

Florida COVID-19 Fatalities Data Included Man who Died in Motorcycle Accident

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A man who died in a motorcycle accident was counted among the COVID-19 related deaths in the state, leading to questions about whether the state's reported coronavirus death rates are accurate, according to [Fox 35 Orlando](#).

Fox 35 inquired with Orange County Health Officer Raul Pino, MD, about two COVID-19 deaths that were reported among individuals in their 20s last week. The Florida Department of Health said COVID-19 can be listed as the immediate or underlying cause of death, but instances such as trauma, homicide and motor-vehicle accidents are supposed to be excluded from the COVID-19 death rates.

On July 18, the state removed the motorcyclist's death from the list of COVID-19 fatalities. In Florida, medical examiners certify all COVID-19 deaths.

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