

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 Provider Updates for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Strategies to Optimize the Supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Equipment

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published strategies on the optimization of PPE and medical equipment, such as eye protection, isolation gowns and facemasks
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>.

Discharge Testing Guidance

The CDC has published interim guidance on the Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html>.

Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) Reporting Process for COVID-19

To learn more about the Florida Department of Health, BPHL's reporting process for COVID-19 testing results, click here <http://flhealthsource.gov/pdf/03282020BPHL-reporting-process-chart.pdf>.

Clinical Screening Guidance

To access the most current clinical screening guidance for COVID-19 testing, click here <http://flhealthsource.gov/pdf/03282020-clinical-guidance-chart.pdf>.

Mandatory Reporting of Positive and Negative COVID-19 Test Results

Florida law requires all laboratories, regardless of public or private status, to report without delay conditions of urgent public health importance, including COVID-19. Click here for a memorandum regarding the mandatory reporting of COVID-19 test results <http://flhealthsource.gov/pdf/CLIA-lab-memorandum.pdf>.

Medical Guidance for Health Care Practitioners

The CDC has published Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19, click here <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>.

Executive Orders and Emergency Orders

To view the Governor's Executive Orders and the State Surgeon General's Emergency Orders, click here <http://www.flhealthsource.gov/covid19>.