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COVID Testing Mandatory Reporting Requirements for Laboratories and Point of Care Testing

All laboratories, facility and offices conducting COVID-19 testing must report results within 24 hours of results to the Department of Health. Laboratories and waived labs **MUST** report all positive, negative, and indeterminate test results for Florida residents.

Per Department of Health [Emergency Rule 64DER20-34, FAC](#), all test results must be submitted electronically, using one of the electronic reporting methods listed below:

- Electronic laboratory reporting: generation of an electronic commaseparated value (CSV) or Health Level 7 (HL7) formatted message.
- National Healthcare Safety Network COVID-19 module for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid-certified long-term care facilities.
- COVID-19 Reporting Portal: for entities that perform COVID-19 testing that are unable to generate an electronic CSV or HL7 formatted message.

Registration in one of these methods, must be completed within 7 days of the effective date of the Emergency Rule 64DER20-34 (11/12/2020), or within 7 days of obtaining the ability to conduct testing.

The Florida DOH has created a COVID-19 Reporting Portal to assist facilities with electronic submission of test results. Please review the [COVID-19 Reporting Portal Facility Registration Process](#) for instructions on utilizing the portal.

Facilities currently reporting COVID-19 Point of Care testing results to the Center for Disease Control's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) are NOT required to report in the Florida DOH COVID-19 Reporting Portal. **However, facilities must still report positive cases to the County Public Health Department for outbreak reporting.**

The Florida DOH also issued a [memo](#) on October 9, 2020 regarding reports for Long-Term Care facility residents and staff for both COVID-19 test results to DOH.

In addition and effective immediately, laboratories and waived labs must report their CLIA identification number with all results.

Failure to timely report information by a federally certified laboratory (CLIA) or a CLIA waived laboratory is subject to a civil money penalties of \$1,000 for the first day of noncompliance and \$500 for each additional day of noncompliance.

AHCA administers the CLIA program on behalf of CMS and will conduct onsite investigations for cases of non-compliance. To request assistance with reporting, please email provider.covid19@flhealth.gov.

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