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Gov. Bill Lee COVID-19 Bulletin 16

Today, Governor Bill Lee provided an update on Tennessee's efforts regarding COVID-19 relief.

Gov. Lee's daily press conferences can be viewed live this week Monday through Thursday at 3 p.m. CDT [here](#). Gov. Lee has also established a website specific to COVID-19 updates which can be found [here](#).

Key Updates

Education – Virtual Learning

The Department of Education has established a partnership with PBS stations across the state to offer 1st through 8th grade students up to 30 hours of instructional lessons a week. This instruction is made possible by Tennessee teachers teaching with Tennessee curriculum. More information, broadcast schedules, student and teacher packets and access to past shows is available [here](#).

The state has also worked to ensure there is support for early literacy through a partnership with an early education app, ReadyRosie, which provides short videos and free resources on topics like literacy and math for Tennessee families with children from birth to 3rd grade. Additional information can be found [here](#).

With the passage of the federal funding through the CARES Act, the Department is preparing to deploy one-time relief funds to school districts as soon as the funding becomes available. Federal funds will support meal preparation and distribution, extended learning opportunities for all students, internet and hardware accessibility, and student needs related to homeless and high mobility populations.

Partnership with Nextdoor

Tennessee is partnering with Nextdoor to provide official, real-time information to Tennesseans about the state's response to COVID-19.

The partnership will allow us to reach thousands of neighborhoods with critical information during this unprecedented time.

All Tennessee neighbors on Nextdoor will automatically receive messages. If you're not on Nextdoor, but interested in joining your Nextdoor neighborhood, you can visit [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) to download the free app.

Current Department of Health Testing Results (as of 2 p.m. 4/9)

Confirmed Cases	Hospitalizations	Fatalities	Recovered	Total Tests
4,634	505	94	921	59,849

For more information on COVID-19 in Tennessee, please visit the Tennessee Department of Health's website [here](#).

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