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**Florida Department of Health Issues Daily Update on COVID-19  
~Florida has Fifty-Five Consecutive Days of New Case Positivity Rate Below 10 Percent~**

**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 12 p.m., there are 2,120 current hospitalizations with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

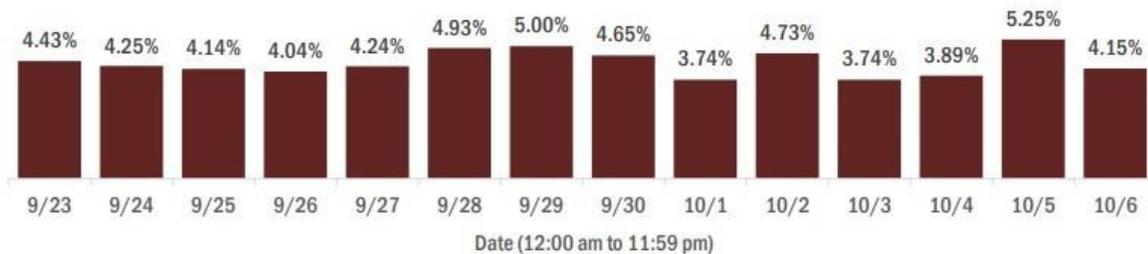
**Positive test results:**

- Yesterday’s statewide positivity rate for new cases is 4.15 percent.
- Yesterday was the fifty-fifth straight day below 10 percent positivity of new cases.

**Percent positivity for new cases in Florida residents**

**The percent of positive results ranged from 3.74% to 5.25% over the past 2 weeks and was 4.15% 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 66,200 individuals were reported to DOH.
- As of October 7, 722,707 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	5,445,417	21,510
Positive	713,902	8,805
Negative	4,724,344	12,660
Inconclusive	7,171	45

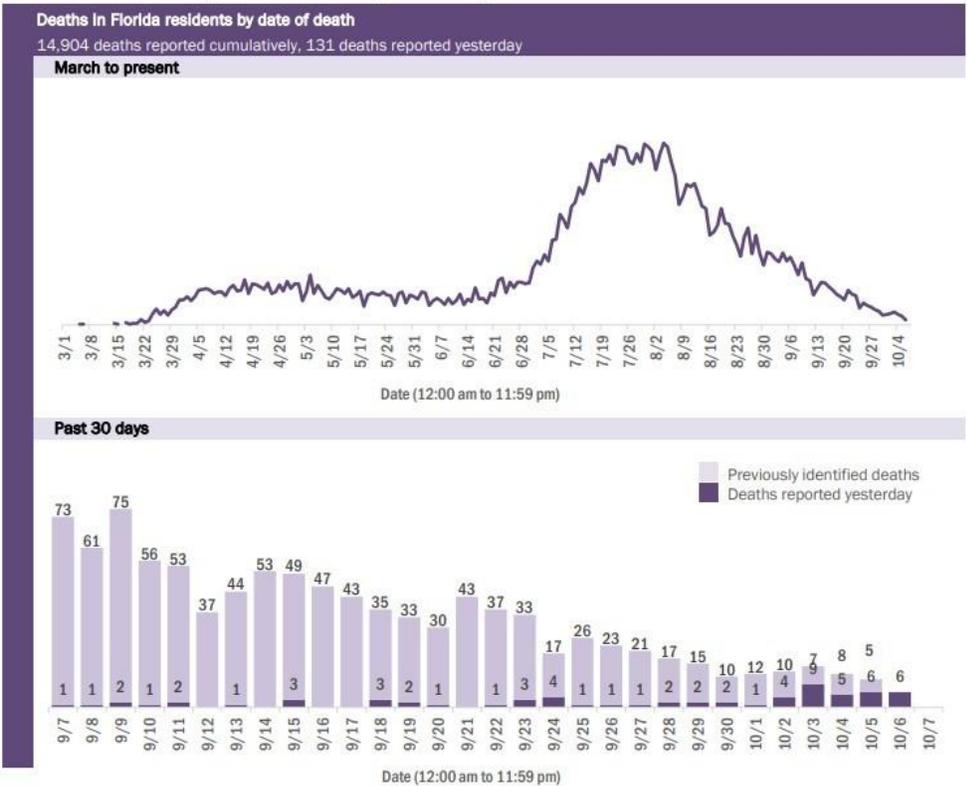
**Fatalities by date of passing:**

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 Oct 6, 2020 verified as of Oct 7, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.



**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, 6,059 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	713,902
Confirmed by DOH	25,418
Tested by private labs	688,484
<b>Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases</b>	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	8
Deaths	14,904
<b>Cases in Non-Florida Residents</b>	8,805
Confirmed by DOH	261
Tested by private labs	8,544

<b>Total Cases Overview</b>	722,707
Traveled	6,037
Contact with confirmed case	264,026
Travel & contact with confirmed case	6,393
Unknown and Under Investigation	437,446

\* 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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