



FLORIDA HEALTH JUSTICE PROJECT

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## **Here's Where Florida's Uninsured Can Get Health Care for Covid-19 Coronavirus Testing and Treatment** *Public Health Departments, Clinics and Testing Sites*

(Miami, Florida – March 20, 2020) –Florida residents who are ill and are experiencing symptoms associated with covid-19, the novel coronavirus, are advised by the Florida Department of Health to contact their primary healthcare provider. Here is where Florida's uninsured can get healthcare through the public health system:

**-Federally Qualified Health Clinics:** Florida residents who don't have a health care provider, can't afford one or are uninsured can receive low-cost or free health care at a **federally qualified health clinic**. For testing and treatment of covid-19 respiratory illness, locate a health care clinic near you here: <https://www.fachc.org/find-a-health-center#/>

- **Florida Department of Health Public Health Offices.** Public health offices throughout the state provide some limited healthcare services, including vaccinations and screenings. Locate a county health department office here: <http://floridahealth.gov/all-county-locations.html>

-The **Florida Medical Association** has compiled a list of healthcare resources related to covid-19, including a list of drive-through testing sites throughout the state. Locate a testing site near you here: [https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida\\_Public/Education/Coronavirus\\_Information.aspx](https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida_Public/Education/Coronavirus_Information.aspx)

**Tele-health consultations** Memorial Health Care System  
<https://www.mhs.net/services/memorialdocnow>

Baptist Health <https://baptisthealth.net/baptist-health-news/tele-health-and-coronavirus-see-a-doctor-from-home-via-care-on-demand/>

**COVID-19 Hotline.** For more information on covid-19, the Florida Department of Health has set up a **covid-19 toll-free hotline**, 1 (866) 779-6121 or through email, [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)

[Florida ranks 39<sup>th</sup>](#) in the nation for public health funding per capita, and has failed to expand Medicaid. Florida has the country's [fourth highest rate](#) of uninsured

(13%). Approximately 850,000 low-income uninsured Floridians would be covered if the state expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. The public health safety net system of clinics and charity care at public hospitals is often the only option for health care for uninsured Floridians.

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