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**Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases,
Announces Thirteen Deaths Related to COVID-19, Evening
Update**

***~14,302 positive cases in Florida residents and 445 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. We also encourage all Floridians to take the COVID-19 Community Action Survey by visiting www.StrongerThanC19.com.

Today, as of 6 p.m., there are 14,747 total** Florida cases.

While Florida's testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 11 percent. Of the 12,004 tests performed on April 6, there were 1,407 positive results, or 12 percent.

Thirteen people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 in Baker, Broward, Clay, Dade, Hillsborough, Manatee, Orange, Palm Beach and Pinellas counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 243 additional positive COVID-19 cases (237 Florida residents and 6 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 14,302 positive cases in Florida residents and 445 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	14,302
Confirmed by DOH	1,658
Tested by private labs	12,644
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	296
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	445
Confirmed by DOH	85
Tested by private labs	360

Total Cases Overview	14,747
Traveled	1,233
Contact with confirmed case	2,677
Travel & contact with confirmed case	840
Unknown and Under Investigation	9,552

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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