

Mission:

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



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Update on Mandatory Reporting of COVID-19 Results to Florida Department of Health

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- On August 25, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued an [Interim Final Rule](#) implementing the CARES Act requirement for daily laboratory reporting for COVID-19 test results, with a penalty of \$1,000 for the first day of noncompliance and an additional \$500 penalty for each subsequent day of noncompliance.
- On September 11, 2020, the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) issued [Emergency Order 20-013](#) prohibiting laboratories that have not reported results of COVID-19 testing performed by the laboratory within 7 days of the completion of the COVID-19 test from electronically submitting the untimely test results through the HL7 Electronic Laboratory Reporting System (ELR) until authorized by FDOH.
 - Upon discovering delinquency in COVID-19 electronic reporting please contact the FDOH ELR program at the following e-mail address:
DLElectronicLabReporting@flhealth.gov.
 - In addition, laboratories must immediately comply with [Florida Administrative Code Rule 64D-3.031\(6\)](#) by reporting COVID-19 results, without delay, by fax to the State Surgeon General (fax number (850) 414-6894) and the local FDOH of the patient's county of residence. For a list of county health departments and their reporting contact information, please visit: www.FLhealth.gov/chdepcontact.

This effort is in support of the Public Health Emergency Declaration for COVID-19.

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

Additional Resources:

[CMS COVID-19 Testing and Reporting Requirements](#)

[HHS Laboratory Data Reporting for COVID-19 FAQ](#)