



Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Two New Deaths Related to COVID-19, 6 p.m. Update *~1,379 positive cases in Florida Residents and 88 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. Today, as of 6 p.m., there are 1,467 total** Florida cases.

Two people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 in Pinellas and Lee counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 55 additional positive COVID-19 cases (49 Florida residents and 6 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 1,379 positive cases in Florida residents and 88 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	1,379
Confirmed by DOH	442
Tested by private labs	937
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	6
Deaths	20
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	
Confirmed by DOH	33
Tested by private labs	55

Total Cases Overview	1,467
Traveled	277
Contact with confirmed case	267
Travel & contact with confirmed case	190
Unknown and Under Investigation	733

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 the Centers for Disease Control (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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