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Covid Update 10-29-2020

Hello, this is Ron Woody, Roane County Executive, with a Thursday morning, October 29th COVID update. Our update is based on Wednesday, October 28th data.

This has been our worse reporting day with 42 positive cases while receiving test results on 235. Almost 18% of those tested were positive. The highest previous number was 37 on October 23rd, just five (5) days ago, while testing 386, a nine (9) percent rate of positive test results. Seven (7) days ago we had one (1) positive on test reporting of 82, a little over one percent rate.

If you have been listening or reading any of the news reports the last few days, you have heard how cases are surging, and governments and businesses are beginning more lockdowns. Folks, this virus is real and most everyone knows someone who has tested positive.

Roane County numbers continue to climb along with our adjacent counties. I urge you to protect yourself with social distancing and good health hygiene, and protect others by wearing your face covering and staying home if you are sick.

Here are Wednesday's numbers:

Almost 45% of the Roane County population has been tested. Five (5) and three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) of those tested were positive which, is over 2.5% of the Roane County population.

- 1,387 positives
- 229 Active cases
- 1,150 Recoveries
- 8 Deaths
- 39 Hospitalizations

Our surrounding counties' ranking of lowest cases based on 100,000 in population to highest cases per 100,000 in population has not significantly changed, but it appears that they are starting to equalize which means they are getting closer together.

Knox, Cumberland, and Meigs are switching positions as they are close together ranking fourth, fifth, and sixth.

McMinn and Loudon switch back and forth from seventh and eighth.

Morgan is first.

Anderson is at second.

Roane is at third and maintains the same position.

It appears that the previous surge counties may be flattening out, and the counties that have not surged, have started.

Let's pray for our county, state, and country. Let's lift up and keep in our thoughts, our neighboring county, Meigs, as they experienced the horrible bus and utility truck wreck.

Thanks for tuning in. We may do another update this Friday. Let's continue to wear our face masks. If nothing else, it's a reminder to stay safe.

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