Tennessee COVID-19 Tracking Errata

Occasional revisions by the Tennessee Department of Health created several instances where it was necessary to alter the officially reported statistics from prior days. Because revised statistics are not publicly available, some values were altered by State Data Center staff to ensure that the current day’s indicators matched published totals.

Daily Statewide Summary

4/4/2020 – On April 4th, 416 people were reported recovered in the state. On April 5, 2020, the Department of Health reported on Twitter that this was an error. The reduction resulted in a negative number of recovered people so the April 5th value of 295 people recovered was duplicated to April 4th creating a no net increases in recoveries.

Daily County Situation

3/30/2020 – A positive test in Decatur County, first recorded on 3/28 and again on 3/29 was removed. The case recoded to ‘Pending’ on both days.

4/4/2020 – Two deaths were incorrectly reported in Washington County. In this case, two existing deaths in Williamson County were transposed with the Washington County values. The issue was corrected in the Department of Health on April 5, 2020. The data for both counties were corrected.

4/10/2020 – A new report format from the Department of Health excluded statistics about the number of “Out of TN” cases, tests and deaths. A twitter update was posted adding 110 out of state cases, but the testing, death and recovered information was not addressed and a revised report was not available. After the update, the number of confirmed cases and total positive tests reported at the county-level fell 136 cases short of the published statewide total. To address the missing data, a new entry called “Balance” was created in the COUNTY column and differences were subtracted from the published statewide totals.

4/12/2020 – The sum of the number of negative and positive tests summed is 70,599. The total number of tests reported statewide is 70,747. The -148 difference in the number of negative tests accounts for the difference between county and statewide totals.