Mandatory Reporting of COVID-19 Laboratory Test Results: Reporting of Cycle Threshold Values

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Laboratories are subject to mandatory reporting to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) under section 381.0031, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 64D-3.

- All positive, negative and indeterminate COVID-19 laboratory results must be reported to FDOH via electronic laboratory reporting or by fax immediately. This includes all COVID-19 test types—polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other RNA, antigen and antibody results. For a list of county health departments and their reporting contact information, please visit www.FLhealth.gov/chdepicontact.
- Cycle threshold (CT) values and their reference ranges, as applicable, must be reported by laboratories to FDOH via electronic laboratory reporting or by fax immediately.

As per Florida Administrative Code, rule 64D-3.031, laboratories must report all of the following:

- The patient's:
  - First and last name, including middle initial
  - Address (including street, city, state and ZIP code)
  - Telephone number (including area code)
  - Date of birth
  - Sex
  - Race
  - Ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic)
  - Pregnancy status, if applicable
  - Social Security number
- The laboratory:
  - Name, address and telephone number of laboratory performing test
  - Type of specimen (e.g., stool, urine, blood, mucus, etc.)
  - Date of specimen collection
  - Specimen collection site (e.g., cervix, eye) if applicable
  - Date of report
  - Type of test performed and results, including reference range, titer when quantitative procedures are performed and all available results on speciation, grouping or typing of organisms
- The submitting provider's:
  - Name
  - Address (including street, city, state and ZIP code)
  - Telephone number (including area code)
  - National provider number (NPI)

If your laboratory is not currently reporting CT values and their reference ranges, the lab should begin reporting this information to FDOH within seven days of the date of this memorandum. If your laboratory is unable to report CT values and their reference ranges, please fill out the brief questionnaire attached to this memorandum and submit by facsimile to the FDOH’s Bureau of Epidemiology confidential fax line at 850-414-6894, within seven days of the date of this memorandum.