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PRESS RELEASE

Today is Monday, July 13th and this is a 3:30 update. Roane County now has 88 positive cases with 39 active cases. 6,486 people have been tested.

The Roane County Health Department receives notifications as the test results are made available and the current results from July 3-5 testing. Testing results are currently 8-10 days after the testing. That being said, any impact of July 4th activities are just beginning to reflect in Roane County's data.

According to the Health Department, beginning later this week, the new test given should have a turnaround time of 24-48 hours. Based on both backlog data just now coming in and new test results available sooner, we should see another spike in positives. The biggest spike in positives still will be because the spread of the virus.

All County buildings require a mask to enter with some limited exceptions. We encourage all businesses to have similar requirements.

A good friend reported the other day that he ordered some food, saw the cooks and servers were not wearing a mask, and he said he then left. I told him that was the "invisible hand of economic." Individuals make decisions each day on where they will do business. He chose to do business with someone who practiced CDC guidelines. We will be at 100 in just a few days and I hope it's not you.

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