

Mission:

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



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Update on Reporting of COVID-19 for Health Care Providers and Facilities

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COVID-19 positive patients and COVID-19 laboratory results are subject to mandatory reporting to the Florida Department of Health under Section 381.0031, Florida Statutes, and Emergency Rule No. 64DER20-26, Florida Administrative Code. This includes all COVID-19 test types: polymerase chain reaction (PCR), antigen, and antibody tests.

All positive, negative, and indeterminate COVID-19 laboratory results must be reported to the department via electronic laboratory reporting or by fax. This applies to PCR, other RNA, antigen, and antibody tests.

If your hospital or laboratory is conducting in-house COVID-19 testing and does not have an electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) feed established with the Department of Health (DOH), please begin the enrollment process by contacting the DOH ELR program at the following email address: DLElectronicLabReporting@flhealth.gov.

Pursuant to Rule 64D-3, Florida Administrative Code, and to ensure a rapid public health response and disease control interventions, health care providers and facilities must report all COVID-19 cases to their County Health Departments (www.FLhealth.gov/chdepcontact) within 24 hours.

Suspected or confirmed outbreaks (≥ 2 cases in 96 hours) of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities or similar group settings should be reported immediately.

Patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 or close contact with a case should be provided the following resources to help prevent disease transmission:

- [Patients with confirmed COVID-19](#)
- [Patients with suspected COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and and Prevention Self-isolation guidance](#)
- [Cases should inform their close contacts](#)
- [Close contacts to COVID-19](#)

For additional information, please visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>.