

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

Important Health Care Practitioner Updates for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Telehealth by Florida licensed health care practitioners

The use of telehealth can be a vital tool to remotely examine, screen and assess persons for COVID-19. Florida law authorizes licensed health care practitioners to practice telehealth if such methods are used in a manner that is consistent with their profession's acceptable practices and standard of care. Telehealth Practice Standards can be found in section 456.47(2), Florida Statutes.

Emergency Order

On March 16, 2020, State Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees, issued an Emergency Order ([DOH No. 20-002](#)) for the purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19.

Health Care Provider Resource Availability Survey

The response to COVID-19 will require a whole-community response integrating public and private healthcare partners to meet the needs of the community. The State Emergency Operations Center is seeking to identify resources available in the local healthcare infrastructure that can be redirected to support the response when Florida begins experiencing medical surge. Please respond to the survey by clicking on the link with resources that may be able to assist. <https://fdoh.readyop.com/fs/4cDq/dbb4>

Additional Information

Hospital and Physician COVID-19 Testing Criteria for Elderly and Medically Frail: https://ahca.myflorida.com/docs/Hospital_and_Physician_COVID-19_Testing_Criteria_for_Elderly_and_Medically_Frail.pdf

To access the most current clinical screening tool, click here: [Clinical Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

To access additional information for health care providers, click here: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/health-care-providers/>.

Please note the updated call-in information for the State Surgeon General's weekly health care provider telephone conference call below:

Date: Tuesday

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Call-In Number: 888-585-9008

Conference Room ID: 208-305-233