

**WHO must report:**

Each person who makes a diagnosis of or treats a person with a sexually transmitted disease (STD), and each laboratory that performs a test for STD which concludes with a positive test result shall report such facts to the local Department of Health.

**HOW to report:**

Reports must be submitted to the Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County on the STD Reporting Form provided on the next page, and shall contain the following:

1. Tests performed and test results (including titer for syphilis when quantitative procedures are performed)
2. Patient's name, address including city, state, and ZIP
3. Patient's phone number and date of birth
4. Sex (if female, pregnancy status)
5. Race and ethnicity
6. Provider's name, address including city and state, and phone number
7. An official laboratory report for each case (reports by telephone can follow up later with this)

**WHERE to send reports:**

Reports should be faxed to: **561-840-0148**. A copy of the Reporting Form to use is on the next page, and please make extra copies for future reporting.

Reports may be called into **561-803-7326** or **561-803-7316**, however please note that a copy of the laboratory results still needs to be faxed.

**WHEN to report:**

All early syphilis and herpes simplex in neonates and infants, birth to 6 months shall be reported by telephone within 24 hours of diagnosis. All other STD reports shall be submitted by the next business day following diagnosis.

**WHY to report:**

**Benefits to the patient** – Helps to ensure compliance with medical therapy, and provide health education and resources to patients and contacts.

**Benefits to the provider** – Helps to ensure patient compliance with prescribed regimens, assists the provider in educating the patient and decreases repeat visits.

**Benefits to the communities** – Helps to prevent the spread of disease through case investigation, providing reliable information for surveillance, identifying the trends, demographics, assisting in rapid identification, and aiding in the determination of public health priorities.

Sections 381.003 through 381.0031, Florida Statutes

64D-3.029 through 64D-3.033, Florida Administrative Code