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## Public Health LOOK OUT!

- [World Birth Defects Day](#) is observed on March 3rd. It is an opportunity for individuals and organizations that work in the field to come together to raise awareness and promote initiatives to help improve the surveillance, prevention, and treatment of birth defects. The goal is to raise awareness of what is already known on how to prevent birth defects and improve the quality of life for those affected by them.
- The third full week of March is National Poison Prevention Week. [Florida's Poison Control Centers](#) provide free and confidential help with poisoning emergencies from physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare workers with extensive knowledge in poison control, they can be reached 24/7 by calling 1-800-222-1222.
- March 24th is [World Tuberculosis \(TB\) Day](#), commemorating the day in 1882 when the cause of this illness was discovered by Dr. Robert Koch. It is a day to recognize the impact TB has had worldwide and to raise awareness about the challenges faced in eliminating it. TB rates in the United States remain relatively low, however TB can still be found in all 50 states as well as throughout the world.

For the most recent information on COVID-19 in Florida please visit:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

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### WE HAVE A NEW ADDRESS!

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

Qualified per Executive Order 20-315



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



**People age 65 & older.**



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



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



Examples of health care personnel include:

- Emergency medical service personnel
- Nurses and 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

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# What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>

COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. These side effects **may feel like flu** and **may even affect your ability** to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.

## Common side effects

On the arm where you got the shot:

- Pain
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of your body:

- Fever
- Tiredness
- Chills
- Headache

## Helpful tips

If you have pain or discomfort, talk to your doctor about taking an over-the-counter medicine, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen.

To reduce pain and discomfort where you got the shot:

- Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area.
- Use or exercise your arm.

To reduce discomfort from fever:

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Dress lightly.

## When to call the doctor

In most cases, discomfort from fever or pain is normal. Contact your doctor or healthcare provider:

- If the redness or tenderness where you got the shot increases after 24 hours
- If your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days

## Remember

- Side effects may feel like flu and even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.
- With most COVID-19 vaccines, you will need 2 shots in order for them to work. Get the second shot even if you have side effects after the first one, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you not to get a second shot.
- It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines that require 2 shots may not protect you until a week or two after your second shot.
- It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.

### HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW:

If your temperature is \_\_\_\_°F or \_\_\_\_°C or higher or if you have questions, call your healthcare provider.

Tell your healthcare provider about: \_\_\_\_\_

**Healthcare provider phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Medication (if needed):

Take \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_ hours as needed.  
(type and dose or amount)



### Ask your healthcare provider about getting started with v-safe

Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll also get reminders if you need a second dose.

Learn more about v-safe.  
[www.cdc.gov/vsafe](https://www.cdc.gov/vsafe)



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

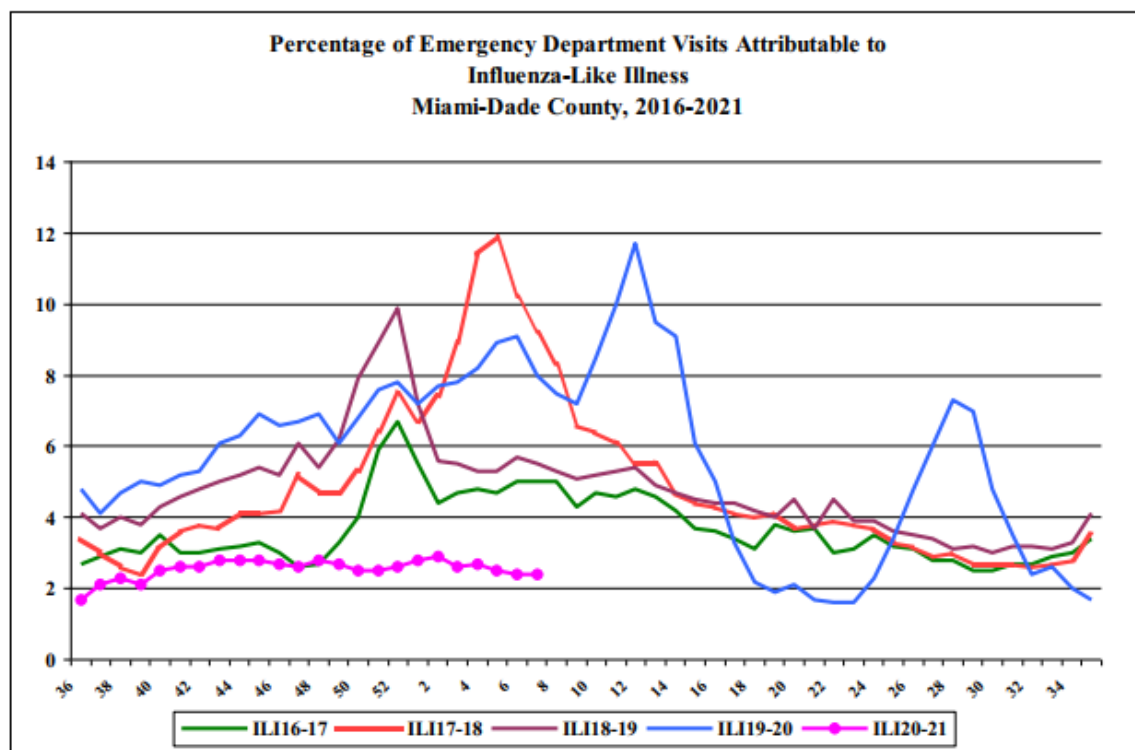
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# Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Epidemiology, Disease Control and Immunization Services

## 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 29,847 ED visits; among them 706 (2.4%) were ILI. During the same week last year, 8.0% 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 January 2021

Diseases/Conditions	2021 Current Month	2021 Year to Date	2020 Year to Date	2019 Year to Date
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>				
AIDS*	24	24	38	28
HIV	70	70	123	132
<b>STD</b>				
Infectious Syphilis*	34	34	49	37
Chlamydia*	1031	1031	1115	1134
Gonorrhea*	436	436	382	358
<b>TB</b>				
Tuberculosis**	N/A	N/A	9	7
<b>Epidemiology, Disease Control &amp; Immunization Services</b>				
<b>Epidemiology</b>				
Campylobacteriosis	25	25	39	62
Chikungunya Fever	0	0	0	0
Ciguatera Poisoning	0	0	0	5
Cryptosporidiosis	4	4	3	2
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	1	0
Dengue Fever	0	0	0	9
Escherichia coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	2	2	12	11
Encephalitis, West Nile Virus	0	0	0	0
Giardiasis, Acute	1	1	8	0
Influenza, Pediatric Death	0	0	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0	0	0
Leptospirosis	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	0	0	0
Lyme disease	0	0	1	0
Malaria	0	0	1	0
Meningitis (except aseptic)	0	0	3	1
Meningococcal Disease	0	0	0	0
Salmonella serotype Typhi (Typhoid Fever)	0	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	31	31	52	36
Shigellosis	1	1	23	26
Streptococcus Pneumoniae, invasive disease	2	2	10	0
Vibriosis	0	0	1	1
West Nile Fever	0	0	0	0
Zika Virus (non-congenital)	0	0	0	0
<b>Immunization Preventable Diseases</b>				
Measles	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	0	0	1	3
Rubella	0	0	0	0
Tetanus	0	0	0	0
Varicella	0	0	9	9
<b>Hepatitis</b>				
Hepatitis A	2	2	1	3
Hepatitis B (Acute)	0	0	4	0
<b>Healthy Homes</b>				
Lead Poisoning	4	4	8	14

\*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.

## 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)

## 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



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