



Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Eighteen Deaths Related to COVID-19, Morning Update ~23,443 positive cases in Florida residents and 676 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — To keep Florida residents and visitors safe, informed and aware about the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health has launched a COVID-19 dashboard that will be updated twice daily. The twice daily COVID-19 report now includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 1,515 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 141 have died. We also encourage all Floridians to take the COVID-19 Community Action Survey by visiting www.StrongerThanC19.com.

Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 24,119 total** Florida cases.

While Florida's testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 17,251 tests performed on April 16, there were 1,612 positive results, or 9 percent.

Eighteen people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Brevard, Broward, Dade, Lee, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota and St. Johns counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 779 additional positive COVID-19 cases (769 Florida residents and 10 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 23,443 positive cases in Florida residents and 676 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state's efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#)

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	23,443
Confirmed by DOH	2,674
Tested by private labs	20,769
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	686
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	676
Confirmed by DOH	101
Tested by private labs	575

Total Cases Overview	24,119
Traveled	1,549
Contact with confirmed case	6,073
Travel & contact with confirmed case	1,250
Unknown and Under Investigation	14,571

For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard [here](#).

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](#). For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the [travel advisory website](#).

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-866-779-6121**. The Call Center is available **24 hours per day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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