

# Epi Monthly

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## Public Health LOOK OUT!

- April 5th to 11th is [National Public Health Week](#), a week to thank public health workers for all they do. It is also a time to reflect on public health issues and how people everywhere can come together to help address them. This years theme is “Building Bridges to Better Health” serving as a reminder that although we are physically distant, we must find ways to come together to improve the health of the nation.
- April 24th to 30th is **World Immunization Week** sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) it is a week dedicated to promoting the use of vaccines to protect against disease at all ages. While the world focuses on COVID-19 vaccines it is important to remember routine vaccination as well. To learn more about what screenings and vaccines you or someone you care about may need, visit <https://health.gov/myhealthfinder>.
- April is [National Minority Health Month](#). COVID-19 has affected minority communities disproportionately, that is why this years theme for National Minority Health Month is #VaccineReady. The goal is to encourage others to share accurate vaccine information, practice COVID-19 safety measures, and get vaccinated.

For the most recent information on COVID-19 in Florida please visit: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

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# People who Qualify to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine in Florida

Qualified per Executive Order 21-67—Effective Monday, March 22, 2021.



**Long-term care residents or staff.**



**People age 50 & older.**



**People determined by their physicians to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.\***



\* All individuals authorized by law to administer COVID-19 vaccinations may vaccinate persons determined by a physician to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. Such physician determinations shall include a statement that the patient meets the defined eligibility criteria established by the Florida Department of Health's COVID-19 Determination of Extreme Vulnerability form. Point smartphone camera at the code for the form.



**Health care personnel with direct patient contact.**

PERSONNEL INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Emergency medical service personnel

- Nurses & nursing assistants

- Home health providers



- Physicians

- Technicians

- Therapists

- Dentists



- Dental hygienists & assistants

- Phlebotomists

- Pharmacists

- Students & trainees

- Contractual staff

- Dietary & food services staff

- Environmental services staff

- Administrative staff



Visit [MyVaccine.FL.gov](https://myvaccine.fl.gov) for more information or to pre-register for vaccine at state-supported sites in your area.

**Florida HEALTH**

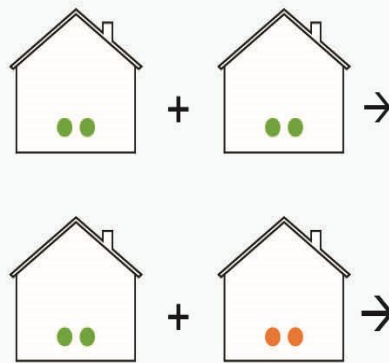
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# ALL PERSONS 50 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE FREE VACCINE IN FLORIDA

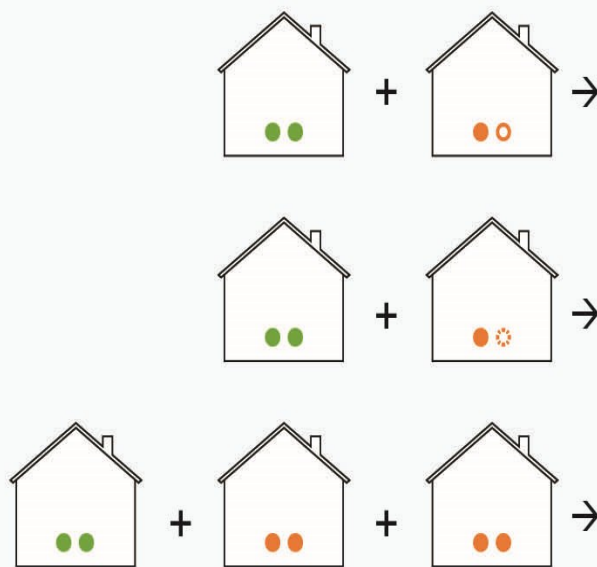
Florida has many sites providing COVID-19 vaccine free to residents. Use the [vaccine finder](#) to find a site near you. Supplies are limited and appointments may be required. Vaccines are free at all locations. The following groups are now eligible:

- Persons 50 years of age and older;
- Persons determined to be extremely vulnerable by a physician ([form required](#));
- Health care workers with direct patient contact;
- Long-term care facility residents and staff.

- = Vaccinated
- = Unvaccinated + low risk
- = Unvaccinated + high risk
- ⊗ = Unvaccinated + high risk not at home



## No prevention methods



## Take prevention methods



Wear a mask



Choose well ventilated areas



Keep 6 feet away from others and avoid crowds



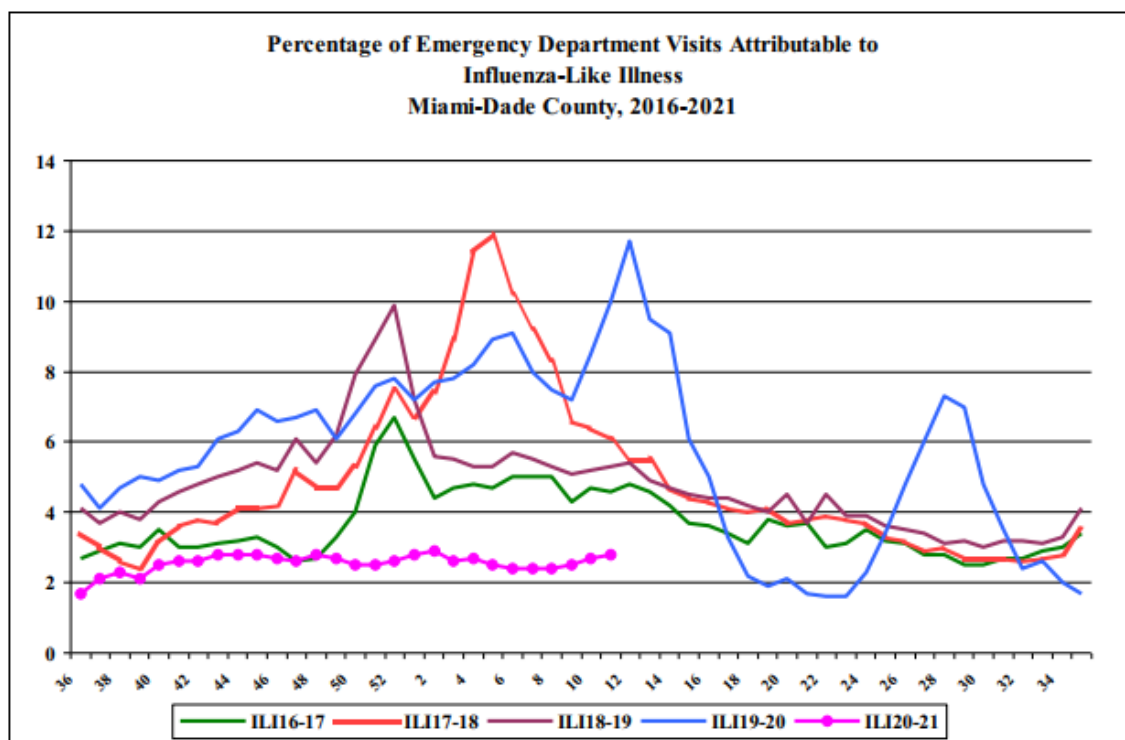
Wash your hands

# Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Epidemiology, Disease Control and Immunization Services

## Influenza Like Illness Surveillance Report

On a daily basis, all of Miami-Dade County's emergency department (ED) hospitals electronically transmit ED data to the Florida Department of Health. This data is then categorized into 11 distinct syndromes. The influenza-like illness (ILI) syndrome consists of fever with either cough or sore throat. It can also include a chief complaint of "flu" or "ILI". This season's 2020-2021 data is compared to the previous 4 influenza seasons (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020).

### Influenza-Like-Illness, All Age



Across all ages, there were 31,686 ED visits; among them 889 (2.8%) were ILI. During the same week last year, 10.0% of ED visits were ILI.

### PARTICIPATE IN INFLUENZA SENTINEL PROVIDER SURVEILLANCE

#### Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County NEEDS Influenza Sentinel Providers!

Sentinel providers are key to the success of the Florida Department of Health's Influenza Surveillance System. Data reported by sentinel providers gives a picture of the influenza virus and ILI activity in the U.S. and Florida which can be used to guide prevention and control activities, vaccine strain selection, and patient care.

- Providers of any specialty, in any type of practice, are eligible to be sentinel providers.
- Most providers report that it takes **less than 30 minutes a week** to compile and report data on the total number of patients seen and the number of patients seen with influenza-like illness.
- Sentinel providers can submit specimens from a subset of patients to the state laboratory for virus isolation **free of charge**.

For more information, please contact  
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# Miami-Dade County Monthly Report Select Reportable Disease/Conditions February 2021

Diseases/Conditions	2021 Current Month	2021 Year to Date	2020 Year to Date	2019 Year to Date
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>				
AIDS*	35	60	62	91
HIV	105	173	200	282
<b>STD</b>				
Infectious Syphilis*	55	89	84	80
Chlamydia*	1130	2161	2390	2324
Gonorrhea*	554	990	773	727
<b>TB</b>				
Tuberculosis**	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
<b>Epidemiology, Disease Control &amp; Immunization Services</b>				
<b>Epidemiology</b>				
Campylobacteriosis	36	61	101	124
Chikungunya Fever	0	0	0	0
Ciguatera Poisoning	0	0	2	8
Cryptosporidiosis	8	12	7	6
Cyclosporiasis	1	1	1	0
Dengue Fever	0	0	5	14
Escherichia coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	2	4	20	18
Encephalitis, West Nile Virus	0	0	0	0
Giardiasis, Acute	10	11	16	17
Influenza, Pediatric Death	0	0	0	0
Legionellosis	3	3	4	7
Leptospirosis	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	0	0	0
Lyme disease	0	0	3	0
Malaria	0	0	2	0
Meningitis (except aseptic)	1	1	3	1
Meningococcal Disease	0	0	0	0
Salmonella serotype Typhi (Typhoid Fever)	0	0	0	1
Salmonellosis	39	70	100	83
Shigellosis	12	13	45	50
Streptococcus Pneumoniae, invasive disease	2	4	22	10
Vibriosis	0	0	2	3
West Nile Fever	0	0	0	0
Zika Virus (non-congenital)	0	0	0	3
<b>Immunization Preventable Diseases</b>				
Measles	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	3
Pertussis	0	0	6	5
Rubella	0	0	0	0
Tetanus	0	0	0	0
Varicella	0	0	18	26
<b>Hepatitis</b>				
Hepatitis A	1	3	5	6
Hepatitis B (Acute)	2	2	6	2
<b>Healthy Homes</b>				
Lead Poisoning	9	13	18	23

\*Data is provisional at the county level and is subject to edit checks by state and federal agencies.

\*\* Data on tuberculosis are provisional at the county level.

Data on EDC-IS includes Confirmed and Probable cases.



**We Are Committed To Keeping You Healthy**



**COVID-19 VACCINE**  
NOW AVAILABLE HERE by appointment only

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751 West Palm Dr.  
Florida City, FL 33034  
Phone: (786) 377-0120

Walk-Ins Welcomed on Saturdays

If you are interested in finding out more information, please call us at:

**786-667-3167**

or visit us our website at | [www.communitygrp.com](http://www.communitygrp.com)



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**To report diseases and for information, call EDC-IS at:**

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	305-470-6877
Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance	305-470-5660
Hepatitis Program	305-470-5536
HIV/AIDS Program	305-470-6999
Immunization Services	305-470-5660
STD Program	305-575-5430
Tuberculosis Program	305-575-5415
Appointment Line	786-845-0550

**What's New at DOH-Miami-Dade:**

- To find the nearest vaccine site near you by county and city please visit: [floridahealthcovid19.gov](http://floridahealthcovid19.gov)
- To preregister for a vaccine and receive updates visit: [myvaccine.fl.gov](http://myvaccine.fl.gov). Qualified individuals will receive notifications when vaccines are available in their area and receive assistance in scheduling an appointment.
- For more information on vaccines in Florida including the number of people vaccinated and updates on availability and prioritization please visit: [floridahealthcovid19.gov](http://floridahealthcovid19.gov)

**WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY | MARCH 24TH**



**DOH-Miami-Dade would like to recognize the Tuberculosis Prevention & Control Program on World TB Day!**

TB is the world's deadliest infectious disease, claiming 5,000 lives each day. For more information, visit DOH-Miami-Dade's [TB Control and Prevention](#) webpage.



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