



The Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County Warns Residents of the Potential for COVID-19 Testing Scams

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Okeechobee, FL — Now more than ever, residents should rely on trusted sources of information for access to COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and monoclonal antibody treatment locations in Okeechobee County. As demand for testing increases, so does the risk for potential scams.

Residents are urged to be on the lookout for fraudulent COVID-19 products and practices, especially as it pertains to testing. Further, the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) has seen unauthorized fraudulent test kits for COVID-19 being sold online.

Helpful tips for residents:

- Rely on trusted sources of information for COVID-19 testing and locations.
- Check to make sure a COVID-19 testing location is legitimate.

Residents are encouraged to be cautious of:

- Unexpected phone calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies.
- Offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing on social media sites.
- Purchasing at-home testing kits from street vendors.
- Individuals going door-to-door selling at-home testing kits.
- Links that seem questionable or are from unverified sources offering COVID-19 testing options.

Resources for reporting fraud and scams:

Complaints about fraudulent activity related to COVID-19 testing can be reported to the State of Florida Attorney General at [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://www.myfloridalegal.com) or call 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (1-866-966-7226).

Complaints regarding laboratories associated with COVID-19 testing sites can be reported to the Agency for Health Care Administration by emailing CAU@AHCA.MyFlorida.com.

If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, report it immediately to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General at [TIPS.HHS.GOV](https://tips.hhs.gov) or call 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477).

If you suspect illegal activity relating to FDA-regulated products, including fraudulent COVID-19 treatments, vaccines, and tests, report it to the FDA Office of Criminal Investigations at AccessData.FDA.gov/Scripts/Email/OC/OCI/Contact.cfm.

Resources for COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and monoclonal antibody treatment site information in Okeechobee County:

Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County at Okeechobee.FloridaHealth.gov.

Information on Okeechobee County COVID-19 testing sites, COVID-19 vaccination sites, COVID-19 monoclonal antibody sites or COVID-19 anti-viral oral medication available locations, please visit Florida COVID-19 Response website at FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov.

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