

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**. Please see a copy of the Reporting Form to use, and please make extra copies for future reporting.

Reports maybe called into **561-803-7326** or **561-803-7316**, however please note that a copy of the labs still need 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 - helping to assure compliance with medical therapy, and provide health education and resources to patients and contacts.

Benefits to the provider – helping to assure patient compliance with prescribed regimens, assisting the provider to educate the patient and decreasing repeat visits.

Benefits to the communities – preventing 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.

Florida Statute 381.003 through 381.0031

Florida Administrative code 64D-3.029 through 64D-3.033