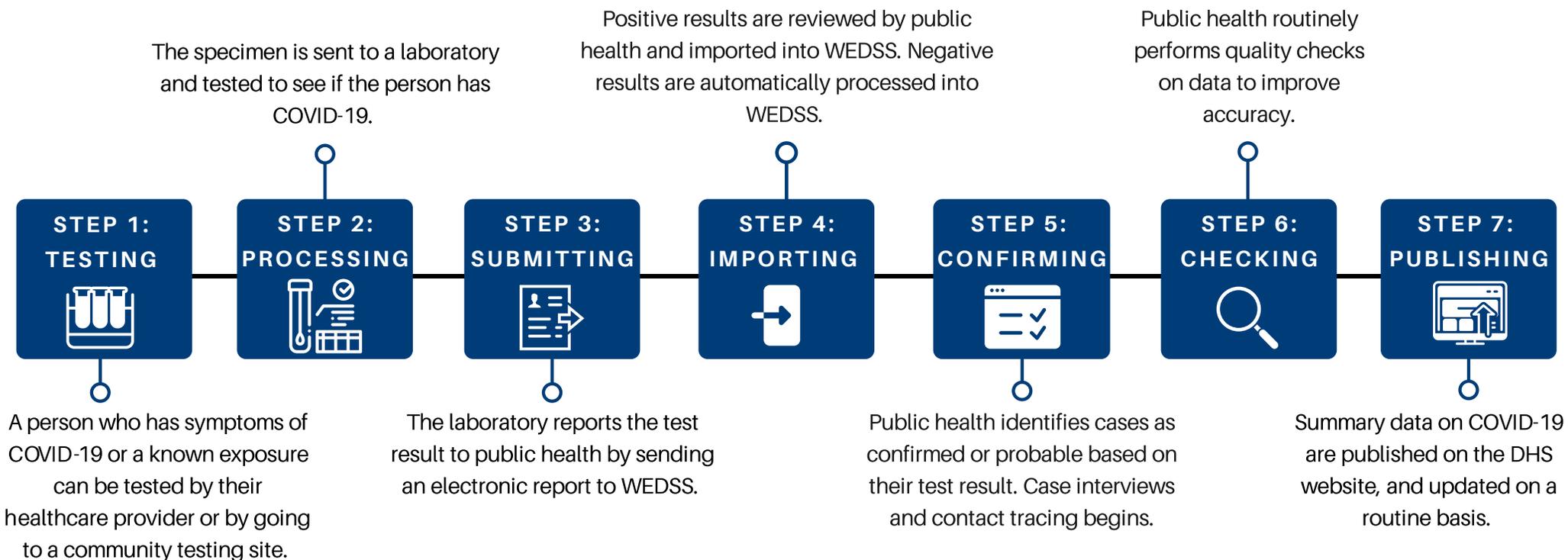


HOW ARE COVID-19 CASES TRACKED AND REPORTED?

Reporting of COVID-19 cases through the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) is a partnership between laboratories, healthcare providers, and public health agencies across Wisconsin. The full process, from when a specimen is collected to data being published on the DHS website, generally takes several days to complete. Healthcare and public health partners are working to complete the testing and reporting process as quickly as possible to prevent further exposures and reduce the burden of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.



What does my lab result mean?

Molecular tests such as PCR detect the genetic material of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. If you have a positive PCR test, you are a **confirmed case**.

Antigen tests detect proteins on the surface of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. If you have a positive antigen test, you are a **probable case** of COVID-19. Some people who are probable cases will be asked to take a second test to confirm their diagnosis.