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Florida Department of Health Issues Daily Update on COVID-19
~Seventh straight day below 10 percent positivity of new cases~

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health (DOH), in order to provide more comprehensive data, releases a report on COVID-19 cases in Florida once per day. Today, Florida had the seventh straight day below 10 percent positivity of new cases. Today, the positivity rate for new cases in Miami-Dade county dropped below 10 percent.

Today, as reported at 11 a.m., there are 4,115 new positive COVID-19 cases and 174 reported deaths - 19 occurred yesterday, August 18. As posted on the Agency for Health Care Administration's hospitalization dashboard at 12:15 p.m., there are 5,312 current hospitalizations with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

Test results for more than 67,822 individuals were reported to DOH as of midnight, on Tuesday, August 18. On August 18, 7.08 percent of new cases** tested positive.

To date, there are a total of 584,047 Florida cases*** with 9,932 deaths related to COVID-19.

Since August 18, the death of two hundred nineteen Florida residents who tested positive for COVID-19 have been reported in Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, Dade, Duval, Escambia, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Marion, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter and Suwannee counties.

Florida long-term care facility data:

- The list of long-term care facilities with active COVID-19 cases is available here.
- The list of long-term care facilities with deaths is available here, which is updated weekly.
- To date, 4,179 individuals that were staff or residents of a long-term care facility have died.

In order to make the daily COVID-19 report easier to download and more accessible, the daily report separates case line data in a separate PDF. The case line data report is available here. The state also provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county, which is available here. The antibody COVID-19 test results report will be provided once a week and contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida. The report for antibody tests conducted by private health care providers is available here and the report for antibody tests conducted at state-supported COVID-19 testing sites is available here.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	577,891
Confirmed by DOH	20,492
Tested by private labs	557,399
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	8
Deaths	9,932
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	6,156
Confirmed by DOH	214
Tested by private labs	5,942

Total Cases Overview	584,047
Traveled	4,366
Contact with confirmed case	183,933
Travel & contact with confirmed case	4,551
Unknown and Under Investigation	385,041

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

**This percentage is the number of people who test positive for the first time divided by all tests, excluding people who have previously tested positive.

***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, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. 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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