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



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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ORLANDO HEALTH  
PROVIDE UPDATE ON MERS-CoV IN FLORIDA**  
*~All health care workers test negative for MERS-CoV~*

**Tallahassee** – On May 12, 2014, the Florida Department of Health announced the first Florida case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection in Orange County. The patient continues to improve. All health care workers who had contact with the patient were tested for MERS-CoV and all of the results have come back negative. There is no broad risk of MERS-CoV infection for the general public, and no threat to those traveling to the Orlando area.

The Florida Department of Health continues to work closely with Dr. P. Phillips Hospital and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure appropriate care of the patient, and to protect the health of all residents and visitors in Florida. Surveillance, contact investigation and testing continue, following standard public health protocols.

The information line for the public at the Florida Department of Health in Orange County is 407-858-1490. Information from the CDC for the public is available by calling 800-232-4636.

For more information, please visit DOH's Online Newsroom-  
<http://newsroom.doh.state.fl.us/2014/05/12/mers-cov-2/> or view the following resources:

- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) Fact Sheet (DOH): [MERS-CoV – Fact Sheet](#)
- Frequently Asked MERS Questions and Answers (DOH): [MERS-CoV – FAQ](#)
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome information (DOH): <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mers/index.html>
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (CDC): <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html>
- World Health Organization (WHO): [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/coronavirus\\_infections/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/coronavirus_infections/en/)

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