medical professionals using home-

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SCOTT BALDWIN
State Sen. Candidate

made protective equipment. From using cloth masks to washing gowns, this is not something our EMS should be worrying about while they step forward to serve. It is simply vital that they have the

equipment they need to care for us. This is not only to ensure our families have access to care when they need it, but to keep our promise to those who serve us.

I'm grateful to Governor Holcomb who recently announced that the State has secured 2.6 million personal protective equipment (PPE) items made by Hoosier manufacturers or donated by Indiana businesses for our front-line medical workers. Thank you to our state and local governments, along with individuals, non-profits and

companies for stepping up to the plate to produce and supply our Indiana first responders.

But we know the need is incredibly high. I also urge our representatives in Washington to keep first responders in mind as they work to fight this crisis and include PPE for all first responders in any subsequent legislation they pass.

As your State Senator, I'll support our law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMS personnel by ensuring they have access to cutting-edge resources and training to keep them safe and effective. Now, and always. Thank you to those who serve.

Scott Baldwin is a Noblesville native, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, former law enforcement officer and businessman running for State Senate in District 20. For more information, visit VoteBaldwin.com.

Mayor Andy Cook reminds everyone to stay optimistic



Photo provided

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook addressed city residents on Tuesday in a video update. As a reminder, the Wellbeing Coalition of Westfield is working with community partners to provide care for all Westfield residents during this time. Resources are available for those who may need help or who want to help at wellbeingcoalitionwestfield.com. Click the photo above to watch the full video update.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 19th - 25th is National Crime Victims' Rights Week.



Join Prevail and other local businesses in recognizing the voices of survivors of violence in Hamilton County by offering space to display the Clothesline Project at

The Clothesline Project Art Installation is a display of shirts with graphic messages and illustrations created by survivors of violence or family members of victims who have been murdered. The purpose of the Clothesline Project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence and to give survivors an avenue for breaking the silence that often surrounds crimes like sexual assault and domestic violence.

The Project is a healing tool for survivors and an educational tool for the community.

Contact: Natasha Robinson, Prevail Inc.
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Henderson’s horses on tour



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Beth Henderson, Congressional candidate for the 5th District, has been bringing joy to neighborhoods with horses from her farm. Following COVID-19 guidelines, neighbors all over the 5th District have been able to come out of their homes to spend time chatting and gazing at Dolly and Daisy, Beth’s horses. Beth Henderson is a registered nurse, successful business owner and farmer.

\$19.5M Equifax settlement secured for Hoosier consumers

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill announced Tuesday that Indiana will receive \$19.5 million under a settlement reached with Equifax following Indiana’s lawsuit against the company over its massive 2017 data breach.

Indiana was one of two states that opted not to participate in a multistate settlement in July 2019 – choosing instead to file its own lawsuit and ultimately negotiate its own settlement with Equifax, one of the world’s largest credit-reporting bureaus.

Indiana’s total \$19.5 million settlement exceeds the amount received by any of the 48 states that participated in the multistate settlement, which distributed \$175 million to participating states. The full amount of Indiana’s settlement provides restitution payments to Indiana’s affected consumers, minus the cost of administering those payments.

“We knew back in 2019 that we could get a better deal for Hoosiers than the amounts being discussed as part of the multi-state settlement,” Hill said. “In our own direct negotiations with Equifax representatives, we made sure to prioritize restitution payments for consumers affected by this preventable breach.”

Hoosiers who may be eligible for restitution payments through Indiana’s specific case should watch for further announcements and follow a claims process to be outlined at a later date.

The Equifax data breach, which occurred from May 2017 through July 2017, affected approximately 147 million Americans, including 3.9 million Indiana residents. It compromised Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses and, in some cases, driver’s



Hill

license numbers and credit card information. Indiana’s lawsuit notably contained allegations about Equifax’s failure to adequately secure consumers’ information; misrepresentations related to Payment Card Industry security standards; misrepresentations about the status of Equifax’s information security; failure to notify Indiana consumers in compliance with Indiana law; and failure to maintain reasonable security procedures.

“Equifax failed to adequately protect Indiana residents whose personal information was exposed by the breach,” Hill said. “We have worked diligently to hold Equifax accountable and achieve the best possible resolution. Equifax has agreed to correct its security deficiencies and properly safeguard consumers’ information in the future.”

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Steven Kent Allen

February 21, 1952 – April 10, 2020

Steven Kent Allen, 68, Noblesville, went to be “in the hands of the good Lord” on Friday, April 10, 2020. He was born on February 21, 1952 to the late Charles “Punk” and Emma “Jean” (Robbins) Allen in Noblesville.

Steve honorably served in the United States Navy. He was the 1972 Sailor of the Year and nominated Sublantar Sailor of the Atlantic Fleet in 1974. He retired in 2010 from Delco/Delphi after 30 years of service. Steve was also a lifelong farmer, jack of all trades, animal lover and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He was a loving husband, brother, step-father, friend and PROUD Papaw. Steve attended Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church and was a member of the Westfield Friends Church and the American Legion.

He is survived by his loving wife, Colleen Allen; twin sister, Susan Allen; step-children, Marla Stroup, Brad (Michelle) Stroup, Alysha (Andrew) Currie and Laura (Logan) Bowers; 10 precious grandchildren; as well as many close friends and extended family.

The family will be holding a private service with a celebration of life taking place at a future date. Steve’s care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice in Steve’s honor. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Sondra A. Latham

December 4, 1941 – April 11, 2020

Sondra A. Latham, 78, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. She was born on December 4, 1941 to J. Ray and Norma (Lutz) Laughlin in Fort Wayne.

Sondra was a teacher at Huntertown Elementary for mainly third and fourth grade. She was an avid doll collector and enjoyed Spanish culture, teaching it to her elementary students.

Sondra is survived by her son, Lance Latham; granddaughter, Kara Latham; brother, Mike (Rueann) Laughlin; and nieces, Elizabeth and Lisa.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Mahala A.M. Latham.

No services are scheduled. Entombment will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis. Sondra’s care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

Acts 9:36-39 (KJV)

Linda Lou Barthalow

July 24, 1951 – April 9, 2020

Linda Lou Barthalow, 68, formerly of Lebanon, passed away at Morristown Manor on Thursday morning, April 9, 2020. Born July 24, 1951 in McConnellsburg, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Luther Earl Barthalow, Sr. and Thelma (Lewis) Barthalow.

Linda grew up in Boone County and attended Granville Wells Schools. She worked as a line tester for wiring harnesses with Kauffman Engineering in Lebanon for many years, and served as a QMA, Nursing Assistant, and Medicine Aide for Hoosier Village for over 10 years.

Linda loved spending time with family and friends and enjoyed playing games. She never missed an opportunity to combine the two, usually during a competitive round of Bingo or Dominoes. Working her way through one of her word find books was another favorite way to spend an afternoon.

Linda is survived by her two brothers, Harry E. Barthalow (Matilda), Greenfield, and Luther E. Barthalow, Jr., Lebanon; sister, Marie Marburger, Brownsburg; sister-in-law, Connie Barthalow, Indianapolis; and her niece, Tina Pennington.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Alvin and Calvin Barthalow; and by her best friend and companion of 32 years, Jean Fausset, in 2007.

Through the recommendation of our public health officials with regards to public health and safety, private family services will be held at this time.

Linda will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kirklinton. Pastor George Cooper will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Dementia Society of America.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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Meeting Notices

The Cicero staff meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020, has been canceled.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020, has been canceled.

Virtual Meeting

The Noblesville Parks Board meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be live streamed by Hamilton County Television on YouTube and other platforms. Citizens who wish to speak may do so by calling (812) 250-2251 and entering 211593035# when prompted.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville Common Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 28, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually and will be streamed live by Hamilton County Television on YouTube and other platforms.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider additional appropriation authority in the General Fund to fund the Small Business Resilience Grant program in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The grant program was established by the Mayor to assist certain Noblesville businesses in maintaining payroll and covering fixed costs if their operations have been suspended and other aid programs do not fully cover their immediate cash needs.

The foregoing appropriations are in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy.

Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville shall have a right to be heard at the hearing in respect to this additional appropriation by calling 1-812-250-2551 and entering Conference ID 839 837 682# when prompted. Comments may also be emailed to City Clerk Evelyn Lees at elees@noblesville.in.us by 6:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020 to be read aloud during the hearing.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2020.

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Riverview Health closes physician offices, limiting orthopedic hours

The REPORTER
Riverview Health has closed all but three primary care offices and has limited hours for orthopedics offices. The three primary care offices that will remain open include Noblesville Family Medicine, Sheridan Family Medicine and Hazel Dell Family Care. The open orthopedics offices will be Riverview Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine – Carmel and Riverview Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine – Westfield. Patients needing to schedule an appointment, refill a prescription or otherwise consult with their provider should call their physician's office. No walk-ins will be allowed at any of the open offices.

PrimeLife temporarily closes doors

The REPORTER
Due to the growing serious health threat of the coronavirus, PrimeLife Enrichment has closed its Center, located at 1078 Third Ave. SW in Carmel, until further notice. The Central Indiana Council on Aging (CICOA) will deliver lunches to those in need. PrimeLife Enrichment members are encouraged to contact CICOA for additional information. Visit primelifeenrichment.org for more information.

Hamilton North Public Library closes branches

The Hamilton North Public Library is closed to the public until April 16.

Comprehensive Plan Update meeting postponed

The Hamilton County Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Update public hearing scheduled for White River Township on April 16, 2020 has been postponed. A new date will be announced when officials have decided the coronavirus is no longer a threat.

County Parks & Rec announces closures

Hamilton County Parks & Recreation has closed all county playgrounds. All county parks and public restrooms in the parks will remain open.

Cicero

Cicero Plan Commission meeting canceled

The Cicero Plan Commission meeting originally scheduled for April 15, 2020, has been canceled.

Cicero staff meeting canceled

The Cicero staff meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020, has been canceled.

Cicero Board of Zoning Appeals meeting canceled

The Cicero Board of Zoning Appeals meeting originally scheduled for April 23, 2020, has been canceled.

Arcadia

Hamilton Heights School Board cancels meeting

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation school board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020, has been canceled.

Atlanta

Mr. Muffin's closes train layout display to public

Submitted
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Atlanta Town Council closes public places

The Atlanta Town Council has closed the following public places:

- Town Hall
- Community Center
- Playground at the park, but not the park itself

The Easter Egg Hunt has also been postponed until further notice. These closures will remain in effect until further notice.

Westfield

Westfield Lions Club postpones Poker for Sight tournament

The REPORTER
The Westfield Lions Poker for Sight Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament, originally scheduled for April 17 and 18, will be postponed until Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. The Lions Poker for Sight tournaments are the largest fund raisers for the Westfield group. They are a vital part of the club's philanthropic endeavors every year. For more information or to register for Lions Poker for Sight go to lions-poker.org. For more information on the Westfield Lions Club go to westfieldlions.org.

Community First Bank limits lobby traffic, remains open for business

The REPORTER
All CFB branches have temporarily closed the lobbies to walk-in traffic. The Oak Ridge branch in Westfield will remain fully staffed and able to assist customers. Banking will still be carried out via four drive-up locations, six 24/7 ATMs, online banking, mobile app, night depository, and in-person appointments by request (including new account openings, loan appointments, etc.). Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions.

Carmel

Palladium concerts rescheduled

The REPORTER
The Center for the Performing Arts has rescheduled four Center Presents concerts that had been postponed in response to public health guidelines for COVID-19. Ticket holders with questions can contact Patron Services at Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org. The rescheduled performances will be part of the 2020-21 Center Presents 10th Anniversary Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Carmel Community Players reschedules final two shows of this year's season

Dear Patrons:
The remaining two shows of the 2019-20 season will be delayed as follows: *The Last Five Years*, which had been scheduled to run from April 24 to May 10, will shift forward to July 17-26, assuming rehearsals can start up again by May/June, for performances at The Cat. Click here to make a tax-deductible donation to Carmel Community Players. For more information, call (317) 815-9387 or visit carmelplayers.org.

Carmel closes Monon Community Center

The Monon Community Center is closed until further notice. For the most up-to-date information, please visit carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information.

Sheridan

Sheridan Historical Society's Heritage Celebration Dinner postponed until fall

The REPORTER
The Sheridan Historical Society has canceled its annual Heritage Celebration Dinner, which was scheduled for Thursday, April 16. The dinner will be rescheduled for some time in the fall of 2020. The Sheridan Historical Society thanks everyone for their support during these troubling times and reminds everyone to STAY HOME and STAY SAFE.

Sheridan school board meeting canceled

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020, has been canceled.

Noblesville

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All CFB branches have temporarily closed the lobbies to walk-in traffic. The Pebble Village branch in Noblesville will remain fully staffed and able to assist customers. Banking will still be carried out via four drive-up locations, six 24/7 ATMs, online banking, mobile app, night depository, and in-person appointments by request (including new account openings, loan appointments, etc.). Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions.

Noblesville Plan Commission meeting canceled

The City of Noblesville has canceled the Plan Commission meeting originally scheduled for April 20, 2020.

Fishers

Lobby closed at Fishers Police Department Headquarters

The Fishers Police Department has closed the lobby of its headquarters. Please call (317) 595-3300 to speak to Records staff and (317) 773-1282 to speak with a Fishers police officer.



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The Noblesville-Notre Dame running connection . . . Part 1

Matt Sparks embraces 'humanistic' side of coaching at Notre Dame

By RICHIE HALL

Early on during his coaching tenure at Notre Dame, Matt Sparks learned a lesson in how to be an effective leader: It's better if you don't try to do too much.

Sparks figured that out quickly, and is now using that knowledge as the Irish's Hatherly-Piane Director of Track & Field and Cross Country. The Noblesville native just finished his second year as director. Sparks has the direct responsibility of coaching the women's distance runners, then has the support of five assistant coaches who oversee the other divisions of the program. Sparks believes it's no different than being the head coach of other sports.

"In college football, you've got a head coach and they've got six to 10 position coaches," said Sparks. "I'm still intimately coaching 15 to 20 athletes, but I've got 100 athletes under my leadership."

Sparks said he gives 100 percent of the coaching control to his assistants over their event groups. He does have interaction with those athletes, but it's more of a "how was your day" discussion, or as Sparks puts it, the humanistic side of coaching.

"I still have oversight of the throwers, but as the director I rely on the assistant coaches with the Xs and Os," said Sparks.

When he started at Notre Dame in 2014, Sparks was coaching both the men's and women's distance runners. While the Irish women were having a high level of success, cementing themselves as a top 10 team, the men were struggling to finish in the top five in their region.

"What we learned at that time was, you can't coach 50 to 60 people and be on a national stage," said Sparks. Another assistant coach took over the men's distance program, and Sparks could focus solely on coaching the women.

Sparks has known about running at a high level for over three decades. He was a multiple all-state honoree in both cross country and track at Noblesville High School, where he finished in the top five in the state cross country meet three times.

After a successful career at Indiana University, Sparks stayed with the Hoosiers for three years as an assistant coach, then was an assistant at Ohio State for two years. Sparks then spent 12 years as the cross country coach and assistant track coach at Southern Illinois, where he became the winningest cross country coach in history for the Salukis, winning several Missouri Valley Conference titles and coaching 51 conference winners along the way.

Sparks found success at Notre Dame right away, as he coached a national champion in his very first season. Molly Seidel, then a junior, won nationals at the 2015 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the 10,000-meter run, this after earning All-America honors at the Indoor Track and Field and Cross Country championships. Seidel would win the national cross country title in her senior year, then two national indoor championships in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs.

More success has followed, includ-



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

As Notre Dame's director of track & field and cross country, Matt Sparks oversees many athletes, but has a great stable of assistant coaches to help with the Xs and Os of coaching. Sparks, seen here during last year's NCAA national cross country tournament in Terre Haute, directly coaches the women's distance program and embraces a "humanistic" side of coaching.

ing national championships in 2019 for the men's track team, with the Irish winning the indoor distance medley and Yared Nuguse placing first in the outdoor 1,500-meter run. Add this to the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championships and high finishes by teams in the various NCAA national meets, and Notre Dame has established a high standard over the years.

Sparks said that managing the expectations of the incoming freshmen to Notre Dame is a challenge. Many of the student-athletes that enter the university are national-caliber athletes, "the best of the best across the board," said Sparks. And not just in athletics, but in academics as well. They're used to being highly successful, straight-A students in high school.

Of course, college is different. "You're not going to get straight As in college, and 95 percent of our athletes got straight As," said Sparks. Thus, one of the things that he might have to help a student do is navigate the experience of getting that first B. Same goes for athletics, as Sparks said the majority of the athletes on the team were state champions.

"You're going to lose every day in practice," said Sparks. "Learning how to

be successful without winning is a challenge for athletes, because the majority of the athletes at the collegiate level were winners in high school."

"Getting comfortable with being a role player is something Notre Dame does well," said Sparks. "With our Catholic tradition, everyone is conditioned to be more nurturing and caring. A little bit more of a humanistic side to campus life than other places I've worked. Where ever you finish, you're getting a hug from your teammates. You're getting a high five from your coaches."

Sparks said his coaching philosophy changes based on where he is. One difference he noted between Notre Dame and other schools at which he worked was that when students got to South Bend, they were ready for college.

"They know how to matriculate their way through a university," said Sparks. "They're just falling in line with the family lineage."

Sparks said that the Xs and Os of coaching in any sport have become similar. Instead, it's the culture that makes the program.

"What you find when you dig deeper in the program is the passion and the feelings that people have for their program,"

said Sparks. "They have a circle of support that can't be broken."

That circle includes everyone: Coaches, parents, teammates and the university rallying behind a team.

"We've got such a circle of support from everything to academic support services to the medical team, to the coaching staff," said Sparks. "Everybody's going to do what they need to do for you to be a successful person."

Life skills are a big part of what Sparks teaches as well, saying that young people are educated on life skills that they need to adhere to in order to be a successful college student, "then they can properly navigate the college athletic world."

Sparks said once an athlete gets past his or her freshman year and moves into sophomore year, that's when athletes start to see themselves develop. Freshmen usually rely on their high school experience, but at the same time they're dealing with all the big changes that happen when they get to college.

"The anxiety of being away from home, your high school friends," said Sparks. "Dorm life is a challenge. Everything is a challenge and everything is new." But once athletes get comfortable with their surroundings, that's when they begin to grow as athletes, and then as people.

Sparks usually meets these young people when they are 17 and, he said, barely able to have conversation. But by the time they've had few years in college, "they're initiating the conversations with coaches," he said.

And of course, seeing a student-athlete years after his or her graduation is a gratifying experience for Sparks.

"Probably the biggest reward for me is reconnecting with them when they're 25 of 30," he said. "Seeing how much they can change in 10 years."

FOLEY DISCUSSES COACHING AT NOTRE DAME

In Part 2 of the Noblesville-Notre Dame connection, hear from Kendra Foley, who is an assistant coach for the Irish, and how her recent experiences with running in college are factoring into her coaching career.



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Schools pay tribute to North Central athletic director with "Lights for Loggan"



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