

**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

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## **Mandatory Reporting of COVID-19: Deaths of Long-Term Care Facility Residents or Staff**

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Accurate and complete reporting of COVID-19 cases is necessary to control the spread of COVID-19 and learn more about the people who are at risk for severe outcomes due to COVID-19. Facilities must report updated information about cases, such as severe outcomes like hospitalization or death of a facility resident or staff member, as soon as that information becomes available.

### **Reporting**

Health care practitioners, facilities and 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.

#### Case-related information:

- Reports of cases submitted to the FDOH must include all available information as outlined in Florida Administrative Code, rule 64D-3.030(3). For COVID-19, this includes information about hospitalization or death of a case.
- New information that is identified after the initial report of a case must be reported to the local county health department within 24 hours. For a list of county health departments and their reporting contact information, please visit: [www.FLhealth.gov/chdepcontact](http://www.FLhealth.gov/chdepcontact).

#### Suspected or confirmed outbreaks:

- Suspected or confirmed outbreaks of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities, or similar group settings such as assisted living facilities, must be reported immediately to the local county health department.

#### COVID-19 laboratory results:

- All positive, negative and indeterminate COVID-19 laboratory results, including point-of-care test results, must be reported to FDOH via electronic laboratory reporting or by fax within 24 hours. 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/chdepcontact](http://www.FLhealth.gov/chdepcontact).
- Health care providers and facilities must report by fax all COVID-19 cases and negative test results to the local county health department within 24 hours until they are successfully reporting results electronically.

If your facility is conducting in-house COVID-19 testing, please report results electronically. To establish electronic reporting through a web portal, please begin the enrollment process by emailing the COVID-19 Reporting Portal team at [COVID19PortalEnrollment@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID19PortalEnrollment@flhealth.gov). Until you have access to the reporting portal, please continue to fax results to your local county health department within 24 hours. For a list of county health departments and their reporting contact information, please visit [www.FLhealth.gov/chdepcontact](http://www.FLhealth.gov/chdepcontact).

## **Resources**

[Preparing for COVID-19 in Nursing Homes](#)

[Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel](#)

[What you need to know now about COVID-19 in Florida](#)

