

CDC Info Helps You Understand and Treat COVID-19

Governor Ron DeSantis declared a public health emergency on Sunday, March 1, regarding coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19). We're sharing important information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help you understand and treat the disease. Access the most current information on COVID-19 at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov.

Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)

The CDC is offering a free COCA COVID-19 update: *What Clinicians Need to Know to Prepare for COVID-19 in the U.S.* from 2 to 3 p.m. **Thursday, March 5**. During this COCA call, clinicians will learn what they can do to prepare for COVID-19, including:

- Identifying persons under investigation
- Applying infection prevention and control measures
- Assessing risks for exposures
- Optimizing the use of personal protective equipment supplies
- Managing and caring for patients (inpatient and at home)

You can find details on this call as well as other information on COVID-19 [here](#). You can also watch on [Facebook](#).

Clinician Screening Tool

This CDC clinician screening [tool](#) helps you determine who should be screened for COVID-19. If your patient meets the criteria for a patient under investigation for COVID-19, the Florida Department of Health asks that you immediately notify both infection control personnel at your health care facility and your county health department (floridahealth.gov/chdep/contact).

CDC Resources Available

The CDC provides detailed information to help you prepare your facilities and care for your patients with COVID-19. Here are links that may help you:

Steps Health Care Facilities Can Take Now to Prepare for COVID-19:
cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/steps-to-prepare.html

Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities:
ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html

Information for Your Patients Being Tested for COVID-19:
cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/Factsheet-for-Patients-2019-nCoV.pdf

What to Do If You Are Sick With COVID-19:
cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information for Travel:
cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html