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**Florida Department of Health Issues Daily Update on COVID-19
~Hospitalizations, Positive Test Results, Long-Term Care Facilities and Fatalities
Continue to Show Significant Movement in the Right Direction~**

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health (DOH), in order to provide more comprehensive data, releases a report each day on COVID-19.

Hospitalizations:

Today, data reported to the Agency for Health Care Administration shows that the number of COVID-19 positive patients that are currently hospitalized is down more than 70 percent since July. As posted on the Agency for Health Care Administration’s hospitalization [dashboard](#) at 1:30 p.m., there are 2,254 current hospitalizations with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

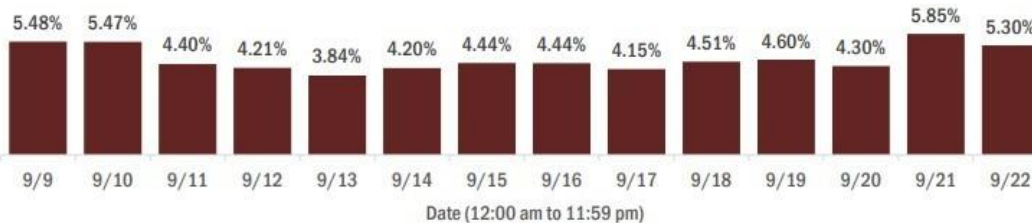
Positive test results:

- Yesterday’s statewide positivity rate for new cases is 5.30 percent.
- Yesterday was the forty-first straight day below 10 percent positivity of new cases.

Percent positivity for new cases in Florida residents

The percent of positive results ranged from 3.84% to 5.85% over the past 2 weeks and was 5.30% yesterday.

This percent is the number of people who test PCR- or antigen-positive for the first time divided by all the people tested that day, excluding people who have previously tested positive.



Overall testing:

- Yesterday, test results for more than 54,400 individuals were reported to DOH.
- As of September 23, 690,499 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Florida.

Persons tested: Includes PCR and antigen test results received by the Department of Health from the state public health laboratory (BPHL), as well as commercial and hospital laboratories

	Florida residents	Non-Florida residents
Total tested	5,142,356	20,769
Positive	682,370	8,129
Negative	4,452,882	12,599
Inconclusive	7,104	41

Fatalities by date of passing:

Today, data reported to DOH shows there has been a steady decline in the number of reported Florida resident deaths who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19. The second week of August compared to the second week of September, shows a 74 percent decrease in the average number of reported COVID-19 related deaths.

COVID-19: cases in Florida residents who have died

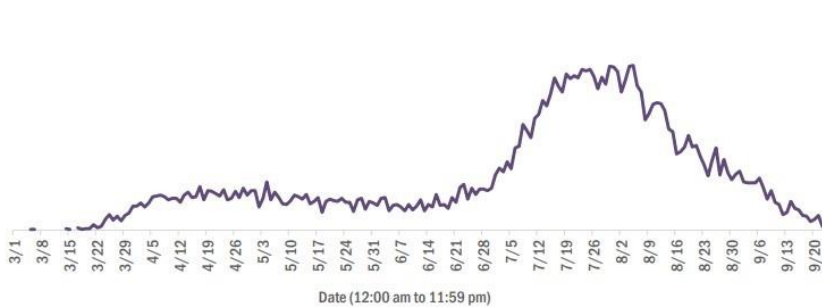
Data through Sep 22, 2020 verified as of Sep 23, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

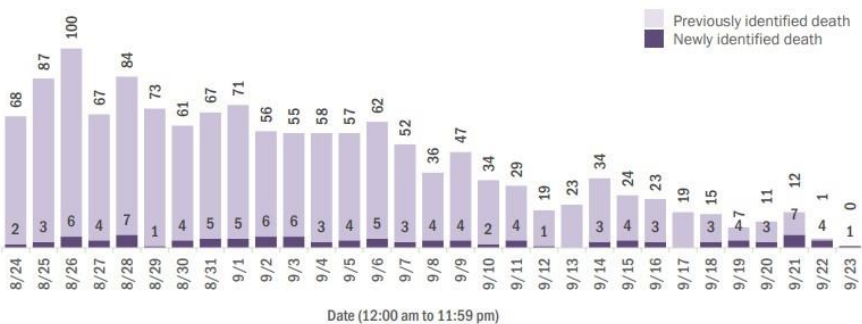
Deaths in Florida residents by date of death

13,618 deaths reported cumulatively, 209 deaths reported since previous report

March to present



Past 30 days



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, 5,568 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	682,370
Confirmed by DOH	24,365
Tested by private labs	658,005
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	8
Deaths	13,618
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	
Confirmed by DOH	250
Tested by private labs	7,879

Total Cases Overview	690,499
Traveled	5,539
Contact with confirmed case	245,148
Travel & contact with confirmed case	5,810
Unknown and Under Investigation	425,873

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

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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