

Mission:

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 IN COLLIER COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

For your safety, and the safety of staff, all services are currently by appointment only. Contact 239-252-8200 Naples or 239-252-7300 Immokalee.

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) is here to assist you with questions and concerns regarding COVID-19.

Contact the DOH-Collier Call Center Monday-Sunday, 9am-5pm, at 239-252-6220.

You may also contact the State COVID-19 Call Center 24/7 at 1-866-779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Online COVID-19 information can be found at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/> or at www.CDC.gov.

A MESSAGE FROM DOH-COLLIER

The State of Florida launched the ShareCare system, also known as *myvaccine.fl.gov*, on January 28, 2021 with 8 pilot counties. Those counties did not have a registration system in place for the COVID-19 Vaccine rollout. Unless a county has another funded scheduling system, all 67 counties will utilize the ShareCare system.

DOH-Collier is in the process of transitioning to the ShareCare site. This includes training staff and meeting with local and State Emergency Management. Residents are able to call the toll-free number, 866-201-4885, to sign up for the waitlist. We are working with Collier County Emergency Management (EM) and State Emergency Management to secure that list to schedule clients for the vaccine. Furthermore, we continue to work with our community partners, such as Collier County EMS/Fire, EM, local hospitals, municipalities, and outreach groups to continue to schedule those who are 65+ and healthcare personnel with direct patient contact.

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) continues to expand its outreach and distribution efforts of the COVID-19 Vaccine. By working with our community partners, such as Collier County EMS, Fire, and local municipalities we are able to provide COVID-19 vaccine to our community. Remember, there is a high demand for a limited amount of vaccine.

What do I bring to my appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine?

You **MUST** bring your ticket (print out!) and you **MUST** bring your ID. Please bring a blue or black pen to complete the registration form. If you are healthcare personnel with direct patient contact, you must bring ID indicating so. Those receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine must be able to demonstrate residency in Florida. Residency requirements do **NOT** apply to healthcare providers or individuals presenting for their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Those receiving their second dose must bring their vaccine card. Face masks must be worn the entire time.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Securing and distributing a COVID-19 vaccine is a top priority for the State of Florida. The vaccine is a critical resource in preventing the further spread of the virus. We are committed to providing timely and important updates regarding the vaccination.

The vaccination roll-out is a phased approach. Per the Governor's Executive Order, DOH is to vaccinate those who are 65+ and healthcare personnel who have direct patient contact. We cannot prioritize different groups. Long-term care facility staff and residents continue to receive the vaccine through a partnership with CVS and Walgreens. It should be noted that plans are subject to vaccine availability and supply.

FLORIDA RESIDENCY INFORMATION

In accordance with the State of Florida Department of Health Public Health Advisory, individuals presenting for their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine must be able to demonstrate residency in Florida.

Florida residency requirements for recipients of first dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

_____ Valid Florida Driver License or Florida Identification Card

OR

_____ **Two** of the following items:

_____ A deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet or residential rental or lease agreement. (Copies of deeds can be found on the Collier County Property Appraiser website <https://www.collierappraiser.com/>

_____ A utility hookup or work order that is not more than 2 months old.

_____ A utility bill that is not more than 2 months old.

_____ Mail from a bank or other financial institution, including checking, savings, or investment account statements, that is not more than 2 months old.

_____ Mail from a government agency that is not more than 2 months old. (Mail from a government agency can include tax bills showing a Florida address. Tax bills can be found on the Collier County Property Appraiser website <https://www.collierappraiser.com/>

_____ One of the above items from the individual's parent, step-parent, legal guardian or other person with whom the individual resides and a statement from the parent, step-parent, legal guardian or other person with whom the person resides stating that the person does resides with him or her.

Please note, the above residency requirements do **NOT** apply to health care providers or individuals presenting for their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

SCAM AND TICKETING INFORMATION

We are aware people are making appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine via Eventbrite in Collier County for the future and then having them cancelled. These appointments are not through the Florida Department of Health in Collier County. To ensure you make an appointment with the Florida Department of Health in Collier County, follow [CollierCountyCOVIDVaccines.Eventbrite.com](https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/COVID-19/Vaccine).

REMEMBER: The Florida Department of Health in Collier County WILL NOT ask for your banking information, social security number, or payment for a vaccine or a "spot" on a list. If you think you have been scammed, contact the authorities.

COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

COVID-19 Testing at DOH-Collier

COVID-19 Testing will be offered on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – Friday, February 19, 2021 by appointment only at the DOH-Collier Naples site, 3339 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples, 34112. Contact 239-252-6220 for a testing appointment.

Please note: Heavy rain, gusty winds, lightning etc... may postpone or cancel testing.

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Cover Up, Collier!

Collier County remains under a mask mandate as passed by the Board of County Commissioners. This mandate has been extended until April 13, 2021.

Watch this Public Service Announcement regarding face masks featuring members of our community:
<https://vimeo.com/458664579>

The use of masks has been proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Remember that wearing a mask does not replace other protective measures such as staying at least 6 feet away from others (social distancing), washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, as well as your face mask.

What is a Close Contact?

A close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual is considered anyone who has been within 6 feet or less of the positive individual for 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour period, regardless of whether or not the individuals were wearing a mask. Remember: masks must be worn properly to ensure they are effective. This means that a mask should be snug to the face without hindering breathing, and must cover your nose and mouth at all times.

See the link below for more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

I Tested Positive for COVID-19. Now What?

If you tested positive for COVID-19, you need to stay home and isolate per the guidance provided by public health officials. This means no trips to the store or other outings, even if you do wear a face mask. If you think or know you had COVID-19, and had symptoms, you can be with others 10 days

since symptoms first appeared and 24 hours has passed with no fever without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved. If you tested positive with no symptoms of COVID-19, you can be with others after 10 days have passed since your test date. Follow this link to stay up-to-date: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>.

Testing Information

If you suspect you might have COVID-19, call your primary care provider, urgent care, or contact DOH-Collier. Remember: residents *and* visitors are responsible for keeping our piece of paradise safe and healthy.

Public Health Advisory

The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals wear masks in any setting where social distancing is not possible, unless a child is under the age of two years. Elderly and vulnerable populations should limit interactions outside the home, and all individuals should refrain from participating in gatherings of more than 10 people.

Read the full Public Health Advisory issued by the State Surgeon General here:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/DOH-Public-Health-Advisory-for-COVID19-7-20-2020.pdf>

Daily Health Questions

Keeping our community safe is everyone's responsibility. Ask yourself these questions daily.

1. Do you or anyone in your household have symptoms of COVID-19? Symptoms include fever of 100.4 or above, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, new loss of taste or smell.
2. Have you or anyone in your household traveled outside the country or to affected areas in the United States?
3. Have you had direct contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period) with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
4. Is there anyone in your household under instructions to isolate due to COVID-19?

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Are you feeling stressed/depressed/anxious/unsure of the future? Do you need support or someone to talk to? If you are in need of mental health services, contact one of the agencies below:

- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746.
- SAMHSA Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741-741
- Florida Blue is providing free emotional support resources for all Floridians, even if they are not covered by Florida Blue insurance. Any Floridian – even if uninsured or under another insurance plan – can receive support in managing feelings of stress, anxiety, grief, or fear related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Call 1-833-848-1762.

STAY INFORMED

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and other public health related matters, please visit the following:

DOH-Collier website: <http://collier.floridahealth.gov/>

DOH-Collier Twitter: [@HealthyCollier](https://twitter.com/HealthyCollier)

Florida Department of Health website: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/>

Florida Department of Health COVID-19 website: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

Florida Department of Health Twitter: [@HealthyFla](https://twitter.com/HealthyFla)