

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



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DEPARTMENT'S MIAMI LABORATORY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health is recognizing its Miami Laboratory for 100 years of service to the state of Florida. The lab was formed in 1914 as an extension of the Central Lab in Jacksonville in order to meet the high demands for laboratory services. Over the years, the Miami Laboratory has become a leader in diagnosis and it is one of 12 laboratories nationally that tests for Ebola.

“For the past century the Miami Lab has provided analysis and information needed to help move Florida’s health forward,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “I want to congratulate the Department’s Miami Laboratory for one-hundred years of service to the People of Florida.”



Photo Caption: Laboratory technologists work in a high containment Biosafety level 3 laboratory capable of safely and securely handling indigenous and exotic agents.

In 1901, the Jacksonville Central lab was created after Florida’s first State Health Officer, Dr. Joseph Yates Porter, emphasized the urgent need for a laboratory to aid in the diagnosis of certain diseases.

Today, the Miami Lab is one of Florida’s four Public Health Laboratories that provides information to over 20 Federal and State Agencies, 67 county offices of the Florida Department of Health, 500 licensed clinical laboratories, 450 certified environmental laboratories, 19 million residents and 95 million visitors annually. To view the State Surgeon General’s commemoration of the Miami Lab’s century of success, please visit [Miami Laboratory: 100 Years](#).

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. For more information about the Florida Department of Health please visit www.floridahealth.gov.

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