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Why is the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) now being called COVID-19?

The World Health Organization made an [announcement](#) Feb. 11 that the official name for the illness caused by the new coronavirus (previously known as 2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) is now COVID-19.

What is the status of the COVID-19 outbreak?

For the latest situation report please visit the World Health Organization's <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported to the Florida Department of Health?

To see the latest case count please visit [COVID-19 page](#).

What is the Florida Department of Health doing to address COVID-19?

The Florida Department of Health is actively involved in enhanced surveillance for respiratory illness that may be COVID-19. Epidemiologists will follow up on any suspected cases that meet criteria for COVID-19 to arrange for testing when needed and monitor contacts of any confirmed cases, if they occur. Epidemiologic consultation is available 24/7 through the county health departments and Bureau of Epidemiology at 850-245-4401.

The Florida Department of Health will communicate regularly with the public and health care providers with updates on COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

What are the symptoms and signs of COVID-19?

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing

Read about [COVID-19 Symptoms](#)

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is caused by a previously unrecognized coronavirus, called COVID-19. For more information about COVID-19 please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

How does the virus spread?

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

What are coronaviruses?

Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that have a halo or crown-like (corona) appearance when viewed under a microscope. These viruses are a common cause of mild to moderate upper respiratory illness in humans and are associated with respiratory, gastrointestinal, liver and neurologic disease in animals.

If coronaviruses usually cause mild illness in humans, how could this new coronavirus be responsible for a potentially life-threatening disease such as COVID-19?

There is not enough information about the new virus to determine the full range of illness that it might cause. Coronaviruses have occasionally been linked to pneumonia in humans, especially people with weakened immune systems. The viruses also can cause severe disease in animals, including cats, dogs, pigs, mice, and birds.

How long can COVID-19 survive in the environment?

The length of time that the virus survives likely depends on a number of factors. These factors could include the type of material or body fluid containing the virus and various environmental conditions such as temperature or humidity. Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other institutions are designing standardized experiments to measure how long COVID-19 can survive in situations that simulate natural environmental conditions.

Are there disinfectants available that can inactivate (kill) COVID-19?

Right now, there are no disinfectant products registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use on environmental surfaces that are specifically listed as having the ability to kill COVID-19. However, related viruses that have similar physical and biochemical properties can be killed with bleach, ammonia or alcohol, or cleaning agents containing any of these disinfectants. Cleaning agents should be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Am I at risk for COVID-19 infection in the United States?

This is a rapidly evolving situation and the [risk assessment](#) may change daily. The latest situation summary updates are available on CDC's web page [COVID-19](#).

What should I do if I think I (or someone in my family) might have COVID-19?

- Contact your [county health department](#) (CHD).
- Consult a health-care provider as soon as possible. Call ahead and tell them before you visit that you think you may have COVID-19 so they can take precautions to prevent exposing other people.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- If you have a surgical mask, wear it during close contact with other people. A mask can reduce the number of droplets coughed into the air.
- Remember, very few respiratory infections will be COVID-19.
- Please review your signs, symptoms and travel history thoroughly with your physician.

- 24/7 Consultation is available to physicians through contacting their county health department (floridahealth.gov/chdep/contact) the Bureau of Epidemiology at (850) 245-4401.

If I were exposed to COVID-19, how long would it take for me to become sick?

The time between exposure to the COVID-19 virus and onset of symptoms is called the "incubation period." The incubation period for COVID-19 is typically 2 to 14 days, although in some cases it may be longer.

How can I protect myself?

There are some common-sense precautions that you can take that apply to many infectious diseases. The most important is frequent hand washing with soap and water or use of alcohol-based hand rubs (see Prevention & Treatment <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html> and Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings <https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/>). You also should avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands and encourage people around you to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

Where can I get more information about COVID-19?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization are excellent sources of information about this evolving outbreak. You can access their websites here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

For Florida specific information, please consult The Florida Department of Health website:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/2019-nCoV/>

What should I do if I had close contact with someone who has COVID-19?

There is information for [people who have had close contact](#) with a person confirmed to have, or being evaluated for, COVID-19 infection available online.

Is it safe to travel to China or other countries where COVID-19 cases have occurred?

The United States State Department has issued a Level 4 Do not Travel Advisory to China which means that they recommend that all travel to China is cancelled. The situation is evolving. These notices will be updated as more information becomes available. <https://china.usembassy-china.org.cn/travel-alert-level-4-do-not-travel-to-china/>

What if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

If you were in China and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing within 14 days after you left China, you should

- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Not travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to avoid spreading the virus to others. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

CDC does have additional [specific guidance for travelers](#) available online.

Is there a vaccine?

Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19.

What are the treatments?

There is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19 infection. People infected with COVID-19 should receive supportive care to help relieve symptoms. Learn about [COVID-19 Treatment](#).

Should I be tested for COVID-19?

If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Iran, Italy, Japan or South Korea, you should call ahead to a healthcare provider and mention your recent travel or close contact. If you have had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from these areas, you should call ahead to a healthcare provider and mention your recent travel or close contact. Your healthcare provider will work with the Florida Department of Health and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

How do you test a person for COVID-19?

Your healthcare professional will work with your county health department to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

A person who is tested will have three specimens taken: oral, nasal, and saliva. The samples will be given to the county health department, who will then either ship or deliver them to the closest state laboratory. If a specimen is tested positive, it will be identified as 'presumptive positive' until the result is confirmed at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For more information on COVID-19 testing see [CDC Tests for COVID-19](#).

Is COVID-19 the same as the MERS-CoV or SARS virus?

No. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate among animals, including camels, cats and bats. The recently emerged COVID-19 is not the same as the coronavirus that causes Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) or the coronavirus that caused Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in 2003. There are ongoing investigations to learn more. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

Should I be concerned about pets or other animals and COVID-19?

While this virus seems to have emerged from an animal source, it is now spreading from person-to-person. The Florida Department of Health and CDC recommend that people traveling to China avoid animals both live and dead, but there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this new coronavirus.

What about animals or animal products imported from China?

CDC does not have any evidence to suggest that animals or animal products imported from China pose a risk for spreading COVID-19 in the United States. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available. The [United States Department of Agriculture regulates](#) the importation of animals and animal products, and [CDC regulates](#) the importation of animals and animal products capable of spreading human disease.

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The State of Florida Issues Updates on COVID-19

TALLAHASSEE — The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health will be issuing this update every day, seven days per week.

Yesterday, March 9, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Cases

Florida Residents Diagnosed in Florida				
	County	Age	Sex	Travel Related*
1	Manatee	63	Male	No
2	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes
3	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes
4	Broward	75	Male	Yes
5	Broward	65	Male	No
6	Lee	77	Female	Yes
7	Lee	77	Male	Yes
8	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes

9	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes
10	Volusia	66	Female	Yes
11	Manatee	81	Female	Yes
12	Broward	67	Male	Yes
13	Volusia	60	Female	Yes
14	Broward	69	Female	Yes
15	Nassau	68	Male	Yes

*A known history of international travel or exposure to international travelers.

Port Everglades Advisory

Last night, the Department announced a new positive case of COVID-19 in Broward County. The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, identified this new case as the third positive case of COVID-19 associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. Further, all three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.

- The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently traveled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The Department is working in close consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise to monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, to immediately self-isolate and contact their County Health Department or health care provider.

International Travel Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow **CDC guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your County Health Department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider or local County Health Department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the County Health Department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled on a river cruise on the Nile River in Egypt in February 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), including two positive cases in Florida.

COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121**. **The Call Center is available 24 hours per day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.gov**.

What you Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on

objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

Actions the State has Taken to Prepare for and Respond to COVID-19

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.

- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.
- Established an incident management team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted three public health and healthcare stakeholders conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions, and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 EST.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.
- Established a public call-center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed the communications approved COVID-19 Presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for on-going monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings to County Health Departments
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease and a healthcare provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) and County Health Departments (CHD).
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

- The Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) opened an event on the Emergency Status System for hospitals to enter census information and emergency room status updates.
- AHCA expanded the event on the Emergency Status System to collect isolation beds for hospitals effective Saturday, March 7.
- AHCA shared key guidance including CDC and the Department information regarding the importance of screening visitors, infection control protocol and hygiene best practices with all licensed healthcare facilities regulated by the Agency. The Agency is continuing to provide updates on recommendations and

best practices from the CDC and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding COVID-19.

- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department, is hosting statewide calls for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, and Agency for Persons with Disabilities group homes, and adult family care homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees are continuing to address critical issues impacting these providers such as restricting and screening visitors and providing updates.
- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department, is hosting statewide calls for hospitals in conjunction with the Florida Hospital Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees to provide the most up-to-date information to hospital partners and residential facilities caring for aging and vulnerable populations.
- AHCA Secretary Mary Mayhew visited nursing homes and hospital facilities in Jacksonville and Orlando today to discuss COVID-19 preparations and response and address to any concerns and questions from local partners.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (APD)

- APD's Director, and members of the Senior Leadership Team participated in the conference call related to vulnerable populations hosted by the Surgeon General and providing the most up-to-date information to APD partners who are caring for vulnerable populations.
- APD implemented a visitor questionnaire at its two state centers in Gainesville and Marianna.
- APD is developing another visitor questionnaire for Adult Day Training facilities and group homes across the state.
- APD continues to provide additional best practices, preventative tips and CDC guidance to APD providers, Waiver Support coordinators and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom stood with Governor Ron DeSantis and other agency heads during a Monday press conference to address Florida's recent actions and issue a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom and executive staff participated in a conference call with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and ACL administrator Lance Robertson and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Other state units on aging also participated to discuss issues on the implementation of prevention protocols for prevention of spread of COVID-

19.

- DOEA Program directors provided guidance to Area Agencies on Aging and statewide Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-term Care Services (CARES) offices on how to protect clients and staff during a conference call and provided follow-up emails.
- DOEA participated in the Aging and Vulnerable Populations Call hosted by the Florida Department of Health (DOH). All of our Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were on this call and DOEA staff followed up with them on an individual basis for questions and answers for COVID-19.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- DCF's Office of Child Welfare sent communication about COVID-19, specifically to licensed child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019.
- DCF Secretary Chad Poppell sent thorough communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities (including child care providers) about COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.
- DCF is working with AHCA, DOEA, and APD to compile and develop guidance for agency staff and stakeholders who work directly with Florida's elderly population and have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- DCF established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida mental health facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting weekly with updates and to ensure compliance with virus prevention.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida agency is coordinating with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to see how we can assist with spreading information to seniors.
- Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Department is having initial conversations with partners to determine what could be needed and what safety precautions need to be considered if volunteers are utilized.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Commissioner Corcoran is continuing to provide guidance to superintendents on a conference call with the Florida Association of District School Superintendents.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from Florida department and the CDC.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.
- FDC has stood up its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness and are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State (DOS) has been in contact with the Supervisors of Elections for Hillsborough, Lake, Leon, Manatee, Palm Beach and Sarasota Counties to determine their needs specifically as it relates to supplies. The supervisors have been encouraged to connect with their county emergency management department for meeting these resource needs.
- DOS is in constant communication with Supervisors of Elections regarding readiness for elections and any anticipated needs related to COVID-19.
- DOS is sharing information with the public regarding voting options for the upcoming election, including vote-by-mail and early voting options.
- DOS is actively wiping down public spaces including all DOS maintained properties, reception areas, and restrooms with bleach or disinfectant wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.
- DOS is assessing departmental stakeholder lists, including museums, cultural facilities, and libraries to evaluate if any stakeholders provide services to at-risk populations and determining the most suitable ways the department can provide information about COVID-19 to those populations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida

ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.

- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from the department will be hosting weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to encourage businesses to follow the "[Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)" issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This information is being provided to statewide business partners, local Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Councils throughout the state.
- The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and Florida Retail Federation, and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with DEO, are working to provide health safety information and coordination with partners, including how to address potential local supply issues.
- DEO is coordinating with CareerSource Florida, local workforce boards, and other public-private partners. DEO is also working closely with our local, state and federal partners to explore potential resources for employers, businesses and impacted workforce.

VISIT FLORIDA

- On January 24, VISIT FLORIDA ceased all Florida tourism marketing in China. VISIT FLORIDA redirected the savings from China and invested this funding into a domestic campaign that launched on March 2. This domestic campaign has a heavy emphasis on attracting visitors from east of the Mississippi, the Northeast, Midwest and "drive markets," such as Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, and Birmingham. This will encourage all visitors who are seeking a vacation to come to Florida, including those who may be less inclined to fly.

- VISIT FLORIDA has provided the state's three highway welcome centers with the latest information and resources on COVID-19 to help keep the traveling public informed.
- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- The Department of Revenue's Child Support Program is working to reduce when customers are required to visit a local child support office and is providing new connect/customer service options.
- Efforts include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and eliminating other types of appointments. The Program will soon be implementing the ability for parents to enter into written agreements over the phone, and the Program will be providing new fax, email and form drop-off processes.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- OIR Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:
 - Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and Department of Health information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
 - Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to

allow for early prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.

- OIR has spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing for COVID-19.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- FDLE is coordinating ESF-16 providing updates and securing staffing while FDLE Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.
- FDLE's Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies and FDLE's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information. FDLE is reviewing its COOP and determining which members can work from home if necessary.

About the Florida Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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COVID-19 Daily Talking Points March 11, 2020

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

The Governor and Florida Department of Health's highest priority at this time is slowing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring anyone who is potentially infected is appropriately identified, treated and isolated.

As a part of the statewide response, Governor DeSantis has ordered the following state agencies to take an active role in combatting this outbreak:

- **Florida Department of Transportation** - FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from DOH will be hosting weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- **Agency for Health Care Administration** – AHCA is hosting calls with the Florida Health Care Association and Florida Hospital Association to facilitate conversations regarding facility transfers and the screening of facility visitors.
 - Additionally, AHCA is providing ongoing support through constant communication with hospitals and health care facilities provide information on CDC infection prevention and control guidelines.
- **Florida Department of Education** – Commissioner Corcoran is working with schools, colleges and universities to provide support for alternate learning opportunities in the case that campuses need to be closed due to COVID-19.

The Department will be sending a press release update every morning, seven days per week, to keep the public informed.

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the [new CDC guidelines](#), summarized below:

- **Level 3:** Recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Last night, the Department announced a new case of COVID-19 in Broward County. The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, identified this new case as the third positive case of COVID-19 associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida.

Further, all three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.

- The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently travelled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The department is working in close consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this investigation.
- The CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise to monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, to immediately self-isolate and contact their County Health Department or health care provider.

The Department is urging residents to stay informed on how to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19.

The Department encourages everyone to seek medical attention and diagnosis if they suspect they have contracted COVID-19 or come into contact with someone who has COVID-19.

The Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

Governor DeSantis is working closely with state agencies and the Department to monitor, prepare and prevent the spread of this virus.

The Department of Health updates Florida's COVID-19 information page daily. Please visit [FloridaHealth.gov/ COVID-19/](http://FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19) for the latest information.

Yesterday, the Department announced one new positive Florida COVID-19 case in Volusia County. That individual is isolated and being appropriately cared for.

COVID-19 Cases

Florida Residents Diagnosed in Florida				
	County	Age	Sex	Travel Related*
1	Manatee	63	Male	No
2	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes
3	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes

4	Broward	75	Male	Yes
5	Broward	65	Male	No
6	Lee	77	Female	Yes
7	Lee	77	Male	Yes
8	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes
9	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes
10	Volusia	66	Female	Yes
11	Manatee	81	Female	Yes
12	Broward	67	Male	Yes
13	Volusia	60	Female	Yes
14	Broward	69	Female	Yes
15	Nassau	68	Male	Yes

*A known history of international travel or exposure to international travelers.
Below is a complete summary of COVID-19 in Florida:

- 155 tests in state results pending
- 222 negatives
- 20 Florida cases (19 Florida residents)
 - 14 diagnosed in Florida
 - 5 diagnosed and isolated in another state
 - 1 confirmed positive non-Florida resident isolated in Florida.
- Monitoring for COVID-19:
 - 319 currently being monitored
 - 842 are no longer being monitored

The Florida Department of Health is actively involved in enhanced surveillance for respiratory illness that may be COVID-19. Epidemiologists will follow up on any suspected cases that meet criteria for COVID-19 to arrange for testing when needed and monitor contacts of any confirmed cases, if they occur.

The Department will communicate regularly with the public and health care providers with updates on COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

Everyone plays a part in lowering the impact within our communities and workplaces – taking every day preventative actions helps to impede the spread of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19. Preventative actions include:

- **Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,** especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose,

coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

- **Avoiding close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Staying home when you are sick. This message cannot be emphasized enough.**
- Employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are recommended to stay home and not come to work until they are free of fever (100.4° F or greater using an oral thermometer), signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants). Employees should notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- **Before traveling take certain steps:**
 - Check the CDC's Traveler's Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.
 - Employees who become sick while traveling must understand that they should notify their supervisor and should promptly call a healthcare provider for advice if needed.

The Department of Health has set up a dedicated COVID-19 Call Center for questions about this virus. Anyone with questions may call **1-(866) 779-6121** or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If Asked:

“What is the Department doing about the cruise ships near Florida that could be carrying individuals infected with COVID-19?”

-The Department of Health has been notified that two cruise ships off the coast of Miami may have cases of COVID-19.

Although this issue falls under federal jurisdiction, since being notified, DOH has been working closely with the cruise industry, CDC, Coast Guard and other partners to ensure every effort is made to keep the Floridians on board safe, while also protecting Florida residents across the state. Over the coming days, we will continue to work with these partners to provide testing support and resolve this situation as quickly as possible.

“What is the number of patients tested in my county?”

-We appreciate the desire to understand how many Floridians in each community have been tested, received a negative test or are under public health monitoring as a result of suspicion they may have COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who have COVID-19. Balancing the privacy of the individuals being tested and monitored and the confidentiality of the epidemiological investigations with the responsibility to Floridians to disclose information to protect the public is a vital role of the Florida Department of Health. Due to the nature of a unique virus, such as COVID-19, to share how many people in each community that have been tested or are under public health monitoring

could potentially release identifying information, especially in Florida's smaller communities.

As such, in order to protect personally identifiable health information (PHI) of Floridians, the Florida Department of Health is unable to break down the number of individuals who have received a negative test, have pending test results or are under public health monitoring by community.

Floridians can view the aggregate state level information at www.FLHealth.gov/COVID-19. This information is updated daily.

Additionally, the Florida Department of Health is encouraging all Floridians to be aware. Floridians should practice good hand hygiene and wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, use a tissue when they sneeze or cough and immediately dispose of it in the trash and stay home if they are sick."

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Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida

The State of Florida Issues Updates on COVID-19

TALLAHASSEE — The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health will issue this update every day, seven days per week.

Yesterday, March 11, Governor DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Agency for Healthcare Administration to take action to restrict access to vulnerable populations for those who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

On March 11, Governor DeSantis also directed the Florida Board of Governors to take action to prevent COVID-19 from spreading in Florida's State University System. Campuses remain open and operations will continue, although some adjustments will be made by each university. Actions Governor DeSantis directed State Universities to take include:

- Instructing all universities to make plans to transition to remote instruction as soon as possible;
- State universities with students who have returned from spring break should implement a process to transition to remote instruction immediately after students return from spring break, and encourage students to return home for at least 2 weeks;
- State universities with students who are currently on spring break or about to be on break should direct their students to NOT return to campus for at least 2 weeks following the conclusion of spring break;
- All universities will continue to provide essential services, such as dining, counseling, health services, library services, etc., potentially on a limited basis or remotely. Each university with clinical and other non-classroom based programs will communicate directly with those students.
- While students are encouraged to remain off campus, each university should develop a plan for providing residential accommodations for students who need assistance or must remain in place.

On March 9, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Last night, the Department of Health announced six new cases of COVID-19 in Florida, five of which are Florida residents.

EMS Conference and Daytona Bike Week Advisories

The Department, through an extensive, ongoing epidemiological investigation, has identified a positive COVID-19 case that may have been associated with Daytona Bike Week 2020, which is currently underway and scheduled from March 6-15, 2020, in Daytona, Florida.

The Department, through an extensive, ongoing epidemiological investigation, has identified a positive COVID-19 case that may have been associated with an EMS Conference held from March 4-6, 2020, in Tampa, Florida.

The Department recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who attended either of these events immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.

COVID-19 Cases

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	County	Age	Sex	Travel Related*
1	Manatee	63	Male	No
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5	Broward	65	Male	No
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7	Lee	77	Male	Yes
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10	Volusia	66	Female	Yes
11	Manatee	81	Female	Yes
12	Broward	67	Male	No
13	Volusia	60	Female	Yes
14	Broward	69	Female	No

15	Nassau	68	Male	Yes
16	Collier	73	Male	Yes
17	Collier	68	Female	Yes
18	Collier	64	Female	Yes
19	Pinellas	67	Male	Yes
20	Pinellas	64	Male	Yes
21	Pasco	46	Male	Yes
22	Miami-Dade	56	Male	Yes
23	Broward	70	Male	Under Investigation
24	Lee	57	Male	Under Investigation
25	Broward	65	Male	Under Investigation
26	Broward	61	Male	Yes

*A known history of exposure to COVID-19 outside of the state.

Port Everglades Advisory

On March 12, the Department announced a new positive case of COVID-19 in Broward County. The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, identified this new case as the fourth positive case of COVID-19 associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. Three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades. The epidemiological for the fourth person connected to Port Everglades is ongoing.

- The Florida Department of Health recommends that all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently traveled through Port Everglades immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The Department is working in close consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact their County Health Department or health care provider.

International Travel Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow **CDC guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your County Health Department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider or local County Health Department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from areas or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the County Health Department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled to Egypt for a cruise or tour on the Nile River in February or March 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, including 10 positive cases in Florida.

COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **(866) 779-6121**. **The Call Center is available 24 hours per day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.gov**.

What you Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

Actions the State has Taken to Prepare for and Respond to COVID-19

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.
- The Florida Department of Health (DOH) established an incident management team to coordinate response operations.
- DOH activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- DOH conducted three public health and healthcare stakeholders conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions, and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 ET.
- DOH participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.

- DOH established a public call-center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- DOH developed and distributed the communications-approved COVID-19 Presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- DOH developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- DOH established mechanisms for on-going monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings to County Health Departments.
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease and a healthcare provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) and County Health Departments (CHD).
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) opened an event on the Emergency Status System for hospitals to report acute care bed availability and emergency room status.
- AHCA expanded the event on the Emergency Status System to collect hospital isolation beds effective Saturday, March 7.
- AHCA shared key guidance including CDC and the Department information regarding the importance of screening visitors, infection control protocol and hygiene best practices with all licensed healthcare facilities regulated by the Agency. The Agency is continuing to provide updates on recommendations and best practices from the CDC and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding COVID-19.
- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department, is hosting statewide calls for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, Agency for Persons with Disabilities group homes, and adult family care homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees are continuing to address critical issues impacting these providers such as restricting and screening visitors and providing updates.
- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department, is hosting statewide calls for hospitals in conjunction with the Florida Hospital Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees to provide the most up-to-date information to hospital partners and residential facilities caring for aging and vulnerable populations.
- This week, AHCA Secretary Mary Mayhew visited nursing homes and hospital facilities in Tampa, Jacksonville and Orlando to discuss COVID-19 preparations and response and address to any concerns and questions from local partners.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- The Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), and members of the Senior Leadership Team participated in the conference call related to vulnerable populations hosted by the Surgeon General. The call provided the most up-to-date information to APD partners who are caring for vulnerable populations.
- Members of the APD Senior Leadership Team began hosting twice weekly conference calls on COVID-19 with the Superintendents of the agency's three state-run centers in Marianna, Gainesville, and Chattahoochee.
- The infection control nurse at the Sunland Center in Marianna conducted a heightened disinfection training session with all employees during each of the three shifts.
- APD is providing a visitor questionnaire for Adult Day Training facilities and group homes across the state to screen visitors prior to entering a facility.
- APD continues to provide an up-to-date status on COVID-19, best practices, preventative tips, and CDC guidance to APD providers, Waiver Support Coordinators, Stakeholders, and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

- The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) Secretary Richard Prudom stood with Governor Ron DeSantis and other agency heads during a press conference on Monday, March 9th, to address Florida's recent actions and issue a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom and executive staff participated in a conference call with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and ACL administrator Lance Robertson and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Other state units on aging also participated to discuss issues on the implementation of prevention protocols for prevention of spread of COVID-19.
- DOEA Program directors provided guidance to Area Agencies on Aging and statewide Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-term Care Services (CARES) offices on how to protect clients and staff during a conference call and provided follow-up emails.
- DOEA participated in the Aging and Vulnerable Populations Call hosted by the Florida Department of Health (DOH). All of the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were on this call, and DOEA staff followed up with them on an individual basis for questions and answers for COVID-19.
- Through Departmental Leadership and the Area Agency on Aging contract managers, we provided ongoing technical assistance to the entire Aging Network regarding allowable flexibilities within programs to ensure continuity of services and the safety of elders. For example, staff has provided specific technical assistance to all AAAs regarding completing assessments, safe delivery of home-delivered meals, and procurement of cleaning supplies.
- Arranged a conference call with a representative from the Area Agencies on Aging as well as the Florida Association of Aging Services Providers and GA Foods. Discussed the current messaging from ACL and the CDC as it relates to the Aging Network.

- Conducted a Florida Association of the Area Agencies on Aging (F4A) conference call with all contract managers and AAA Executive Directors March 11 at 2:00 p.m. to provide a daily update regarding COVID-19.
- The Department of Elder Affairs has distributed DOH website information as a resource for PACE providers to use and distribute to seniors. and provided the Executive Orders. DOEA has circulated additional information and long-term care provider conference call invitations with presentations by DOH and AHCA to the PACE providers.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- DCF's Office of Child Welfare sent communication about COVID-19 specifically to licensed child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC's [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). This information was also posted prominently on DCF's Child Care webpage.
- DCF Secretary Chad Poppell sent thorough communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities (including child care providers) about COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.
- DCF is working with AHCA, DOEA and APD to compile and develop guidance for agency staff and stakeholders who work directly with Florida's elderly population and have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- DCF is leading status update calls with both internal leadership and leadership from external contracted partners. For the time being, these calls will take place twice weekly, every Tuesday and Friday.
- DCF established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida mental health facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting daily updates to ensure compliance with virus prevention and monitor potential outbreaks.
- DCF has established a visitation protocol for all state-owned and contracted mental health treatment facilities, as well as vendors and patient families, requiring all outside parties to complete a Visitors Viral Symptoms Screening prior to entering a facility.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

- Effective March 11, 2020, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) is restricting visitor access to its State Veterans' Nursing Homes and Domiciliary until further notice, with the exception of essential visitors, such as family members of those residents undergoing end-of-life care.
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also temporarily restricted access to their nursing and community living center facilities to only essential visitors until further notice.
- All VA Medical Centers in Florida are implementing enhanced screening protocols at their facilities. VA Outpatient Clinics are also implementing enhanced screening protocols. Please plan to arrive at the facility well in advance of your appointment to allow additional time for the screening process.

- Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are encouraged to contact the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center at 1-877-741-3400 (toll free). Clinical staff provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage. The service is available at no cost to veterans enrolled for care in the VA Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8).
- All FDVA and VA facilities remain fully operational.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida is coordinating with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to see how the agency can assist with distributing information to seniors.
- Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Department is having initial conversations with partners to determine what could be needed and what safety precautions need to be considered if volunteers are utilized.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is offering virtual teacher training to up to 10,000 teachers to accommodate Florida school districts that wish to train their teachers in the FLVS online platform in the event teachers need to temporarily move to an online environment.
- Education Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance on COVID-19 preparedness and response and will be holding weekly calls to update districts on preparation efforts.
- FDOE has sent weekly memos providing updates to school districts, superintendents, Florida Colleges, parents, teachers and stakeholders.
- FDOE launched a survey to school districts and public charter schools about their preparations, policies, their capacity to serve their students virtually to help meet and determine any preparedness needs.

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

- Effective immediately, all universities will make plans to transition to remote instruction as soon as possible.
- State universities with students who have returned from spring break, which includes Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida International University, Florida Polytechnic University, and the University of Florida, should implement a process to transition to remote instruction immediately and encourage students to return home for at least 2 weeks. Each university will provide detailed information to their students, faculty, and staff at the earliest possible time regarding this transition.
- State universities with students who are currently on spring break or about to be on break should direct their students to NOT return to campus for at least 2 weeks following the conclusion of spring break. This includes students at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, New College of Florida, the University of North Florida, the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida, and the University of West Florida. Each university will provide detailed information to their students, faculty, and staff at the earliest possible time regarding this transition.

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- RESIDENTIAL HOUSING While students are encouraged to remain off-campus, each university should develop a plan for providing residential accommodations for students who need assistance or must remain in place.
- For more information visit: <https://www.flbog.edu/2020/03/11/state-university-system-statement-on-covid-19/>

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the Department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from the Department and the CDC.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.
- FDC has initiated its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness; preventative measures are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State (DOS) has been in contact with the Supervisors of Elections for Hillsborough, Lake, Leon, Manatee, Palm Beach and Sarasota Counties to determine their needs specifically as it relates to supplies. The supervisors have been encouraged to connect with their county emergency management department for meeting these resource needs.
- DOS is in constant communication with Supervisors of Elections regarding readiness for elections and any anticipated needs related to COVID-19.
- DOS is sharing information with the public regarding voting options for the upcoming election, including vote-by-mail and early voting options.
- DOS is actively wiping down public spaces including all DOS maintained properties, reception areas and restrooms with bleach or disinfectant wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.

- DOS is assessing departmental stakeholder lists, including museums, cultural facilities and libraries to evaluate if any stakeholders provide services to at-risk populations and determining the most suitable ways the department can provide information about COVID-19 to those populations.
- DOS has provided guidance to all 67 county Supervisors of Elections regarding assisted living facilities and poll worker staff matters. The message included guidance to vet poll workers and clerks beforehand to determine their recent travel status or if they are showing active symptoms of COVID-19 and reminding supervisors of the option to designate alternate polling locations for nursing homes, centers for independent living continuing care retirement living communities and assisted living facilities.
- DOS has identified stakeholders including libraries, museums, cultural facilities and are developing plans to communicate information and resources about COVID-19 to those stakeholders.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.
- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from the department will host weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- COVID-19 materials are being posted at all FDOT work sites across the state to help educate contractors, vendors and stakeholders.
- FDOT toll collectors have been given additional training and are required to wear gloves as well as continue with enhanced cleansing.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to encourage businesses to follow the "[Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)" issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This information is being provided to

statewide business partners, local Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Councils throughout the state.

- The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and Florida Retail Federation and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with DEO, are working to provide health safety information and coordination with partners, including how to address potential local supply issues.
- DEO is coordinating with CareerSource Florida, local workforce boards, and other public-private partners. DEO is also working closely with our local, state and federal partners to explore potential resources for employers, businesses and impacted workforce.

VISIT FLORIDA

- On January 24, VISIT FLORIDA ceased all Florida tourism marketing in China. VISIT FLORIDA redirected the savings from China and invested this funding into a domestic campaign that launched on March 2.
- VISIT FLORIDA has provided the state's three highway welcome centers with the latest information and resources on COVID-19 to help keep the traveling public informed.
- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- The Department of Revenue's Child Support Program is working to reduce when customers are required to visit a local child support office and is providing new connect/customer service options.
- Efforts include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of appointments. The Program will soon be implementing the ability for parents to enter into written agreements over the phone, and the Program will be providing new fax, email and form drop-off processes.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:
 - Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and Department of Health information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;

- Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.
- OIR has spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing for COVID-19.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is coordinating ESF-16 providing updates and securing staffing while FDLE Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.
- FDLE's Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies and FDLE's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information.

About the Florida Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and Twitter at [@HealthyFla](#). For more information please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov.

For updates on COVID-19, please visit <http://floridahealth.gov/COVID-19> or call 866-779-8121.

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COVID-19 Daily Talking Points

March 12, 2020

Yesterday, March 11, Governor DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Agency for Healthcare Administration to take action to restrict access to vulnerable populations for those who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

On March 11, Governor DeSantis also directed the Florida Board of Governors to take action to prevent COVID-19 from spreading in Florida's State University System. Campuses remain open and operations will continue, although some adjustments will be made by each university.

Actions Governor DeSantis directed State Universities to take include:

- Instructing all universities to make plans to transition to remote instruction as soon as possible;
- State universities with students who have returned from spring break should implement a process to transition to remote instruction immediately after students return from spring break, and encourage students to return home for at least 2 weeks;
- State universities with students who are currently on spring break or about to be on break should direct their students to NOT return to campus for at least 2 weeks following the conclusion of spring break;
- All universities will continue to provide essential services, such as dining, counseling, health services, library services, etc., potentially on a limited basis or remotely. Each university with clinical and other non-classroom based programs will communicate directly with those students.
- While students are encouraged to remain off campus, each university should develop a plan for providing residential accommodations for students who need assistance or must remain in place.

On Monday, March 9, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

The Governor and Florida Department of Health's highest priority at this time is slowing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring anyone who is potentially infected is appropriately identified, cared for and isolated.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Last night, the Department of Health announced six new cases of COVID-19 in Florida, five of which are Florida residents.

EMS Conference and Daytona Bike Week Advisories

The Department, through an extensive, ongoing epidemiological investigation, has identified a positive COVID-19 case that may have been associated with Daytona Bike Week 2020, which is currently underway and scheduled from March 6-15, 2020, in Daytona, Florida.

The Department, through an extensive, ongoing epidemiological investigation, has identified a positive COVID-19 case that may have been associated with an EMS Conference held from March 4-6, 2020, in Tampa, Florida.

The Department recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who attended either of these events immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.

COVID-19 Cases

Florida Residents Diagnosed in Florida				
	County	Age	Sex	Travel Related*
1	Manatee	63	Male	No
2	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes
3	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes
4	Broward	75	Male	No
5	Broward	65	Male	No
6	Lee	77	Female	Yes
7	Lee	77	Male	Yes
8	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes
9	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes
10	Volusia	66	Female	Yes
11	Manatee	81	Female	Yes
12	Broward	67	Male	No
13	Volusia	60	Female	Yes
14	Broward	69	Female	No
15	Nassau	68	Male	Yes
16	Collier	73	Male	Yes
17	Collier	68	Female	Yes

18	Collier	64	Female	Yes
19	Pinellas	67	Male	Yes
20	Pinellas	64	Male	Yes
21	Pasco	46	Male	Yes
22	Miami-Dade	56	Male	Yes
23	Broward	70	Male	Under Investigation
24	Lee	57	Male	Under Investigation
25	Broward	65	Male	Under Investigation
26	Broward	61	Male	Yes

*A known history of exposure to COVID-19 outside of the state.

Port Everglades Advisory

On March 12, the Department announced a new positive case of COVID-19 in Broward County. The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, identified this new case as the fourth positive case of COVID-19 associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida.

As a part of the statewide response, Governor DeSantis has ordered the following state agencies to take an active role in combatting this outbreak:

- **Florida Department of Transportation** - FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from DOH will be hosting weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- **Agency for Health Care Administration** – AHCA is hosting calls with the Florida Health Care Association and Florida Hospital Association to facilitate conversations regarding facility transfers and the screening of facility visitors.
 - Additionally, AHCA is providing ongoing support through constant communication with hospitals and health care facilities to provide information on CDC infection prevention and control guidelines.
- **Florida Department of Education** – Commissioner Corcoran is working with schools, colleges and universities to provide support for alternate learning opportunities in the case that campuses need to be closed due to COVID-19.

The Department will be sending a press release update every morning, seven days per week, to keep the public informed.

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the **CDC guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal

interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.

- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

On March 9, the Department announced a new case of COVID-19 in Broward County. The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, identified this new case as the third positive case of COVID-19 associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. Further, all three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.

- The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently travelled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The department is working in close consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise to monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, to immediately self-isolate and contact their County Health Department or health care provider.

Nile Cruise Advisory

- The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled to Egypt for a cruise or tour on the Nile River in February or March 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, including 10 positive cases in Florida.

The Department is urging residents to stay informed on how to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19.

The Department encourages everyone to seek medical attention and diagnosis if they suspect they have contracted COVID-19 or come into contact with someone who has COVID-19.

The Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

Governor DeSantis is working closely with state agencies and the Department to monitor, prepare and prevent the spread of this virus.

The Department of Health updates Florida's COVID-19 information page daily. Please visit [FloridaHealth.gov/ COVID-19/](https://www.floridahealth.gov/COVID-19/) for the latest information.

The Florida Department of Health is actively involved in enhanced surveillance for respiratory illness that may be COVID-19. Epidemiologists will follow up on any suspected cases that meet criteria for COVID-19 to arrange for testing when needed and monitor contacts of any confirmed cases, if they occur.

The Department will communicate regularly with the public and health care providers with updates on COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

Everyone plays a part in lowering the impact within our communities and workplaces – taking every day preventative actions helps to impede the spread of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19. Preventative actions include:

- **Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoiding close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Staying home when you are sick. This message cannot be emphasized enough.**
- Employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are recommended to stay home and not come to work until they are free of fever (100.4° F or greater using an oral thermometer), signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants). Employees should notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- **Before traveling take certain steps:**
 - Check CDC's Traveler's Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.
 - Employees who become sick while traveling must understand that they should notify their supervisor and should promptly call a healthcare provider for advice if needed.

The Department of Health has set up a dedicated COVID-19 Call Center for questions about this virus. Anyone with questions may call **1-(866) 779-6121** or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If Asked:

“What is the number of patients tested in my county?”

-We appreciate the desire to understand how many Floridians in each community have been tested, received a negative test or are under public health monitoring as a result of suspicion they may have COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who have COVID-19. Balancing the privacy of the individuals being tested and monitored and the confidentiality of the epidemiological investigations with the responsibility to Floridians to disclose information to protect the public is a vital role of the Florida Department of Health (DOH). The DOH strives to protect the identity of individuals tested or affected by COVID-19, while also ensuring information necessary for the public health is available.

As such, in order to protect personally identifiable health information (PHI) of Floridians, the Florida Department of Health is unable to break down the number of individuals who have received a negative test, have pending test results or are under public health monitoring by community.

Floridians can view the aggregate state level information at www.FLHealth.gov/COVID-19. This information is updated daily.

Additionally, the Florida Department of Health is encouraging all Floridians to be aware. Floridians should practice good hand hygiene and wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, use a tissue when they sneeze or cough and immediately dispose of it in the trash and stay home if they are sick.”

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Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 11, 2020

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The State of Florida Issues Updates on COVID-19

TALLAHASSEE — The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health will be issuing this update every day, seven days per week.

On March 9, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Last night, the Department of Health announced eight new cases of COVID-19 in Florida:

New Positive Cases

- A 68-year old male in Nassau County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.
- A 68-year old female Georgia resident who is currently in Alachua County, Florida, has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. The Georgia Department of Public Health is leading the epidemiological investigation for this individual.
- A 73-year old male in Collier County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.
- A 68-year old female in Collier County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.

- A 64-year old female in Collier County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.
- A 67-year old male in Pinellas County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.
- A 64-year old male in Pinellas County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.
- A 46-year old male in Pasco County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.

COVID-19 Cases

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6	Lee	77	Female	Yes
7	Lee	77	Male	Yes
8	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes
9	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes
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13	Volusia	60	Female	Yes
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15	Nassau	68	Male	Yes
16	Collier	73	Male	Yes
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- The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently traveled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The Department is working in close consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise to monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, to immediately self-isolate and contact their County Health Department or health care provider.

International Travel Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow **CDC guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your County Health Department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to

their health care provider or local County Health Department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the County Health Department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled on a river cruise on the Nile River in Egypt in February 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), including two positive cases in Florida.

COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121**. **The Call Center is available 24 hours per day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.gov**.

What you Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;

- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

Actions the State has Taken to Prepare for and Respond to COVID-19

Actions the State has Taken to Prepare for and Respond to COVID-19

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.
- Established an incident management team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted three public health and healthcare stakeholders conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions, and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 EST.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.
- Established a public call-center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed the communications approved COVID-19 Presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.

- Developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for on-going monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings to County Health Departments
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease and a healthcare provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) and County Health Departments (CHD).
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

- The Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) opened an event on the Emergency Status System for hospitals to enter census information and emergency room status updates.
- AHCA expanded the event on the Emergency Status System to collect isolation beds for hospitals effective Saturday, March 7.
- AHCA shared key guidance including CDC and the Department information regarding the importance of screening visitors, infection control protocol and hygiene best practices with all licensed healthcare facilities regulated by the Agency. The Agency is continuing to provide updates on recommendations and best practices from the CDC and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding COVID-19.
- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department, is hosting statewide calls for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, and Agency for Persons with Disabilities group homes, and adult family care homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees are continuing to address critical issues impacting these providers such as restricting and screening visitors and providing updates.
- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department, is hosting statewide calls for hospitals in conjunction with the Florida Hospital Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees to provide the most up-to-date information to hospital partners and residential facilities caring for aging and vulnerable populations.

- AHCA Secretary Mary Mayhew visited nursing homes and hospital facilities in Jacksonville and Orlando today to discuss COVID-19 preparations and response and address to any concerns and questions from local partners.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (APD)

- APD's Director, and members of the Senior Leadership Team participated in the conference call related to vulnerable populations hosted by the Surgeon General and providing the most up-to-date information to APD partners who are caring for vulnerable populations.
- APD implemented a visitor questionnaire at its two state centers in Gainesville and Marianna.
- APD is developing another visitor questionnaire for Adult Day Training facilities and group homes across the state.
- APD continues to provide additional best practices, preventative tips and CDC guidance to APD providers, Waiver Support coordinators and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom stood with Governor Ron DeSantis and other agency heads during a Monday press conference to address Florida's recent actions and issue a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom and executive staff participated in a conference call with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and ACL administrator Lance Robertson and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Other state units on aging also participated to discuss issues on the implementation of prevention protocols for prevention of spread of COVID-19.
- DOEA Program directors provided guidance to Area Agencies on Aging and statewide Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-term Care Services (CARES) offices on how to protect clients and staff during a conference call and provided follow-up emails.
- DOEA participated in the Aging and Vulnerable Populations Call hosted by the Florida Department of Health (DOH). All of our Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were on this call and DOEA staff followed up with them on an individual basis for questions and answers for COVID-19.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- DCF's Office of Child Welfare sent communication about COVID-19, specifically to licensed child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019.
- DCF Secretary Chad Poppell sent thorough communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities (including child care providers) about COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.
- DCF is working with AHCA, DOEA, and APD to compile and develop guidance for agency staff and stakeholders who work directly with Florida's elderly population and have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- DCF established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida mental health facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting weekly with updates and to ensure compliance with virus prevention.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida agency is coordinating with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to see how we can assist with spreading information to seniors.
- Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Department is having initial conversations with partners to determine what could be needed and what safety precautions need to be considered if volunteers are utilized.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Commissioner Corcoran is continuing to provide guidance to superintendents on a conference call with the Florida Association of District School Superintendents.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from Florida department and the CDC.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.

- FDC has stood up its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness and are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State (DOS) has been in contact with the Supervisors of Elections for Hillsborough, Lake, Leon, Manatee, Palm Beach and Sarasota Counties to determine their needs specifically as it relates to supplies. The supervisors have been encouraged to connect with their county emergency management department for meeting these resource needs.
- DOS is in constant communication with Supervisors of Elections regarding readiness for elections and any anticipated needs related to COVID-19.
- DOS is sharing information with the public regarding voting options for the upcoming election, including vote-by-mail and early voting options.
- DOS is actively wiping down public spaces including all DOS maintained properties, reception areas, and restrooms with bleach or disinfectant wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.
- DOS is assessing departmental stakeholder lists, including museums, cultural facilities, and libraries to evaluate if any stakeholders provide services to at-risk populations and determining the most suitable ways the department can provide information about COVID-19 to those populations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.
- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from the department will be hosting weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to encourage businesses to follow the [“Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers”](#) issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This information is being provided to statewide business partners, local Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Councils throughout the state.
- The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and Florida Retail Federation, and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with DEO, are working to provide health safety information and coordination with partners, including how to address potential local supply issues.
- DEO is coordinating with CareerSource Florida, local workforce boards, and other public-private partners. DEO is also working closely with our local, state and federal partners to explore potential resources for employers, businesses and impacted workforce.

VISIT FLORIDA

- On January 24, VISIT FLORIDA ceased all Florida tourism marketing in China. VISIT FLORIDA redirected the savings from China and invested this funding into a domestic campaign that launched on March 2. This domestic campaign has a heavy emphasis on attracting visitors from east of the Mississippi, the Northeast, Midwest and “drive markets,” such as Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, and Birmingham. This will encourage all visitors who are seeking a vacation to come to Florida, including those who may be less inclined to fly.
- VISIT FLORIDA has provided the state’s three highway welcome centers with the latest information and resources on COVID-19 to help keep the traveling public informed.
- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- The Department of Revenue’s Child Support Program is working to reduce when customers are required to visit a local child support office and is providing new connect/customer service options.
- Efforts include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and eliminating other types of appointments. The Program will soon be implementing

the ability for parents to enter into written agreements over the phone, and the Program will be providing new fax, email and form drop-off processes.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- OIR Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:
 - Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and Department of Health information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
 - Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.
- OIR has spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing for COVID-19.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- FDLE is coordinating ESF-16 providing updates and securing staffing while FDLE Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.

- FDLE's Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies and FDLE's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information. FDLE is reviewing its COOP and determining which members can work from home if necessary.

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COVID-19 Daily Talking Points

March 11, 2020

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

The Governor and Florida Department of Health's highest priority at this time is slowing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring anyone who is potentially infected is appropriately identified, cared for and isolated.

Last night, the Department of Health announced eight new cases of COVID-19 in Florida:

New Positive Cases

- A 68-year old male in Nassau County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.
- A 68-year old female Georgia resident who is currently in Alachua County, Florida, has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. The Georgia Department of Public Health is leading the epidemiological investigation for this individual.
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As a part of the statewide response, Governor DeSantis has ordered the following state agencies to take an active role in combatting this outbreak:

- **Florida Department of Transportation** - FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from DOH will be hosting weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- **Agency for Health Care Administration** – AHCA is hosting calls with the Florida Health Care Association and Florida Hospital Association to facilitate conversations regarding facility transfers and the screening of facility visitors.
 - Additionally, AHCA is providing ongoing support through constant communication with hospitals and health care facilities to provide information on CDC infection prevention and control guidelines.
- **Florida Department of Education** – Commissioner Corcoran is working with schools, colleges and universities to provide support for alternate learning opportunities in the case that campuses need to be closed due to COVID-19.

The Department will be sending a press release update every morning, seven days per week, to keep the public informed.

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the **CDC guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

On March 9, the Department announced a new case of COVID-19 in Broward County. The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, identified this new case as the third positive case of COVID-19 associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. Further, all three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.

- The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently travelled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The department is working in close consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this investigation.

- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise to monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, to immediately self-isolate and contact their County Health Department or health care provider.

The Department is urging residents to stay informed on how to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19.

The Department encourages everyone to seek medical attention and diagnosis if they suspect they have contracted COVID-19 or come into contact with someone who has COVID-19.

The Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

Governor DeSantis is working closely with state agencies and the Department to monitor, prepare and prevent the spread of this virus.

The Department of Health updates Florida's COVID-19 information page daily. Please visit [FloridaHealth.gov/ COVID-19/](http://FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19/) for the latest information.

- **COVID-19 Cases**

Florida Residents Diagnosed in Florida				
	County	Age	Sex	Travel Related*
1	Manatee	63	Male	No
2	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes
3	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes
4	Broward	75	Male	No
5	Broward	65	Male	No
6	Lee	77	Female	Yes
7	Lee	77	Male	Yes
8	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes
9	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes
10	Volusia	66	Female	Yes
11	Manatee	81	Female	Yes
12	Broward	67	Male	No
13	Volusia	60	Female	Yes

14	Broward	69	Female	No
15	Nassau	68	Male	Yes
16	Collier	73	Male	Yes
17	Collier	68	Female	Yes
18	Collier	64	Female	Yes
19	Pinellas	67	Male	Yes
20	Pinellas	64	Male	Yes
21	Pasco	46	Male	Yes

*A known history of exposure to COVID-19 outside of the state.

Please visit floridahealth.gov/COVID19 to obtain the most recent information including state test results pending, the number of negative test results and positive cases of COVID-19.

The Florida Department of Health is actively involved in enhanced surveillance for respiratory illness that may be COVID-19. Epidemiologists will follow up on any suspected cases that meet criteria for COVID-19 to arrange for testing when needed and monitor contacts of any confirmed cases, if they occur.

The Department will communicate regularly with the public and health care providers with updates on COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

Everyone plays a part in lowering the impact within our communities and workplaces – taking every day preventative actions helps to impede the spread of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19. Preventative actions include:

- **Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoiding close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Staying home when you are sick. This message cannot be emphasized enough.**
- Employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are recommended to stay home and not come to work until they are free of fever (100.4° F or greater using an oral thermometer), signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants). Employees should notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- **Before traveling take certain steps:**
 - Check CDC's Traveler's Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.
 - Employees who become sick while traveling must understand that they should notify their supervisor and should promptly call a healthcare provider for advice if needed.

The Department of Health has set up a dedicated COVID-19 Call Center for questions about this virus. Anyone with questions may call **1-(866) 779-6121** or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If Asked:

“What is the Department doing about the cruise ships near Florida that could be carrying individuals infected with COVID-19?”

- On Sunday, March 8th, the U.S. Coast Guard allowed the Regal Princess cruise ship to disembark following negative tests for COVID-19.

-There is another cruise ship, the Caribbean Princess, which is expected to disembark in a timely fashion.

Although this issue falls under federal jurisdiction, since being notified, the department has been working closely with the cruise industry, CDC, Coast Guard and other partners to ensure every effort is made to keep the Floridians on board safe, while also protecting Florida residents across the state. We will continue to work with these partners to provide support.

“What is the number of patients tested in my county?”

-We appreciate the desire to understand how many Floridians in each community have been tested, received a negative test or are under public health monitoring as a result of suspicion they may have COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who have COVID-19. Balancing the privacy of the individuals being tested and monitored and the confidentiality of the epidemiological investigations with the responsibility to Floridians to disclose information to protect the public is a vital role of the Florida Department of Health (DOH). The DOH strives to protect the identity of individuals tested or affected by COVID-19, while also ensuring information necessary for the public health is available.

As such, in order to protect personally identifiable health information (PHI) of Floridians, the Florida Department of Health is unable to break down the number of individuals who have received a negative test, have pending test results or are under public health monitoring by community.

Floridians can view the aggregate state level information at www.FLHealth.gov/COVID-19. This information is updated daily.

Additionally, the Florida Department of Health is encouraging all Floridians to be aware. Floridians should practice good hand hygiene and wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, use a tissue when they sneeze or cough and immediately dispose of it in the trash and stay home if they are sick.”

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Florida Department of Health Announces New Positive COVID-19 Cases in Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health has announced eight new positive cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida. To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the virus, the Department is issuing regular updates as information becomes available.

New Positive Cases

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International Travel Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the [new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidelines](#), summarized below:

- **Level 3:** Recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your County Health Department (CHD) or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your CHD or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Port Everglades Advisory

The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, has identified three positive COVID-19 cases associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. All three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.

- The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently travelled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their CHD or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The Department is working in close consultation with the CDC on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact their CHD or health care provider.

Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled on a river cruise on the Nile River in Egypt in February 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, including two positive cases in Florida.

COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121**. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Department Activities

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency.

- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.
- Established an Incident Management Team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted three public health and health care stakeholder conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined these calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 EST.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
- Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed an updated COVID-19 presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and coordination with the CDC regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying PUIs for COVID-19 and a health care provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for COVID-19 to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions and CHDs.
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

What you Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local CHD and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the CHD. The health care provider will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

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First of all, I want to thank you both for your hard work. We do appreciate the information you have shared thus far. I have been following the governor's remarks and Dr. Roberson's remarks and have submitted most, if not all of these questions before but have not yet received clarity on them. I am mindful not to make you repeat yourselves but there is still a lot of confusion about these basic questions that we believed should have been answered by now. At some point we may have to consider writing a story about the lack of clarity of this issue. I am hoping we can avoid getting to that point. Here are the questions I still have:

Unanswered questions about testing:

- Can only county health officials collect specimens at this point or are physicians/other health care professionals able to collect specimens to send out for testing now?

Healthcare providers can collect specimens for COVID-19 testing. medical professional can collect samples for COVID-19.

- Has Florida DOH received more kits yet? When are they expected? Dr. Roberson said they were on the way again yesterday but we have been hearing that for some time.

FDOH has ordered more kits from CDC, and will continue to work closely with our federal partners throughout this response.

- How will private labs play a role in this? We heard from Dr. Roberson yesterday that they will expand our capacity, but we haven't gotten a sense of by how much and what the state's involvement in that method of testing would be. Would the DOH be reporting positives from private labs? Negatives?

Healthcare providers can send specimens to commercial labs for COVID-19 testing. This is a reportable disease, and as such, test results will be reported on the DOH website as they are now.

- Yesterday, Dr. Roberson said DOH has the staffing to meet test demand at its public health labs. She did not, despite being asked directly, give a figure for how many tests could be run per day. Why has this figure not been provided?

At this time, we have the ability to meet the testing demand. If there is a limit to how many tests we can run per day, we have not yet reached that point.

- Does Florida DOH anticipate extending criteria to meet CDC guidelines? This is a major concern for our readers and probably what we hear the most frustration about. It's important for the state to shed some light on what the expectations are with this.

DOH sent new guidance today via a clinical screening tool. Please find it attached.

- We've heard from people who say they are told by their doctors to go to county health departments, then told to go somewhere else after arriving. I know the advisories say to contact county public health departments or health care providers to follow those instructions, but how do people know where to physically go to get tested? There are reports of physicians being confused and frustrated by not having testing kits available.

Individuals can consult their health care provider for COVID-19 testing. Healthcare providers then collect specimens for COVID-19 and those specimens are sent to either FDOH public labs or commercial labs.

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The Florida Department of Health (Department) is prioritizing testing of symptomatic individuals who had close contact^{1,2} with a laboratory-confirmed³ COVID-19 case, are part of an outbreak, or have unexplained respiratory illness. Please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Alert Network 429 <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00429.asp> for additional guidance on prioritization of testing. The Department recommends other individuals be tested at a commercial laboratory (e.g., LabCorp and Quest). For all persons under investigation for COVID-19, take the following precautions:

- Ask the patient to wear a surgical mask.
- Evaluate the patient in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne isolation room, if available.
- Initiate contact and airborne precautions, including use of eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield) for all health care professionals and other staff entering the room.
- Visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html for additional recommendations on infection control recommendations for patients under investigation for COVID-19 in health care settings.

A. Person had **close contact**^{1,2} with a laboratory-confirmed³ COVID-19 case and fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

B. Person is part of an outbreak of suspected COVID-19.

C. Person hospitalized with **unexplained respiratory illness** or **person who died from unexplained respiratory illness**.

D. Person traveled to or from an **affected geographic area**⁵ with widespread community transmission and has fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

E. Person had community contact (e.g., attended the same gathering or stayed on the same cruise ship) with a laboratory-confirmed³ COVID-19 case and fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

F. Person is age ≥65 years, has chronic medical conditions, or is in an immunocompromised state and has fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

This patient meets the criteria for testing at the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Public Health Laboratories.

The Florida Department of Health asks that you **immediately** notify both infection control personnel at your health care facility and your county health department (CHD) ([FloridaHealth.gov/CHDEpiContact](https://www.floridhealth.gov/CHDEpiContact)).

Consider testing at a commercial

laboratory. If commercial testing is not available, contact your CHD for patients that meet CDC priority criteria.

¹Close contact is defined as a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case– or –b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on) If such contact occurs while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), criteria for PUI consideration are met. Data to inform the definition of close contact are limited. Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure (e.g., longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk) and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19 (e.g., coughing likely increases exposure risk as does exposure to a severely ill patient). Special consideration should be given to healthcare personnel exposed in healthcare settings.

²For healthcare personnel, testing may be considered if there has been exposure to a person with suspected COVID-19 without laboratory confirmation. Because of their often extensive and close contact with vulnerable patients in healthcare settings, even mild signs and symptoms (e.g., sore throat) of COVID-19 should be evaluated among potentially exposed healthcare personnel.

³Documentation of laboratory-confirmation of COVID-19 may not be possible for travelers or persons caring for patients in other countries.

⁴Fever may be subjective or confirmed.

⁵Affected areas are defined as geographic regions where sustained community transmission has been identified. For a list of relevant affected areas, see Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information for Travel (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>)

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The State of Florida Issues Updates on COVID-19

TALLAHASSEE — The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health will issue this update every day, seven days per week.

Governor Ron DeSantis is in constant communication with Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz and State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

Today, in a briefing at the State Emergency Operations Center, Governor DeSantis announced the following:

- At the Governor's direction, a public-private partnership has been put in place between Memorial Healthcare in Broward and the National Guard to set up a mobile testing unit.
- Governor DeSantis has directed the Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Halsey Beshears, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health, to issue social distancing guidance to restaurants and bars.
- Governor DeSantis sent a letter to the federal Small Business Administration to turn on the SBA loan program for small businesses.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Department of Management Services Secretary Jonathan Satter to allow state employees to donate and transfer their available leave time to other state employees to mitigate the impacts of school closures.

On March 9, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](#). For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the [travel advisory website](#).

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **(866) 779-6121**. **The Call Center is available 24 hours per day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.gov**.

What you Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneezing into a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should

be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility). A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from any other destination with community transmission should call ahead to their health care provider and local CHD and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, he or she should call ahead to a health care professional and the CHD. The health care provider will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

Actions the State has taken to prepare for and Respond to COVID-19

Yesterday, the Governor provided several additional updates on Florida's efforts to respond to COVID-19:

- Governor DeSantis requested that Health and Human Services send home the 61 Floridians that were previously aboard the Grand Princess Cruise line, home from isolation from Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Department of Health to hire additional epidemiologists from university health programs to help with workload.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to extend all existing nursing home and assisted living facility licenses for 90 days to remove distraction from patient care.
- Governor DeSantis directed Director Moskowitz to expand his emergency order and prohibit all visitation to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities and adult group homes to all visitors for the next 30 days.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to suspend drivers' license renewal requirements for 30 days.
- Governor DeSantis directed all agencies to suspend for 30 days licensing and registration renewal requirements for existing professional licenses (e.g. realtors).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency. The State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.

- The Department of Health (DOH) established an Incident Management Team to coordinate response operations.
- DOH activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- DOH conducted public health and health care stakeholder conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined these calls.
- DOH participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
- DOH established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- DOH developed and distributed an updated COVID-19 presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- DOH implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- DOH established mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and coordination with the CDC regarding epidemiological activities.
- The DOH distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons under Investigation (PUIs) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- DOH distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying PUIs for COVID-19 and a health care provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for COVID-19 to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions and CHDs.
- DOH implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- DOH distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- DOH distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.
- Governor DeSantis announced that the State ordered an additional 2,500 test kits to supplement the adequate resources already available to test for COVID-19. These additional test kits will enable the Department of Health, working with Florida health care providers, to test up to an additional 625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in state and all out-of-state travel for state employees for 30 days.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Agency for Health Care Administration to take action to restrict access to vulnerable populations for those who may have been exposed to COVID-19. The Governor also directed the Florida Department of Corrections to suspend visitation at state prisons for 30 days.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will be granting a 90-day extension to all licenses for health care providers and regulated facilities.
- AHCA is distributing information regarding regulatory flexibilities created by waivers from CMS related to skilled nursing facilities, critical access hospitals, home health agencies, durable medical equipment, provider enrollment, etc.
- AHCA participated in a collaborative call with the Florida Health Care Association, Florida Hospital Association and LeadingAge Florida to discuss patient transfer arrangements between health care facilities such as nursing homes and hospitals.
- The Florida Medicaid Program announced coverage of commercial testing for COVID-19 for dates of service back to February 4.
- AHCA submitted requests to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for flexibility for Florida's program under the federal declaration of a state of emergency.
- Secretary Mayhew participated in a call with hospitals, laboratory administrators and associations regarding hospital testing.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- The Agency for Persons with Disabilities' (APD) three state-run centers in Marianna, Gainesville, and Chattahoochee, as well as APD-licensed group homes, are restricting visitors in compliance with the Executive Order to protect the health and safety of our customers.
- APD Adult Day Training programs across the state are screening visitors for possible exposure to COVID-19 using a visitor questionnaire. The questionnaire is also being used to screen visitors to APD Regional Offices.
- APD continues to provide an up-to-date status on COVID-19, best practices, preventative tips, and CDC guidance to APD providers, Waiver Support Coordinators, Stakeholders, and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

- The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA), in coordination with the Administration for Community Living (ACL), facilitated a virtual Town Hall meeting at the request of Hallandale Beach Mayor Joy Cooper. More than 2,700 seniors were online for the meeting. Charlotte Mather Taylor, Executive Director of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Broward County, led the discussion with participation from ACL Representative Constantino Miskos, Chen Senior Medical Center, and representatives from Emergency Medical Services. Their primary topics of conversation centered on the work being done, specifically by the Area Agency on Aging, to continue to provide people resources and services to maximize support during COVID-19.
- Through Departmental Leadership and the Area Agency on Aging contract managers, DOEA provided ongoing technical assistance to the entire Aging Network regarding allowable flexibilities within programs to ensure continuity of

services and the safety of elders. For example, we provided guidance to all Executive Directors regarding the safe delivery of home-delivered meals to prevent spread of respiratory infection.

- DOEA continues to provide updated information on current closures and possible future temporary closures of specific services at Congregate Meal Sites, Senior Centers and Adult Day Care Centers on our website homepage and all corresponding program pages. Clients are guided to contact the specific location for alternative services, they are provided the Area Agency on Aging helpline, and directed to the DOH website with any additional questions on COVID-19.
- The Vision 2020: Looking Towards Your Age-Friendly Future Tour to five communities across Florida originally planned for [April 20th - April 24th](#) and co-hosted by the Department and AARP has been postponed to protect the health and wellness of seniors, volunteers and staff.
- All Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) participation in scheduled outreach events, presentations, and in-person SHINE/Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) counseling has been suspended until further notice. SHINE volunteers and staff will continue to provide counseling services, but the services will be conducted over-the-phone with future considerations for the use of webinars and Facebook LIVE.
- DOEA Secretary Prudom held a conference call with The Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-term Care Services (CARES) supervisors to discuss the suspension of face-to-face assessments. CARES assessors will provide reviews through phone or tele-technology to reduce client/staff exposure and reduce spread.
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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Child Welfare sent communication about COVID-19, to licensed child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019.
- DCF Secretary Chad Poppell sent thorough communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities (including child care providers) about

COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.

- DCF is working with AHCA, DOEA, and APD to compile and develop guidance for agency staff and stakeholders who work directly with Florida's elderly population and have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- DCF established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida mental health facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting daily updates to ensure compliance with virus prevention and monitor potential outbreaks.
- DCF has established a visitation protocol for all state-owned and contracted mental health treatment facilities, as well as vendors and patient families, requiring all outside parties to complete a Visitors Viral Symptoms Screening prior to entering a facility.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

- The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) is restricting visitor access to its State Veterans' Nursing Homes and Domiciliary until further notice, with the exception of essential visitors, such as family members of those residents undergoing end-of-life care.
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also temporarily restricted access to their nursing and community living center facilities to only essential visitors until further notice.
- All VA Medical Centers in Florida are implementing enhanced screening protocols at their facilities. VA Outpatient Clinics are also implementing enhanced screening protocols. Please plan to arrive at the facility well in advance of your appointment to allow additional time for the screening process.
- Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are encouraged to contact the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center at 1-877-741-3400 (toll free). Clinical staff provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage. The service is available at no cost to veterans enrolled for care in the VA Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8).
- Currently, all U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries are open for burial and visitation by the public. Florida has nine National Cemeteries. To schedule a burial, please call 800-535-1117, option 1. In light of concerns regarding COVID-19, some families may prefer to proceed with direct interment of their loved ones and postpone the formal committal services to a later date. Cemetery administrators will work to accommodate these preferences.
- All FDVA and VA facilities remain fully operational.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida is having preliminary conversations with Mass Care on the anticipated needs of volunteers. The agency is working together to plan for volunteers and develop volunteer safety guidelines to ensure that they are protected.

- Volunteer Florida has asked all Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) partners to review their continuity of operations so that there is no service delivery disruption.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Richard Corcoran provided strong recommendations for extending spring break following [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) issuing guidance specific to COVID-19 in Florida](#). As all Florida school districts and public charter schools have different schedules, please click [here](#) to see the recommended spring break changes for each district. In addition, the department also announced that the start of state testing will be delayed by a minimum of two weeks. To stay up to date on school closure information, visit: [org/em-response](#).
- FDOE sent updated guidance to school districts and superintendents ahead of spring break. To view that memo, visit: [fldoe.org/em-response](#).
- At this time, no Florida student has contracted COVID-19.
- In an effort to be proactive, and only as a precautionary measure if COVID-19 evolves in Florida, [Florida Virtual School \(FLVS\) has partnered with the Florida Department of Education to offer all school districts student support and teacher professional development tailored to the online learning environment](#). The Florida Department of Education in partnership with FLVS is training an additional 10,000 teachers statewide on the Virtual Teacher Training for COVID-19. Superintendents who are interested in offering their teachers the Virtual Teacher Training for COVID-19 should work with their County Virtual Principals to provide a list of teachers to FLVS through: <https://www.flvs.net/FLVSTeacherTraining>.
- Education Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance on COVID-19 preparedness and response and will be holding weekly calls to update districts on preparation efforts.
- FDOE has sent weekly memos providing updates to school districts, superintendents, Florida Colleges, parents, teachers and stakeholders.
- FDOE launched a survey to school districts and public charter schools about their preparations, policies, and their capacity to serve their students virtually to help meet and determine any preparedness needs.

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

- The State University System will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of remote learning and the need to teach remotely in order to protect our students and the university community.
- The State University System will continue to work with the Florida Department of Health and the Emergency Operations Center to determine if the initial two weeks of remote learning is sufficient.
- Effective immediately, all universities will make plans to transition to remote instruction as soon as possible.

- State universities with students who have returned from spring break, which includes Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida International University, Florida Polytechnic University, and the University of Florida, should implement a process to transition to remote instruction immediately and encourage students to return home for at least 2 weeks. Each university will provide detailed information to their students, faculty, and staff at the earliest possible time regarding this transition.
- State universities with students who are currently on spring break or about to be on break should direct their students to NOT return to campus for at least 2 weeks following the conclusion of spring break. This includes students at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, New College of Florida, the University of North Florida, the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida, and the University of West Florida. Each university will provide detailed information to their students, faculty, and staff at the earliest possible time regarding this transition.
- All universities will continue to provide essential services, such as dining, counseling, health services, library services, etc., potentially on a limited basis or remotely. Each university with clinical and other non-classroom based programs will communicate directly with those students.
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- RESIDENTIAL HOUSING - While students are encouraged to remain off-campus, each university should develop a plan for providing residential accommodations for students who need assistance or must remain in place.
- All state universities have implemented campus-wide critical incident or emergency management teams that are meeting regularly to prepare for the impacts of the COVID-19 virus.
- All universities are preparing to transition to remote instructional delivery for a two-week period during March and early April, depending on each institution's Spring Break, and are informing students not to return to campus during this period.
- The Board of Governors will be conducting its March meeting via conference call and will not have a face-to-face meeting at USF as was originally scheduled.
- For more information visit: <https://www.flbog.edu/2020/03/11/state-university-system-statement-on-covid-19/>.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC Community Corrections officers are working with offenders on supervision to adjust reporting schedules to minimize congregating at probation offices and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the Department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from the Department and the CDC.
- FDC has suspended visitation at all correctional institutions statewide through April 5, 2020. The decision to reinstate the normal visitation schedule will be evaluated in consultation with the Department.
 - Inmates will continue to have access to mail, email, phone calls and video visitation.
 - Legal visits will not be impacted.
 - FDC has partnered with vendors to provide some complimentary phone and video visitation services.
- Anyone entering a correctional institution will be screened, and entrance will be restricted if they:
 - Have traveled and returned from China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within the last 14 days
 - Have signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as fever, cough or shortness of breath
 - Have had contact with someone who has been or is under investigation for COVID-19.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.
- FDC initiated its Incident Command System in response to this potential threat.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness; preventative measures are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State's museum properties are taking precautions to ensure the health of visitors amid concerns of COVID-19. As part of daily site and museum operations, The Grove Museum has increased the frequency of disinfecting regularly touched interactive surfaces such as touchscreens, display cases, and tactile panels. Additionally, Museum staff ensure that door handles, flat surfaces, kitchen equipment, shared office equipment, bathrooms, etc., are all frequently sanitized. Finally, The Grove Museum has taken measures to make all staff and volunteers aware of the steps everyone should take to help contain the spread of COVID-19 such as hand washing, self-isolation when feeling ill, following recommendations from health officials and seeking medical evaluation immediately if COVID-19 symptoms appear.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- At the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott

Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.

- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from the department will host weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- FDOT is monitoring temporary lane closures near hospitals and Department of Health facilities. If congestion near these facilities and lane closures occur, FDOT will remove lane restrictions to help ensure mobility within the area.
- Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor Ron DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Thibault has suspended size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and necessary agricultural commodities on state roads.
- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- COVID-19 materials are being posted at all FDOT work sites across the state to help educate contractors, vendors, and stakeholders.
- FDOT toll collectors have been given additional training and are required to wear gloves as well as continue with enhanced cleansing.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

- Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52, FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes waived commercial truck hours of service regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be moved more quickly and efficiently throughout the state.
- FLHSMV continues to encourage Floridians through social media and other channels to use convenient [online options](#), rather than visiting an office location, to complete transactions for driver licenses, ID cards, motor vehicle or vessel registrations, and more.
- FLHSMV has been in regular communication with the Florida Tax Collectors Association as well as Tax Collectors across the state to provide the latest COVID-19 information and guidance from the Florida Department of Health and other state partners.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- Governor Ron DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local

business operations. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin. The survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>.

VISIT FLORIDA

- To protect the health and safety of the traveling public and staff, VISIT FLORIDA's four welcome centers will be closed until further notice.
- VISIT FLORIDA is assessing and reevaluating all tourism promotion messaging, both international and domestic, and is developing long-term strategies to keep Florida top-of-mind for potential vacationers.
- VISIT FLORIDA is planning for future marketing campaigns to ensure that Florida's tourism industry has a strong, unified voice following COVID-19.
- VISIT FLORIDA ceased all Florida tourism marketing in China. VISIT FLORIDA redirected the savings from China and invested this funding into a domestic campaign that launched on March 2.
- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida.
- VISIT FLORIDA is temporarily pausing all marketing efforts in Germany in accordance with federal travel restrictions. This is the only European country besides the United Kingdom where VISIT FLORIDA has active campaigns.
- VISIT FLORIDA remains in close contact with industry partners and travel organizations and is communicating all new information as it becomes available.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- The Department of Revenue's Child Support Program is working to reduce when customers are required to visit a local child support office and is providing new connect/customer service options.
- Efforts include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of appointments. The Program will soon be implementing the ability for parents to enter into written agreements over the phone, and the Program will be providing new fax, email and form drop-off processes.
- The Department of Revenue's General Tax Administration (GTA) program is working with its tax processing vendor to ensure continuity in tax data and payment processing.
- GTA is closely monitoring any future guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service for potential corporate income tax due date extensions.
- The Department has increased messaging on preventative measures through the deployment of DOH/CDC posters, ensured hand sanitizer is available, and increased cleaning of high-traffic areas in our public areas of our service centers.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:
 - Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and Department of Health information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
 - Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.
- OIR has spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing for COVID-19.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.
- FDLE's Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies and FDLE's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's Office of Health Services developed COVID-19 guidance for all facilities serving DJJ youth. This guidance included Center for Disease Control criteria on how to assess and care for youth who are

exhibiting fever and respiratory symptoms and environmental cleaning and disinfection recommendations.

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has modified screening protocols and procedures for youth taken into custody by law enforcement who are brought to our juvenile assessment centers and detention screening units to now include precautionary coronavirus screening questions and protocols. This modified screening protocol was shared with law enforcement partners statewide.
- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has developed a visitor screening tool which is now mandatory to use inside of our juvenile detention centers and residential commitment programs to ensure both the safety of the youth and staff in these programs. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is in the process of sending a notice to parents and guardians of youth in programs regarding the new visitor screening requirements.
- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has sent a notice to the vendors, guests, volunteers and business partners that come into our juvenile detention centers and residential commitment programs asking that they limit visiting any of these facilities if they are exhibiting flu-like symptoms or have traveled outside of the U.S., including cruise ship travel. The department will work with these entities on alternatives to visiting programs to ensure critical services are not interrupted.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

- The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) is incorporating informational comments on all on-site inspection reports issued to public lodging, public food service, and alcohol and tobacco license holders that will promote situational awareness of the current public health emergency and will direct parties to the FDOH COVID-19 webpage for guidance and resources related to prevention best practices. Copies of informational flyers from the FDOH COVID-19 toolkit will also be available for inspectors to distribute when interacting with managers of these premises.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- The Florida Department of Management Services' (DMS) Emergency Support Function-7 (ESF-7) Logistics team continues to coordinate with the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management on identifying the equipment or supplies that may be necessary for a mass response to COVID-19.
- DMS' Division of Human Resource Management has provided guidance to agencies on implementing preventive actions in the workplace, reporting symptoms, using leave, utilizing health insurance benefits, and applying travel restrictions and telework policies.
- DMS' Division of State Group Insurance continues to coordinate with health plan providers to ensure that state employee health plan members receive the health benefits that can assist them and their dependents if needed.
- DMS' Division of Real Estate Development and Management (REDM) continues to provide guidance to agency facility managers across the state on steps to take

to prevent workplace contamination and to pre-position environmental vendors to mobilize in the event a viricidal cleaning is needed.

- DMS' Division of Real Estate Development and Management continues to identify, purchase, and distribute additional hand sanitizing gel and cleaning supplies to state-maintained facilities.
- DMS' Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with users and vendor of the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) vendors to ensure the continuation of mission critical services if a reduction of staffing resources occurs.
- DMS' Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with statewide public safety communications personnel on their plans to ensure emergency communications systems are not impacted by potential reductions in staffing resources.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Currently all Florida State Parks and campgrounds, and Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection facilities (aquatic preserves and National Estuarine Research Reserves), remain open to the public. However, in an abundance of caution and consistent with Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, DEP announced on March 13 that it is cancelling all events and activities at these facilities effective immediately and until further notice.
 - This includes DEP events and includes activities such as tours and visitor centers that involve large groups and/or or people in close proximity to others. People with questions regarding any privately scheduled event should check with the host of the event or the facility directly. For the latest closure and cancellation information, please visit www.floridastateparks.org.
- If your travel plans have changed and you need to modify camping or cabin reservations, please visit www.ReserveAmerica.com, call Reserve America at 1-800-326-3521 or TDD 888-433-0287 or text to 904-204-3216.

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For tomorrow, please review the two attached documents as well as the tweets below. The Talking Points and Web will change at 8, with the first tweet. The press release will be issued shortly thereafter, followed by the second tweet, once the release has been added to the website:

.@HealthyFla has updated Florida's [#COVID19](#) information page. Please see FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19/ for the latest information.

The Florida Department of Health is responding to COVID-19. To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of COVID-19, the department is issuing issue updates. View today's update here— [LINK]

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March 9, 2020



Department of Health COVID-19 Update

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Additional Positive Cases Linked to Florida:

- 1 non-Florida resident
- 5 diagnosed and isolated in another state

COVID-19 Testing Results

- 12 cases in Florida residents
- 5 diagnosed and isolated in another state
- 1 non-Florida resident
- 108 tests in state results pending
- 118 negatives
- 17 Florida cases (16 Florida residents)
 - 11 diagnosed in Florida
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[HOLD FOR NEW CASE DETAILS]

People who have tested positive for COVID-19 will remain in isolation until they test negative.

COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121**. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Department Activities

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued an Executive Order directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.

- Established an incident management team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted three public health and healthcare stakeholders conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions, and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 EST.
- Established a public call-center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed the communications approved COVID-19 Presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for on-going monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings to County Health Departments
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease and a healthcare provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to associations, licensed providers, HCCs and CHDs
- Implemented testing at all three State Public health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

What you Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local county health department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the county health department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

About the Florida Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and Twitter at [@HealthyFla](#). For more information please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov.

COVID-19 Daily Talking Points March 8, 2020

At this time, the Florida Department of Health's highest priority is containing the spread of COVID-19 and appropriately identifying, treating and isolating anyone who is likely to spread the virus.

While the risk for infection remains relatively low, with confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Florida, the Department is urging residents to stay informed on how to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19.

The Department encourages everyone to contact their local health department to facilitate medical attention and diagnosis if they suspect they have contracted COVID-19 or come into contact with someone who has COVID-19.

The Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 is the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida. The Department of Health updates Florida's COVID-19 information page daily.

Governor DeSantis is working closely with state agencies and the Department to monitor, contain and prevent the spread of this virus.

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled on a river cruise on the Nile River in Egypt in February 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), including two presumptive positive cases in Florida.

Yesterday, the Department announced one new positive Florida COVID-19 case in Broward County. That individual is isolated and being appropriately cared for.

Current Florida residents tested positive for COVID-19:

Florida Residents				
	County	Age	Sex	Known History of International Travel
1	Manatee	63	Male	No
2	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes
3	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes
4	Broward	75	Male	No
5	Broward	65	Male	No
6	Lee	77	Female	Yes
7	Lee	77	Male	Yes

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9	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes
10	Volusia	66	Female	Yes
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There are additional cases linked to Florida:

- 5 diagnosed and isolated in another state
- 1 confirmed positive non-Florida resident

Here is the full status of COVID-19 here in Florida:

- 108 tests in state results pending
- 118 negatives
- 17 Florida cases (16 Florida residents)
 - 11 diagnosed in Florida
- 1,038 people monitored to date
- 280 of 1,038 are currently being monitored

The Department is actively involved in enhanced surveillance for respiratory illness that may be COVID-19. Epidemiologists are following up on any suspected cases that meet criteria for COVID-19 to arrange for testing when necessary and monitor contacts of any confirmed cases.

The Department will continue regular communication with the public and health care providers with updates on COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

Everyone plays a part in lowering the impact within our communities and workplaces – taking every day preventative actions helps to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19. Preventative actions include:

- **Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Staying home when you are sick. This message cannot be emphasized enough.**
- Employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are recommended to stay home and not come to work until they are free of fever (100.4° F or greater using an oral thermometer), signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants). Employees should notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- **Avoiding close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Before traveling, take certain steps:**

- Check CDC's Traveler's Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.
- Employees who become sick while traveling should notify their supervisor and should promptly call a healthcare provider for guidance.

The Department has established a dedicated COVID-19 Call Center for questions about this virus. Anyone with questions may call **1-(866) 779-6121** or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov. The Call Center is available **24 hours a day, seven days a week**.

If Asked:

“What is the number of patients tested in my county?”

-We appreciate the desire to understand how many Floridians in each community have been tested, received a negative test or are under public health monitoring as a result of suspicion they may have COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who have COVID-19. Balancing the privacy of the individuals being tested and monitored and the confidentiality of the epidemiological investigations with the responsibility to Floridians to disclose information to protect the public is a vital role of the Florida Department of Health. Due to the nature of a unique virus, such as COVID-19, to share how many people in each community that have been tested or are under public health monitoring could potentially release identifying information, especially in Florida's smaller communities.

As such, in order to protect personally identifiable health information (PHI) of Floridians, the Florida Department of Health is unable to disclose the number of individuals who have received a negative test, have pending test results or are under public health monitoring by community.

Floridians can view the aggregate, state level information at www.FLHealth.gov/COVID-19. This information is updated daily.

Additionally, the Florida Department of Health is encouraging all Floridians to be aware. Floridians should practice good hand hygiene and wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, use a tissue when they sneeze or cough and immediately dispose of it in the trash and stay home if they are sick.”

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Please see attached to be distributed tomorrow morning. If there are any changes in numbers, Alberto will plug those in in the morning.

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COVID-19 Daily Talking Points
DRAFT - March 10, 2020

Yesterday, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency. By declaring a State of Emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

The Governor and Florida Department of Health's highest priority at this time is slowing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring anyone who is potentially infected is appropriately identified, treated and isolated.

As a part of the statewide response, Governor DeSantis has ordered the following state agencies to take an active role in combatting this outbreak:

- **Florida Department of Transportation** - FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from DOH will be hosting weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- **Agency for Health Care Administration** – AHCA is hosting calls with the Florida Health Care Association and Florida Hospital Association to facilitate conversations regarding facility transfers and the screening of facility visitors.
 - Additionally, AHCA is providing ongoing support through constant communication with hospitals and health care facilities provide information on CDC infection prevention and control guidelines.
- **Florida Department of Education** – Commissioner Corcoran is working with schools, colleges and universities to provide support for alternate learning opportunities in the case that campuses need to be closed due to COVID-19.

The Department will be sending a press release update every morning, seven days per week, to keep the public informed.

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the **new CDC guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** Recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
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The Department encourages everyone to seek medical attention and diagnosis if they suspect they have contracted COVID-19 or come into contact with someone who has COVID-19.

The Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

Governor DeSantis is working closely with state agencies and the Department to monitor, prepare and prevent the spread of this virus.

The Department of Health updates Florida's COVID-19 information page daily. Please visit [FloridaHealth.gov/ COVID-19/](http://FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19/) for the latest information.

Yesterday, the Department announced one new positive Florida COVID-19 case in Volusia County. That individual is isolated and being appropriately cared for.

COVID-19 Cases

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Below is a complete summary of COVID-19 in Florida:

- 115 tests in state results pending
- 140 negatives
- 18 Florida cases (17 Florida residents)
 - 12 diagnosed in Florida
 - 5 diagnosed and isolated in another state
 - 1 confirmed positive non-Florida resident isolated in Florida.
- **Monitoring for COVID-19:**
 - 302 currently being monitored
 - 802 are no longer being monitored

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The Department will communicate regularly with the public and health care providers with updates on COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.=

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If Asked:

“What is the Department doing about the cruise ships near Florida that could be carrying individuals infected with COVID-19?”

-The Department of Health has been notified that two cruise ships off the coast of Miami may have cases of COVID-19.

Although this issue falls under federal jurisdiction, since being notified, DOH has been working closely with the cruise industry, CDC, Coast Guard and other partners to ensure every effort is made to keep the Floridians on board safe, while also protecting Florida residents across the state. Over the coming days, we will continue to work with these partners to provide testing support and resolve this situation as quickly as possible.

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Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida

The State of Florida Issues Updates on COVID-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 10, 2020

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COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121**. The Call Center is available **24 hours a day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

What you Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on

objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local county health department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the county health department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

Actions the State has Taken to Prepare for and Respond to COVID-19

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.
- Established an incident management team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted three public health and healthcare stakeholders conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions, and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 EST.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.
- Established a public call-center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed the communications approved COVID-19 Presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for on-going monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings to County Health Departments
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease and a healthcare provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) and County Health Departments (CHD).
- Implemented testing at all three State Public health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with DOH Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all

Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.

- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from DOH will be hosting weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the Florida DOH for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from Florida DOH and the CDC.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.
- FDC has stood up its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness and are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State (DOS) have been in contact with the Supervisors of Elections for Hillsborough, Lake, Leon, Manatee, Palm Beach and Sarasota Counties to determine their needs specifically as it relates to supplies. The supervisors have been encouraged to connect with their county emergency management for meeting these resource needs.
- DOS is actively wiping down public spaces including all DOS maintained properties, receptionist areas, and restrooms with bleach or disinfectant wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

- The Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) opened an event on the Emergency Status System for hospitals to enter census information and emergency room status updates.
- AHCA shared key guidance including CDC and DOH information regarding the importance of screening visitors, infection control protocol, and hygiene best practices.
- AHCA hosted a statewide call for nursing homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association on Tuesday, March 3, with 1,000 participants. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees addressed critical issues impacting these providers such as restricting and screening visitors.
- AHCA hosted a statewide call for assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) group homes and adult family care homes on Tuesday, March 3, with nearly 1,500 participants. Secretary Mayhew, Surgeon General Rivkees and APD Director Palmer addressed critical issues impacting these providers such as restricting and screening visitors.
- AHCA hosted a statewide call for hospitals in conjunction with the Florida Hospital Association on Wednesday, March 4, with 84 locations participating. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees addressed critical issues impacting Florida hospitals.
- AHCA hosted a statewide call for nursing homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association on Friday, March 6, with 524 participants. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees addressed critical issues impacting these providers such as a newly developed visitor screening toolkit and recent memos from the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services.
- AHCA hosted a statewide call for hospitals in conjunction with LeadingAge Florida and the Florida Life Care Residents Association on Friday, March 6, with 1,000 participants. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees addressed critical issues impacting senior populations and nursing homes.
- AHCA hosted a call with the Florida Health Care Association and Florida Hospital Association to facilitate a conversation regarding facility transfers and the screening of facility visitors/developed toolkit on Saturday, March 7.
- AHCA expanded the event on the Emergency Status System to collect isolation beds for hospitals effective Saturday, March 7.
- AHCA sent DOH call meeting notices on Tuesday, March 10 to long-term care facilities and hospitals.
- AHCA sent CDC infection prevention and control guidelines to hospitals across the state.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- OIR Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners

and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.

- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:
 - Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and DOH information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
 - Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
- OIR has issued notices to all of its employees providing resources regarding COVID-19 and outlining the steps recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Florida Department of Health to take preventative health measures.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- APD sent the latest DOH news releases to all employees, Waiver Support Coordinators, providers, and stakeholders.
- APD sent additional preventative tips to APD providers, Waiver Support coordinators, and APD employees.
- APD continues to share/promote all related DOH social media content.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

- Department of Health guidance has been sent to the Executive Directors at Area Agencies for Aging; they, in turn, are sending that information to their Lead Providers and Agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- On March 7, all Florida State Parks and DEP social accounts began posting direct social content to followers.
- On March 9, Florida State Parks and DEP social accounts posted health and safety tips to social media channels.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- § FWC continues to share material from Governor DeSantis and DOH via social; focusing on Twitter.
- § FWC is focusing on information for the elderly population and businesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to encourage businesses to follow the [“Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers”](#) issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- DEO has shared situational information and updates including the DOH COVID-19 press release, DOH website and call center number with ESF 18 partners and business contacts.
- The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and Florida Retail Federation, and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with DEO, are working to provide health safety information and coordination with partners, including how to address potential local supply issues.
- DEO is coordinating with CareerSource Florida, local workforce boards, and other public-private partners.
- DEO has collaborated with partners at EFI and VISIT FLORIDA and is working to provide business partners, ESF-18 partners, Chamber members and EDA’s throughout the state a toolkit to disperse to their business communities on preventative actions to take, as well as email and social media messaging they can use in their communities.
- DEO continues to share messaging from Governor DeSantis as well as DOH on all social outlets.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- FDLE is coordinating ESF-16 providing updates weekly and as needed and securing staffing.
- FDLE’s Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies.
- Florida’s Homeland Security Advisor participates in weekly calls with the Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary and other Advisors around the country to coordinate response and identify best practices.
- FDLE regions are working with the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare any responses needed.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information.
- FDLE is reviewing its COOP and determining which members can work from home if necessary.
- FDLE is in the process of placing additional hand sanitizing stations in high traffic areas and opening certain interior doors to minimize touching and prevent spread of the virus.
- FDLE is in regular communications with the Florida Department of Health and our ESF-16 partners regarding COVID-19 preparations.

- FDLE's Mutual Aid team is holding weekly conference calls with the State Emergency Operations Center and will begin sending out situational reports to the FDLE Regions this week.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida is continuing to post on social media about ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus. We are also sharing posts from the Florida Department of Health. **COVID-19 banner has also been added to www.volunteerflorida.org.**
- Our agency is coordinating with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to see how we can assist with spreading information to seniors.
- Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Department is having initial conversations with partners to determine what could be needed and what safety precautions need to be considered if volunteers are utilized.
- Our agency is continuing to share information about preventative measures that should be taken with staff, Commissioners, Foundation Board Members and sub-grantees.

About the Florida Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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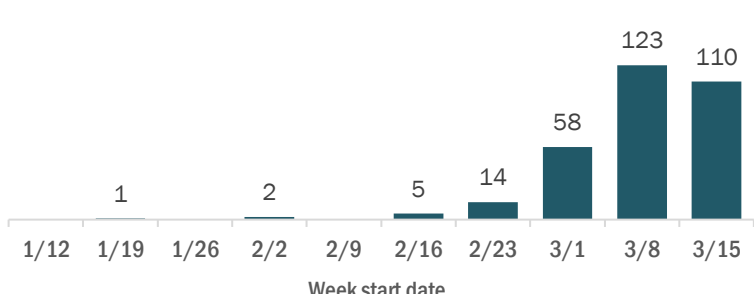
Coronavirus: summary of persons being monitored, persons under investigation, and cases

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Monitored persons: people the Florida Department of Health was notified of for possible monitoring because they are a contact of a case, traveled from China, or were identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a part of a airline/ship contact investigation	
Total reports	2,159
Total persons of high, medium, or unknown risk	1,674
High/medium/unknown risk still being monitored	878

Persons under investigation (PUI): people who meet laboratory testing criteria based on symptoms and exposure	
Total identified	2,493
Tested positive	314
Tested negative	1,225
Currently awaiting testing	954

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Confirmed by BPHL/CDC	172																						
Positive by commercial/hospital lab	117																						
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Positive by commercial/hospital lab	2																						
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Coronavirus: characteristics of 314 cases

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Tables below include cases in non-Florida residents and Florida residents diagnosed and isolated outside Florida.

31 counties have confirmed cases:

County	FL resident	Percent	Not diagnosed/ isolated in FL	Non-FL resident	Total
Broward	73	23%	0	7	80
Dade	72	23%	1	3	76
Palm Beach	18	6%	1	0	19
Collier	12	4%	0	1	13
Duval	12	4%	0	1	13
Hillsborough	11	4%	0	2	13
Lee	8	3%	0	2	10
Pinellas	10	3%	0	0	10
Orange	7	2%	1	1	9
Volusia	9	3%	0	0	9
Manatee	8	3%	0	0	8
Osceola	6	2%	0	2	8
Alachua	4	1%	0	3	7
Seminole	7	2%	0	0	7
Clay	4	1%	0	0	4
Sarasota	2	1%	0	2	4
St. Johns	3	1%	0	1	4
Citrus	3	1%	0	0	3
Okaloosa	2	1%	1	0	3
Pasco	3	1%	0	0	3
Lake	2	1%	0	0	2
Brevard	1	0%	0	0	1
Charlotte	1	0%	0	0	1
Escambia	1	0%	0	0	1
Gadsden	0		1	0	1
Leon	0		1	0	1
Nassau	1	0%	0	0	1
Polk	1	0%	0	0	1
Santa Rosa	1	0%	0	0	1
Sumter	1	0%	0	0	1
Total	283		6	25	314

Gender	Count	Percent
Male	186	59%
Female	127	40%
Unknown	1	0%

Age group	Count	Percent
0-9 years	1	0%
10-19 years	13	4%
20-29 years	44	14%
30-39 years	34	11%
40-49 years	45	14%
50-59 years	46	15%
60-69 years	72	23%
70-79 years	42	13%
80+ years	17	5%

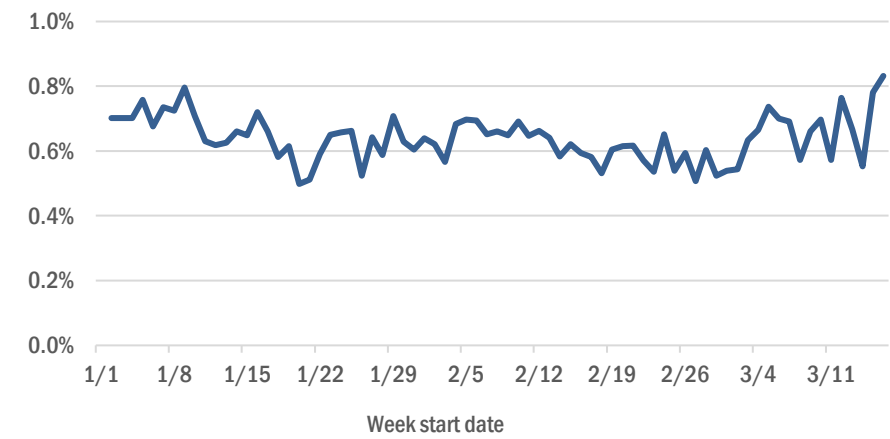
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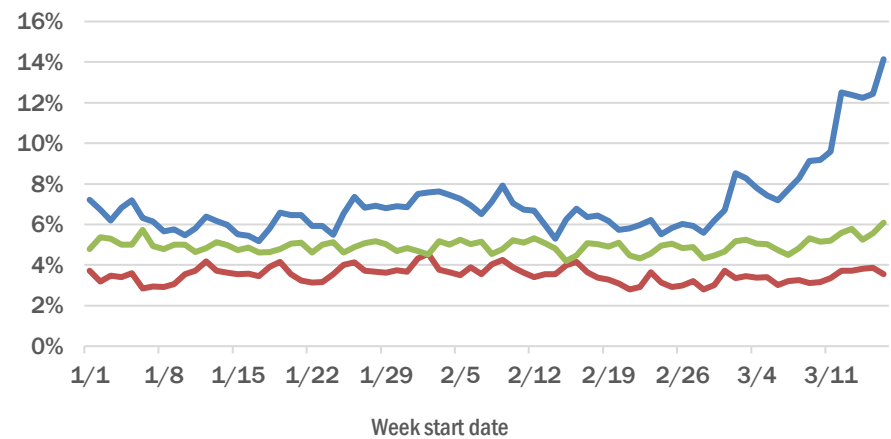
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Statewide emergency department (ED) chief complaint and admission data

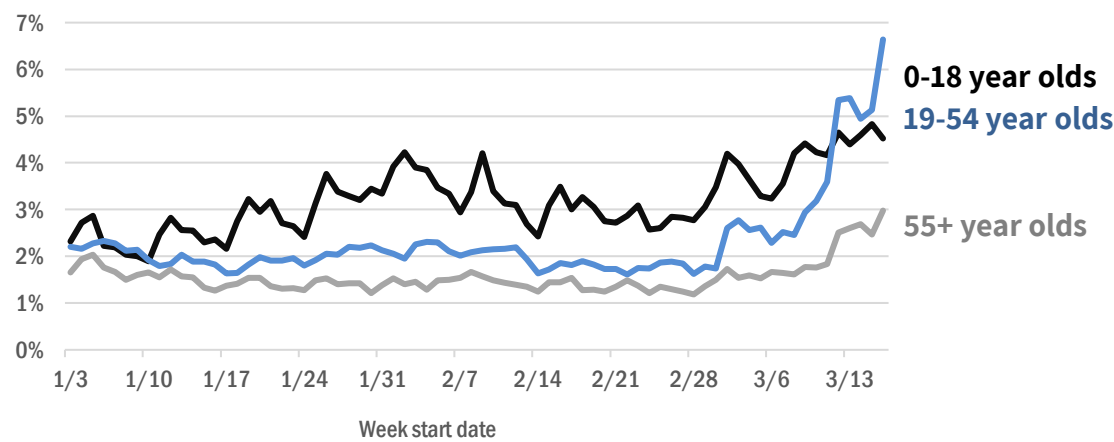
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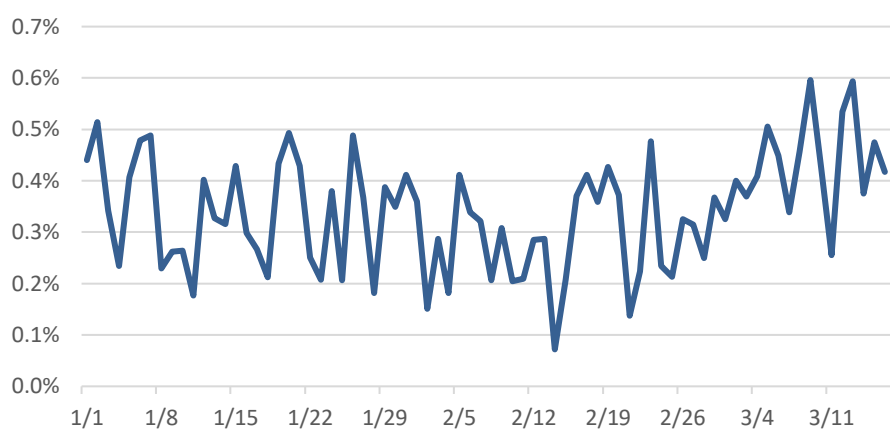


The daily percent of ED visits statewide that mention cough has been elevated for the past 2 weeks for all age groups, particularly **19-54 year olds**.

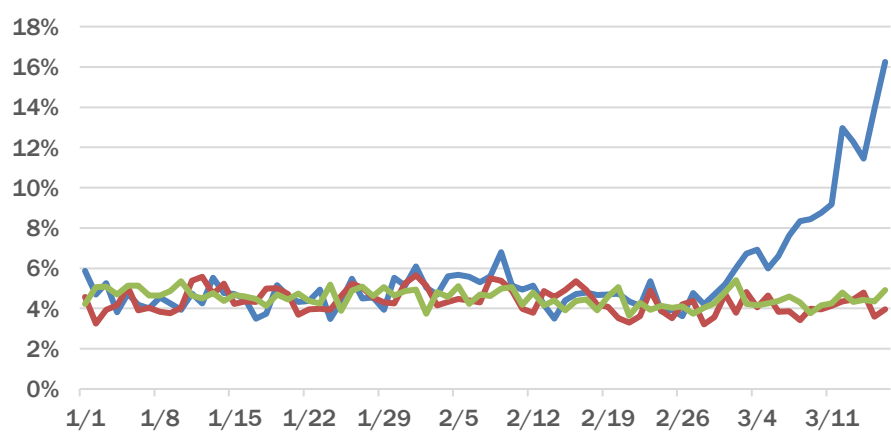


Broward County ED chief complaint and admission data

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The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE-FL) includes chief complaint data from 215 of 216 Florida EDs. Data are transmitted electronically to ESSENCE-FL daily or hourly.

Coronavirus: PUI testing by county

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
Broward	223	250	80	14%	553
Dade	148	156	76	20%	380
Palm Beach	19	28	19	29%	66
Collier	53	37	13	13%	103
Duval	24	40	13	17%	77
Hillsborough	10	42	13	20%	65
Lee	22	29	10	16%	61
Pinellas	80	62	10	7%	152
Orange	14	20	9	21%	43
Volusia	7	23	9	23%	39
Manatee	10	27	8	18%	45
Osceola	38	14	8	13%	60
Alachua	46	63	7	6%	116
Seminole	20	14	7	17%	41
Clay	4	7	4	27%	15
Sarasota	46	129	4	2%	179
St. Johns	23	53	4	5%	80
Citrus	1	3	3	43%	7
Okaloosa	6	22	3	10%	31
Pasco	12	25	3	8%	40
Lake	1	7	2	20%	10
Brevard	1	6	1	13%	8
Charlotte	4	6	1	9%	11
Escambia	4	11	1	6%	16
Gadsden	0	0	1	100%	1
Leon	3	4	1	13%	8
Nassau	1	7	1	11%	9
Polk	12	21	1	3%	34
Santa Rosa	5	10	1	6%	16
Sumter	22	10	1	3%	33
Baker	0	4	0	0%	4
Bay	1	4	0	0%	5
Bradford	0	4	0	0%	4
Columbia	2	6	0	0%	8
Desoto	0	4	0	0%	4
Dixie	0	2	0	0%	2
Flagler	10	7	0	0%	17
Franklin	2	0	0	0%	2
Gilchrist	0	1	0	0%	1
Gulf	0	1	0	0%	1
Hardee	0	1	0	0%	1
Hendry	1	1	0	0%	2
Hernando	16	0	0	0%	16
Indian River	4	10	0	0%	14
Jackson	3	2	0	0%	5
Lafayette	0	1	0	0%	1
Levy	0	2	0	0%	2
Marion	6	19	0	0%	25
Martin	10	0	0	0%	10
Monroe	21	5	0	0%	26
Okeechobee	3	3	0	0%	6
Putnam	0	12	0	0%	12

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
St. Lucie	4	3	0	0%	7
Suwannee	0	3	0	0%	3
Union	0	3	0	0%	3
Unknown	2	0	0	0%	2
Walton	9	1	0	0%	10
Washington	1	0	0	0%	1
Total	954	1,225	314	13%	2,493

Coronavirus: testing by laboratory

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The numbers in the table below represent the number of people tested. A person can be tested by more than one laboratory and can have both positive and negative results. **Therefore, the sum of the numbers in each column will be larger than the total number of people tested.**

Laboratory	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
DOH-MIAMI	647	104	14%	751
LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA	450	25	5%	475
DOH-JACKSONVILLE	427	47	10%	474
DOH-TAMPA (SPECTRUM BLVD)	391	37	9%	428
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS - TAMPA	399	18	4%	417
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL SOUTH	377	28	7%	405
ADVENT HEALTH LAB	357	24	6%	381
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HOSPITAL	54	25	32%	79
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE, INC.	72	2	3%	74
BIO REFERENCE LABORATORIES, INC	24	2	8%	26
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE - SJC (ELR)	24	1	4%	25
CDC	17	7	29%	24
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN LABORATORY	21	0	0%	21
WESTSIDE REGIONAL MED CTR	8	7	47%	15
CLEVELAND CLINIC HOSPITAL LAB	13	2	13%	15
VIRACOR-EUROFINS LABORATORIES	10	0	0%	10
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FISH MEMORIAL	8	0	0%	8
TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL	0	7	100%	7
LAKEWOOD RANCH MEDICAL CENTER	3	1	25%	4
BAYCARE LABORATORIES LLC	4	0	0%	4
TENNESSEE DOH - NASHVILLE	2	2	50%	4
ADVENTHEALTH DAYTONA BEACH	4	0	0%	4
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER	3	1	25%	4
LABCORP BURLINGTON (ELR)	2	1	33%	3
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FLAGLER	2	1	33%	3
JFK MEDICAL CENTER LAB	1	2	67%	3
MANATEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	3	0	0%	3
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK HOSPITAL LABORATORIES	1	1	50%	2
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	2	0	0%	2
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL CLINICAL LABORATORY	0	2	100%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WESLEY CHAPEL	2	0	0%	2
WEST KENDALL BAPTIST HOSPITAL LABORATORY	1	1	50%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL DELAND	1	1	50%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL ZEPHYRHILLS	2	0	0%	2
DOCTORS HOSPITAL	2	0	0%	2
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER	0	1	100%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL - TAMPA	1	0	0%	1
BAPTIST HOSPITAL OF MIAMI CLINICAL LABORATORY	1	0	0%	1
SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
BUREAU OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES	1	0	0%	1
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS - ATLANTA	1	0	0%	1
PLANTATION GENERAL HOSPITAL	1	0	0%	1
ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
HOMESTEAD HOSPITAL CLINICAL LABORATORY	1	0	0%	1
LAB CORP	0	1	100%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND MED CTR CLINICAL LAB	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL NORTH PINELLAS	1	0	0%	1

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The numbers in the table below represent the number of people tested. A person can be tested by more than one laboratory and can have both positive and negative results. **Therefore, the sum of the numbers in each column will be larger than the total number of people tested.**

Laboratory	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
FLORIDA HOSPITAL OF CARROLLWOOD	1	0	0%	1
LABCORP BURLINGTON (LPP)	0	1	100%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABS	1	0	0%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL	1	0	0%	1
ORLANDO VAMC	1	0	0%	1
MAYO CLINIC LABORATORIES	1	0	0%	1
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	0	1	100%	1
MHS LAB	1	0	0%	1

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31	Alachua	50	Female	Yes	FL resident	BAHAMAS; FL	No	03/18/20
74	Alachua	21	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/17/20
114	Alachua	22	Male	Yes	FL resident	CANADA; NY; PA	No	03/17/20
243	Alachua	24	Male	Yes	FL resident	PORTUGAL	No	03/13/20
290	Alachua	64	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	FL; NY	No	03/16/20
298	Alachua	69	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SWEDEN	No	03/14/20
307	Alachua	68	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	GA	No	03/10/20
111	Brevard	76	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/17/20
1	Broward	69	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
3	Broward	57	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
6	Broward	49	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/18/20
8	Broward	67	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
10	Broward	42	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
13	Broward	43	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
14	Broward	56	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
17	Broward	65	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
19	Broward	25	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/18/20
22	Broward	21	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
32	Broward	57	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
34	Broward	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	AUSTRALIA	Unknown	03/18/20
35	Broward	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
37	Broward	48	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
38	Broward	54	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
39	Broward	75	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
50	Broward	30	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	No	03/18/20
52	Broward	93	Male	No	FL resident			03/18/20
55	Broward	21	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/18/20
59	Broward	21	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
60	Broward	43	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
67	Broward	20	Male	Yes	FL resident	BRAZIL; SPAIN	No	03/18/20
68	Broward	21	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/18/20
71	Broward	29	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
91	Broward	20	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
97	Broward	46	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
103	Broward	19	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
105	Broward	53	Male	Yes	FL resident	NC	No	03/17/20
107	Broward	70	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
120	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/17/20
122	Broward	57	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
137	Broward	79	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO; FL	No	03/17/20
146	Broward	54	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
149	Broward	77	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/16/20
153	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
154	Broward	60	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/16/20
160	Broward	51	Female	Yes	FL resident	Colombia	Yes	03/16/20
165	Broward	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Unknown	03/16/20
169	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
170	Broward	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
171	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
172	Broward	74	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
173	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	DC	Unknown	03/15/20
175	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
183	Broward	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Yes	03/15/20
185	Broward	83	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
186	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
188	Broward	63	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/15/20
190	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
192	Broward	60	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
193	Broward	30	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; GA	Yes	03/15/20
194	Broward	52	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Yes	03/15/20
200	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
205	Broward	59	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20

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206	Broward	21	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN	No	03/14/20
217	Broward	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
221	Broward	22	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
230	Broward	58	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
231	Broward	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE; GA; NC; SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
232	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
233	Broward	83	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
237	Broward	36	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
241	Broward	27	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
251	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
255	Broward	26	Female	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/13/20
257	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/13/20
259	Broward	61	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/12/20
260	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/12/20
262	Broward	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/12/20
270	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/10/20
271	Broward	67	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/09/20
277	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	CAYMAN ISLANDS	No	03/07/20
279	Broward	75	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/07/20
292	Broward	48	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	FRANCE; IL; NY; TX	Unknown	03/15/20
295	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
296	Broward	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
297	Broward	19	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	Ireland	Yes	03/14/20
299	Broward	41	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
300	Broward	48	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	GA		03/14/20
302	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
275	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL	Unknown	03/09/20
47	Citrus	80	Male	Yes	FL resident	DE		03/18/20
131	Citrus	64	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
181	Citrus	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; SWITZERLAND	No	03/15/20
118	Clay	66	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
198	Clay	70	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
216	Clay	55	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
242	Clay	57	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
9	Collier	31	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT		03/18/20
25	Collier	64	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
42	Collier	82	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/18/20
48	Collier	59	Male	Yes	FL resident	JAPAN	Unknown	03/18/20
49	Collier	77	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/18/20
119	Collier	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	ST. MARTIN	Unknown	03/17/20
167	Collier	49	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
174	Collier	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/15/20
179	Collier	28	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/15/20
263	Collier	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
264	Collier	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
267	Collier	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
301	Collier	79	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	CT	No	03/14/20
4	Dade	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
5	Dade	25	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
7	Dade	53	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
11	Dade	50	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
12	Dade	21	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
16	Dade	38	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
24	Dade	25	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
27	Dade	36	Unknown	No	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
29	Dade	48	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO		03/18/20
33	Dade	35	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
36	Dade	45	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
40	Dade	27	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
41	Dade	34	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
43	Dade	49	Male	Yes	FL resident	EUROPE	No	03/18/20
51	Dade	53	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20

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53	Dade	20	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
54	Dade	36	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
58	Dade	67	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
65	Dade	38	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/18/20
69	Dade	80	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
72	Dade	48	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
73	Dade	73	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
79	Dade	28	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND		03/17/20
81	Dade	19	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
82	Dade	80	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
83	Dade	45	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
86	Dade	63	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
88	Dade	35	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/17/20
89	Dade	37	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
90	Dade	52	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
92	Dade	57	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
93	Dade	60	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
94	Dade	57	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
96	Dade	32	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
104	Dade	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
106	Dade	44	Male	Yes	FL resident	France	No	03/17/20
110	Dade	69	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
112	Dade	47	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
115	Dade	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	DC; FL	Yes	03/17/20
117	Dade	37	Female	Yes	FL resident	AZ; SPAIN		03/17/20
121	Dade	61	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
123	Dade	88	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
128	Dade	50	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
130	Dade	50	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
135	Dade	45	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/17/20
138	Dade	52	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
141	Dade	43	Female	Yes	FL resident	UT	Yes	03/16/20
152	Dade	56	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
156	Dade	67	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/16/20
162	Dade	30	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
163	Dade	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
168	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	NC	No	03/16/20
176	Dade	58	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN	No	03/15/20
177	Dade	39	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
180	Dade	66	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
182	Dade	28	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
187	Dade	25	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/15/20
189	Dade	43	Male	Yes	FL resident	UT	Yes	03/15/20
196	Dade	62	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Unknown	03/15/20
204	Dade	29	Male	Yes	FL resident	MA	No	03/14/20
215	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; FRANCE	Yes	03/14/20
218	Dade	18	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
222	Dade	73	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
223	Dade	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	EL SALVADOR; FL; MEXICO; SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
224	Dade	42	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
226	Dade	20	Male	Yes	FL resident	Spain	Yes	03/14/20
229	Dade	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF); UNITED /	No	03/14/20
234	Dade	39	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	No	03/14/20
236	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/14/20
246	Dade	51	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
249	Dade	45	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
261	Dade	56	Male	Yes	FL resident	IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Yes	03/12/20
287	Dade	51	Male	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/17/20
289	Dade	69	Female	Unknown	Non-FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
293	Dade	42	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	BRAZIL; FL; TX	No	03/15/20
311	Dade	64	Male	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
28	Duval	22	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20

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56	Duval	83	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/18/20
76	Duval	44	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
77	Duval	84	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
101	Duval	27	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
127	Duval	25	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
136	Duval	74	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
143	Duval	91	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
184	Duval	57	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; UNKNOWN	Unknown	03/15/20
191	Duval	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
197	Duval	88	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
254	Duval	83	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
284	Duval	46	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/18/20
161	Escambia	53	Male	Yes	FL resident	France	No	03/16/20
314	Gadsden	54	Male	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Unknown	03/03/20
46	Hillsborough	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
98	Hillsborough	23	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
99	Hillsborough	60	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
109	Hillsborough	74	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
116	Hillsborough	38	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
125	Hillsborough	30	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
213	Hillsborough	47	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO	Unknown	03/14/20
225	Hillsborough	17	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
228	Hillsborough	32	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO	Yes	03/14/20
250	Hillsborough	49	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; IRELAND	Yes	03/13/20
282	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/02/20
288	Hillsborough	28	Male	Unknown	Non-FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
308	Hillsborough	22	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/03/20
95	Lake	56	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO; FL	No	03/17/20
247	Lake	75	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/13/20
61	Lee	69	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/18/20
87	Lee	79	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
126	Lee	67	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/17/20
147	Lee	66	Male	Yes	FL resident	COLOMBIA; ECUADOR	Unknown	03/16/20
199	Lee	72	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
252	Lee	77	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
278	Lee	77	Male	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
280	Lee	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
294	Lee	65	Female	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/15/20
305	Lee	57	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	FL; FRANCE; UNITED KINGDOM	Unknown	03/12/20
312	Leon	59	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Unknown	03/04/20
66	Manatee	61	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
113	Manatee	71	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
132	Manatee	75	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
166	Manatee	70	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
209	Manatee	62	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
219	Manatee	67	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
273	Manatee	81	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/09/20
283	Manatee	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/02/20
269	Nassau	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	GERMANY; MA	Yes	03/10/20
134	Okaloosa	78	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; ITALY	Unknown	03/17/20
274	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes	FL resident	CA; FL; MEXICO	Yes	03/09/20
310	Okaloosa	66	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
129	Orange	73	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
139	Orange	28	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
140	Orange	51	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
159	Orange	40	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/16/20
178	Orange	79	Female	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/15/20
253	Orange	48	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
256	Orange	41	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
285	Orange	68	Male	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/18/20
309	Orange	68	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	PHILIPPINES; SOUTH KOREA		03/13/20
84	Osceola	18	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20

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85	Osceola	29	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
142	Osceola	47	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
212	Osceola	48	Male	Yes	FL resident	SWITZERLAND	Yes	03/14/20
238	Osceola	31	Male	Yes	FL resident	BRAZIL	No	03/13/20
240	Osceola	54	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/13/20
286	Osceola	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/17/20
303	Osceola	65	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	CANADA	No	03/13/20
18	Palm Beach	69	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
21	Palm Beach	43	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
26	Palm Beach	6	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
30	Palm Beach	72	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
64	Palm Beach	41	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
70	Palm Beach	55	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
80	Palm Beach	69	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
108	Palm Beach	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	TN	Yes	03/17/20
133	Palm Beach	38	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
148	Palm Beach	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/16/20
151	Palm Beach	62	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED KINGDOM	Yes	03/16/20
155	Palm Beach	76	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Unknown	03/16/20
164	Palm Beach	25	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
202	Palm Beach	59	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
203	Palm Beach	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
210	Palm Beach	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
244	Palm Beach	74	Male	Yes	FL resident	BELGIUM; FL	No	03/13/20
248	Palm Beach	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	Egypt; Germany	No	03/13/20
313	Palm Beach	71	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
23	Pasco	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/18/20
211	Pasco	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/14/20
268	Pasco	46	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/11/20
15	Pinellas	67	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
20	Pinellas	32	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
44	Pinellas	61	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY		03/18/20
45	Pinellas	52	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
63	Pinellas	23	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
102	Pinellas	30	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
145	Pinellas	58	Male	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/16/20
158	Pinellas	58	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO		03/16/20
265	Pinellas	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
266	Pinellas	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
124	Polk	44	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
281	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL; JORDAN	No	03/05/20
157	Sarasota	87	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
245	Sarasota	50	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/13/20
291	Sarasota	80	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/16/20
304	Sarasota	70	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/13/20
57	Seminole	57	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
75	Seminole	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
78	Seminole	45	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
207	Seminole	43	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
208	Seminole	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
227	Seminole	47	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
258	Seminole	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/12/20
62	St. Johns	53	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO	Yes	03/18/20
150	St. Johns	49	Male	Yes	FL resident	EUROPE; HUNGARY	No	03/16/20
201	St. Johns	64	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
306	St. Johns	63	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	NY	No	03/12/20
2	Sumter	68	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
100	Volusia	60	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
144	Volusia	37	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
195	Volusia	48	Female	Yes	FL resident	DC; FL	No	03/15/20
214	Volusia	89	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
220	Volusia	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/14/20

Coronavirus: line list of cases

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Case	County	Age	Gender	Travel related	Jurisdiction	Travel detail	Contact with a confirmed case	Date case counted
235	Volusia	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
239	Volusia	70	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/13/20
272	Volusia	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/09/20
276	Volusia	66	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/08/20

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Information and Guidance about Global Travel on Cruise Ships, Including River Cruises, due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Summary

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends all persons defer any travel on cruise ships, including river cruises, worldwide because of the increased risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission onboard ships. Deferring travel is especially important for older adults and all people with serious chronic medical conditions (such as heart disease, diabetes or lung disease), because of their increased risk for severe disease. This health update provides information to clinicians and state and local health departments about the current coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation and the risks associated with travel on cruise ships, including river cruises.

Background

Cruise ship passengers, including those who take river cruises, are at increased risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. In the past month, there have been reports of outbreaks of COVID-19 among passengers and crew on cruises. Recent examples include 696 cases and 8 deaths on the *Diamond Princess* cruise ship in Japan, 28 cases on the *Grand Princess* cruise ship in the United States, and at least 60 cases in 15 states associated with multiple Nile River voyages in Egypt as of March 14, 2020. Illness onset occurred both onboard ships and after passengers returned to the United States. The proximity of passengers and crew on small ships and boats traveling on rivers may result in an even higher number of COVID-19 infections.

Recommendations for Clinicians

Ask all patients about their planned or recent cruise ship travel, including river cruises.

1. Pre-travel advice
 - a. Advise patients to defer all cruise ship travel, including river cruises, worldwide.
 - b. Explain that their return travel to the United States may be impacted, and formal quarantine procedures may be implemented if confirmed cases are identified on board.
 - c. Explain that appropriate medical care or medical evacuation may not be available internationally.
 - d. Explain that some countries may refuse docking or disembarkation if there are known or suspected cases on board.
 - e. For patients who still intend to cruise, advise them to practice social distancing and monitor their health both during travel and for 14 days from the time they disembark. Social distancing means staying out of crowded places, avoiding group gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others, when possible.
2. Post-travel management
 - a. Tell patients to follow CDC's guidance on steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>) if they develop acute febrile or respiratory illness after travel.
 - b. Implement recommended infection prevention and control practices (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>) if you suspect a patient has COVID-19.

- c. Immediately notify the local health department (<https://www.naccho.org/membership/lhd-directory>) if a patient meets clinical and epidemiologic criteria for a person under investigation (PUI) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>) for COVID-19 and test as appropriate.

Recommendations for State and Local Health Departments

Check *The Epidemic Information Exchange (Epi-X)* notification system for information on COVID-19 cases on cruise ships and river cruises.

For More Information

State and local health departments can contact CDC's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 770-488-7100 for assistance with obtaining, storing, and shipping appropriate specimens to CDC for testing, including after hours, weekends, or holidays.

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Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

March 10, 2020

The Florida Department of Health (Department) would like to update health care providers and laboratories on the detection and reporting of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The outbreak has now spread from where it originated in China with sustained community transmission in many countries, causing an outbreak of respiratory illness. The Department is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct surveillance for persons who may have been exposed to or infected with COVID-19 while traveling to impacted countries or who have had contact with a case to arrange for confirmatory testing.

As of March 9, 2020, 15 cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Florida including one non-resident and two deaths. In addition, five Floridians with COVID-19 were repatriated from China and isolated by the federal government. Most have a history of travel including to Italy, Egypt and the Dominican Republic. Multiple cases without known travel have also been identified in Florida. As a result of the increasing response needs to COVID-19, Dr. Scott Rivkees, State Surgeon General, declared a public health emergency on March 1, 2020.

Additionally, as of March 9, 2020, 472 COVID-19 infections have been confirmed in the United States (U.S.) including in persons repatriated to the U.S. with exposures in Wuhan City or on the Diamond Princess Cruise Ship. Limited person-to-person transmission has been detected in the U.S. Since the outbreak began in December 2019, over 109,000 confirmed cases have been reported worldwide. Most cases (81,000) have been detected in China. However, the outbreak is spreading quickly across the globe and has been detected in 104 countries or territories. Please continue to monitor the CDC website for updates: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

All health care providers should be prepared to identify, collect specimens, and care for patients under investigation for COVID-19. Health care providers should immediately notify infection control personnel at their health care facility if they identify a person meeting the PUI for COVID-19 criteria below.

1. Any person, including health care workers¹, who has had close contact² with a laboratory-confirmed³ COVID-19 case within 14 days of symptom onset and fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).
2. Person is part of a non-household outbreak of suspected COVID-19.
3. Person hospitalized with unexplained respiratory illness or person who died from unexplained respiratory illness.
4. Person traveled to or from an affected geographic area⁵ with widespread community transmission and has fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

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5. Person had community contact (e.g., attended the same gathering or stayed on the same cruise ship) with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case and fever or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).
6. Person is age ≥ 65 years, has chronic medical conditions, or is in an immunocompromised state and has fever or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

Specimen Collection for a PUI for COVID-19 for Testing at Bureau of Public Health Laboratories.

Specimens from patients meeting the first four (1-4) testing criteria above can be tested at the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories.

For initial diagnostic testing for COVID-19, CDC recommends collecting and testing upper respiratory (nasopharyngeal AND oropharyngeal swabs), and lower respiratory (sputum, if possible) for those patients with productive coughs. Induction of sputum is not recommended. Specimens should be collected as soon as possible once a PUI is identified, regardless of the time of symptom onset. Please consult your county health department for instructions on shipping to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories.

Specimen Collection for a PUI for COVID-19 for Testing at Commercial Laboratories.

Specimens from patients meeting the two last (5-6) testing criteria above may be sent to commercial laboratories (e.g. LabCorp and Quest) for testing. Please contact them for specific specimen collection and shipment instructions. Additional commercial laboratories are expected to start offering the COVID-19 test soon. If no commercial laboratory is available, please contact your local county health department.

Health Care Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations

CDC currently recommends a cautious approach to PUIs for COVID-19. Such patients should be asked to wear a surgical mask as soon as they are identified. They should be evaluated in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne infection isolation room if available. Health care personnel entering the room should use contact and airborne precautions, including the use of eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield). For more information, please refer to CDC's detailed infection control guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>

Hospital and Health Care Professional Preparedness

The Department recommends that hospitals and health care professionals prepare to identify and treat patients with COVID-19. The CDC has developed preparedness checklists to guide this effort. They can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/preparedness-checklists.html>

Additional Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00429.asp>

¹For healthcare personnel, testing may be considered if there has been exposure to a person with suspected COVID-19 without laboratory confirmation.

²Close contact is defined as—

- a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters), or within the room or care area, of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection); close contact can include caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case – or –

- b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

³Documentation of laboratory-confirmation of COVID-19 may not be possible for travelers or persons caring for patients in other countries.

⁴Fever may be subjective or confirmed.

⁵Affected areas are defined as geographic regions where sustained community transmission has been identified. Countries with CDC Level 2 or 3 Travel Health Notices include: China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, and Japan (as of February 28,2020). A current list of affected areas can be found at: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/



The Florida Department of Health (Department) is prioritizing testing of symptomatic individuals who had close contact^{1,2} with a laboratory-confirmed³ COVID-19 case, are part of an outbreak, or have unexplained respiratory illness. Please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Alert Network 429 <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00429.asp> for additional guidance on prioritization of testing. The Department recommends other individuals be tested at a commercial laboratory (e.g., LabCorp and Quest). For all persons under investigation for COVID-19, take the following precautions:

- Ask the patient to wear a surgical mask.
- Evaluate the patient in a private room with the door closed, ideally an airborne isolation room, if available.
- Initiate contact and airborne precautions, including use of eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield) for all health care professionals and other staff entering the room.
- Visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html for additional recommendations on infection control recommendations for patients under investigation for COVID-19 in health care settings.

A. Person had **close contact**^{1,2} with a laboratory-confirmed³ COVID-19 case and fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

B. Person is part of an outbreak of suspected COVID-19.

C. Person hospitalized with **unexplained respiratory illness** or **person who died from unexplained respiratory illness**.

D. Person traveled to or from an **affected geographic area**⁵ with widespread community transmission and has fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

E. Person had community contact (e.g., attended the same gathering or stayed on the same cruise ship) with a laboratory-confirmed³ COVID-19 case and fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

F. Person is age ≥65 years, has chronic medical conditions, or is in an immunocompromised state and has fever⁴ or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

This patient meets the criteria for testing at the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Public Health Laboratories.

The Florida Department of Health asks that you **immediately** notify both infection control personnel at your health care facility and your county health department (CHD) (FloridaHealth.gov/CHDEpiContact).

Consider testing at a commercial

laboratory. If commercial testing is not available, contact your CHD for patients that meet CDC priority criteria.

¹Close contact is defined as a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case– or –b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on) If such contact occurs while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), criteria for PUI consideration are met. Data to inform the definition of close contact are limited. Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure (e.g., longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk) and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19 (e.g., coughing likely increases exposure risk as does exposure to a severely ill patient). Special consideration should be given to healthcare personnel exposed in healthcare settings.

²For healthcare personnel, testing may be considered if there has been exposure to a person with suspected COVID-19 without laboratory confirmation. Because of their often extensive and close contact with vulnerable patients in healthcare settings, even mild signs and symptoms (e.g., sore throat) of COVID-19 should be evaluated among potentially exposed healthcare personnel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES TWO NEW PRESUMPTIVE POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES IN FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health has announced two new presumptive positive cases of 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida.

New Presumptive Positive Cases

- A 66-year old female in Volusia County has been identified as a presumptive positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. She has a history of recent travel outside of the United States.
- A 61-year old female in Okaloosa County has been identified as a presumptive positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. She has a history of recent travel outside of the United States.

The Florida Department of Health is working closely with the patients, potential close contacts of each case and health care providers to isolate and monitor persons who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and implement testing of anyone who may develop COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough or shortness of breath.

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from the COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. As a reminder, the Department always recommends everyday preventive actions to help impede the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;

- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
 - Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
 - Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local county health department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the county health department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

Please visit the Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19. This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-866-779-6121** or emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov. **The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

In addition, please visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/all-county-locations.html> to locate and obtain contact information for your local CHD.

The CDC also has a website with information related to COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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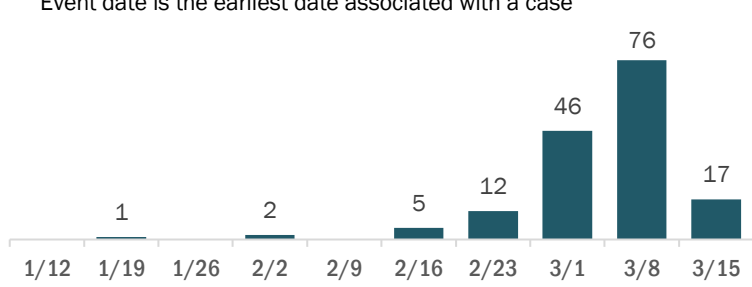
Coronavirus: summary of persons being monitored, persons under investigation, and cases

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Monitored persons: people the Florida Department of Health was notified of for possible monitoring because they are a contact of a case, traveled from China, or were identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a part of a airline/ship contact investigation	
Total reports	1,759
Total persons of high, medium, or unknown risk	1,290
High/medium/unknown risk still being monitored	535

Persons under investigation (PUI): people who meet laboratory testing criteria based on symptoms and exposure	
Total identified	1,824
Tested positive	160
Tested negative	816
Currently awaiting testing	848

Confirmed cases	
Confirmed cases in Florida residents	142
Confirmed by BPHL/CDC	99
Positive by commercial/hospital lab	43
Characteristics of Florida resident cases	
Not exposed/infectious in Florida	6
Deaths	5
Cases in non-Florida residents	18
Confirmed by BPHL/CDC	16
Positive by commercial/hospital lab	2
Total cases	160
Traveled	45
Contact with confirmed case	32
Traveled and contact with confirmed case	51
Neither	32
Travel is unknown*	18
Contact is unknown*	7
Contact is pending*	14
*Travel can be unknown and contact can be unknown or pending for the same case, these numbers will sum to more than the "neither" total.	
10-week trend by event date	
Event date is the earliest date associated with a case	
	

Coronavirus: characteristics of 160 cases

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Tables below include cases in non-Florida residents and Florida residents diagnosed and isolated outside Florida.

28 counties have confirmed cases:

County	FL resident	Percent	Not diagnosed/ isolated in FL	Non-FL resident	Total
Broward	39	24%	0	8	47
Dade	23	14%	1	1	25
Palm Beach	8	5%	1	0	9
Collier	6	4%	0	1	7
Volusia	7	4%	0	0	7
Hillsborough	5	3%	0	1	6
Lee	4	3%	0	2	6
Duval	5	3%	0	0	5
Manatee	5	3%	0	0	5
Osceola	4	3%	0	1	5
Alachua	2	1%	0	2	4
Orange	3	2%	1	0	4
Pinellas	4	3%	0	0	4
Sarasota	3	2%	0	1	4
Seminole	4	3%	0	0	4
Clay	3	2%	0	0	3
St. Johns	2	1%	0	1	3
Okaloosa	1	1%	1	0	2
Pasco	2	1%	0	0	2
Charlotte	1	1%	0	0	1
Citrus	1	1%	0	0	1
Escambia	1	1%	0	0	1
Gadsden	0		1	0	1
Lake	1	1%	0	0	1
Leon	0		1	0	1
Nassau	1	1%	0	0	1
Santa Rosa	1	1%	0	0	1
Total	136		6	18	160

Gender	Count	Percent
Male	90	56%
Female	70	44%

Age group	Count	Percent
10-19 years	8	5%
20-29 years	18	11%
30-39 years	11	7%
40-49 years	21	13%
50-59 years	22	14%
60-69 years	46	29%
70-79 years	25	16%
80+ years	9	6%

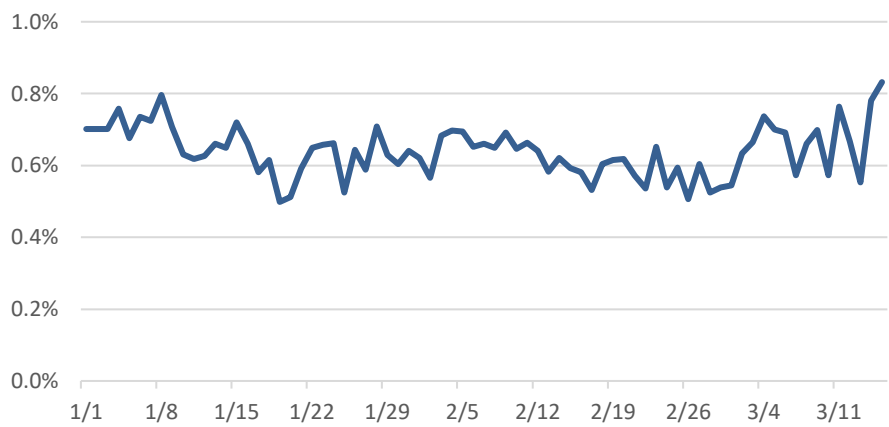
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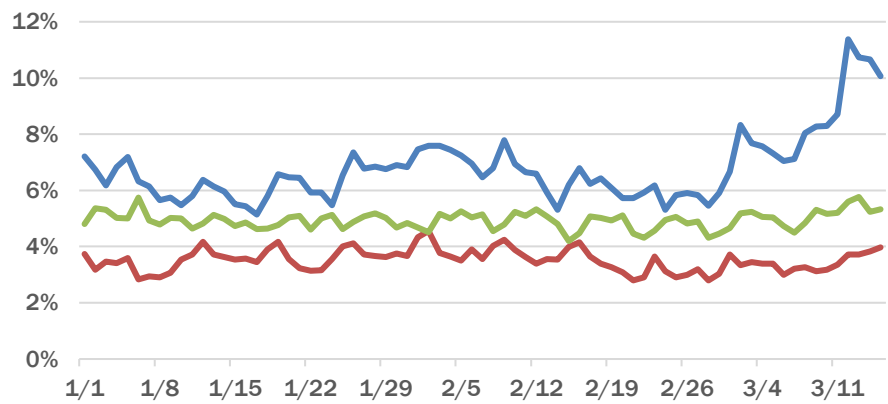
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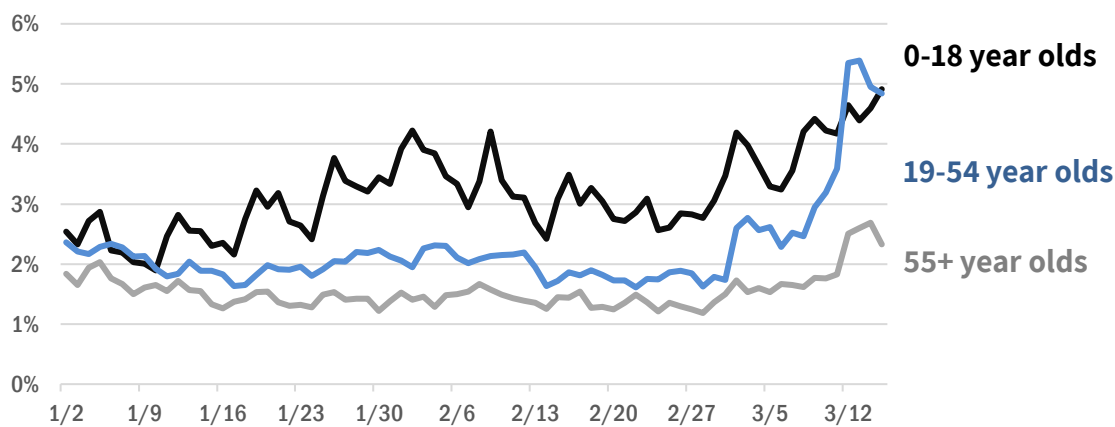
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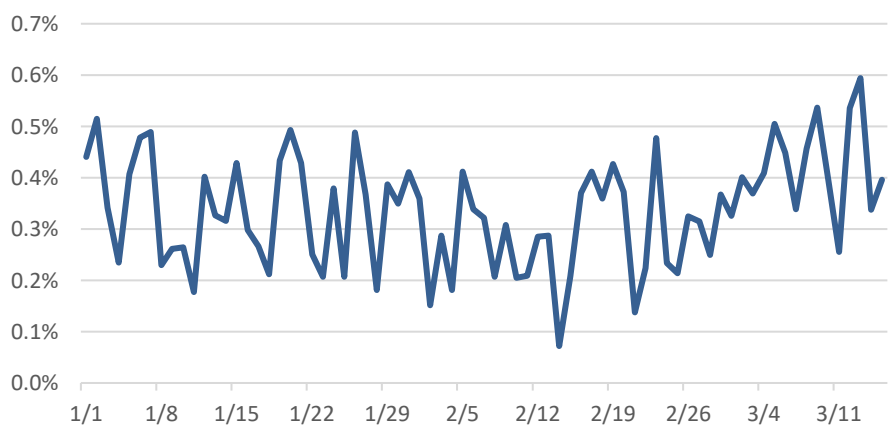


The daily percent of ED visits statewide that mention cough has been elevated for the past 2 weeks for all age groups, particularly **19-54**

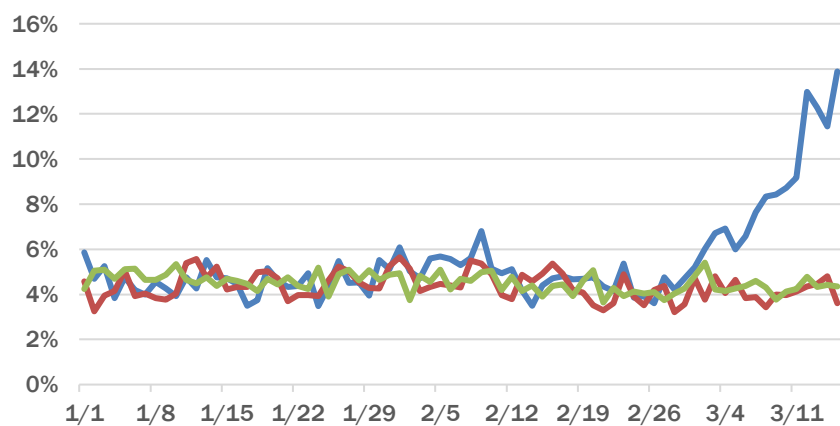


Broward County ED chief complaint and admission data

The daily percent of ED visits that result in **cough-associated admissions** in Broward County remains within expected levels.



The daily percent of ED visits that mention **cough** in Broward County has been elevated for the past 2 weeks. **Shortness of breath** and **fever** are stable and within expected levels for this time of year.



The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE-FL) includes chief complaint data from 215 of 216 Florida EDs. Data are transmitted electronically to ESSENCE-FL daily or hourly.

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
Broward	226	153	47	11%	426
Dade	174	90	25	9%	289
Palm Beach	15	25	9	18%	49
Collier	37	32	7	9%	76
Volusia	11	15	7	21%	33
Hillsborough	19	32	6	11%	57
Lee	16	27	6	12%	49
Duval	26	19	5	10%	50
Manatee	5	17	5	19%	27
Osceola	18	9	5	16%	32
Alachua	38	34	4	5%	76
Orange	6	15	4	16%	25
Pinellas	65	33	4	4%	102
Sarasota	26	117	4	3%	147
Seminole	16	8	4	14%	28
Clay	3	7	3	23%	13
St. Johns	28	24	3	5%	55
Okaloosa	9	18	2	7%	29
Pasco	7	15	2	8%	24
Charlotte	5	4	1	10%	10
Citrus	3	1	1	20%	5
Escambia	3	11	1	7%	15
Gadsden	0	0	1	100%	1
Lake	1	7	1	11%	9
Leon	0	4	1	20%	5
Nassau	3	4	1	13%	8
Santa Rosa	4	8	1	8%	13
Baker	2	1	0	0%	3
Bay	1	3	0	0%	4
Bradford	1	2	0	0%	3
Brevard	2	5	0	0%	7
Columbia	2	5	0	0%	7
Desoto	0	4	0	0%	4
Dixie	0	2	0	0%	2
Flagler	6	3	0	0%	9
Franklin	1	0	0	0%	1
Gulf	0	1	0	0%	1
Hardee	0	1	0	0%	1
Hendry	1	0	0	0%	1
Hernando	3	0	0	0%	3
Indian River	6	6	0	0%	12
Jackson	2	1	0	0%	3
Lafayette	0	1	0	0%	1
Levy	0	1	0	0%	1
Marion	12	8	0	0%	20
Martin	2	0	0	0%	2
Monroe	11	5	0	0%	16
Okeechobee	3	3	0	0%	6
Polk	8	15	0	0%	23
Putnam	1	8	0	0%	9
St. Lucie	3	2	0	0%	5
Sumter	9	7	0	0%	16
Suwannee	1	2	0	0%	3

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
Union	1	1	0	0%	2
Unknown	2	0	0	0%	2
Walton	3	0	0	0%	3
Washington	1	0	0	0%	1
Total	848	816	160	9%	1,824

Coronavirus: testing by laboratory

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The numbers in the table below represent the number of people tested. A person can be tested by more than one laboratory and can have both positive and negative results. **Therefore, the sum of the numbers in each column will be larger than the total number of people tested.**

Laboratory	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
DOH-MIAMI	392	66	14%	458
DOH-JACKSONVILLE	272	29	10%	301
DOH-TAMPA (SPECTRUM BLVD)	276	16	5%	292
ADVENT HEALTH LAB	232	16	6%	248
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL SOUTH	176	9	5%	185
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS - TAMPA	156	7	4%	163
LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA	110	2	2%	112
CDC	17	7	29%	24
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN LABORATORY	15	0	0%	15
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE - SJC (ELR)	11	1	8%	12
VIRACOR-EUROFINS LABORATORIES	9	0	0%	9
CLEVELAND CLINIC HOSPITAL LAB	7	1	13%	8
TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL	0	5	100%	5
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HOSPITAL	0	5	100%	5
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE, INC.	4	0	0%	4
WESTSIDE REGIONAL MED CTR	0	3	100%	3
JFK MEDICAL CENTER LAB	1	2	67%	3
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FISH MEMORIAL	3	0	0%	3
TENNESSEE DOH - NASHVILLE	2	0	0%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WESLEY CHAPEL	2	0	0%	2
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK HOSPITAL LABORATORIES	1	1	50%	2
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	2	0	0%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL DELAND	1	1	50%	2
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL CLINICAL LABORATORY	0	2	100%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL ZEPHYRHILLS	2	0	0%	2
LABCORP BURLINGTON (ELR)	2	0	0%	2
ADVENTHEALTH DAYTONA BEACH	2	0	0%	2
LAB CORP	0	1	100%	1
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER	0	1	100%	1
ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	0	1	100%	1
SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
BUREAU OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND MED CTR CLINICAL LAB	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FLAGLER	0	1	100%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL OF CARROLLWOOD	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL NORTH PINELLAS	1	0	0%	1
MHS LAB	1	0	0%	1
ORLANDO VAMC	1	0	0%	1
PLANTATION GENERAL HOSPITAL	1	0	0%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABS	1	0	0%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL	1	0	0%	1

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1	Escambia	53	Male	Yes	FL resident	France	No	03/16/20
2	Alachua	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY		03/16/20
3	Broward	51	Female	Yes	FL resident	COLOMBIA	Yes	03/16/20
4	St. Johns	49	Male	Yes	FL resident	EUROPE	No	03/16/20
5	Broward	60	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/16/20
6	Broward	54	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
7	Palm Beach	62	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED KINGDOM	Yes	03/16/20
8	Sarasota	80	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
9	Palm Beach	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
10	Collier	49	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
11	Osceola	47	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
12	Manatee	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
13	Duval	91	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
14	Sarasota	87	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
15	Dade	56	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
16	Pinellas	58	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO		03/16/20
17	Pinellas	58	Male	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/16/20
18	Dade	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
19	Broward	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Unknown	03/16/20
20	Dade	30	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
21	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
22	Palm Beach	76	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Unknown	03/16/20
23	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
24	Broward	30	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; GA	Yes	03/15/20
25	Dade	43	Male	Yes	FL resident	UT	No	03/15/20
26	Dade	39	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
27	Collier	28	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/15/20
28	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
29	Duval	88	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
30	Broward	63	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/15/20
31	Orange	79	Female	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/15/20
32	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
33	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
34	Duval	57	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; UNKNOWN	Unknown	03/15/20
35	Dade	66	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
36	Dade	62	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/15/20
37	Broward	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Yes	03/15/20
38	Collier	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/15/20
39	Dade	58	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN		03/15/20
40	Broward	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
41	Broward	52	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Yes	03/15/20
42	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	DC	Unknown	03/15/20
43	Citrus	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; SWITZERLAND	No	03/15/20
44	Broward	83	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
45	Dade	25	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/15/20
46	Broward	60	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
47	Broward	74	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
48	Duval	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20

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49	Volusia	48	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
50	Dade	28	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
51	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
52	Seminole	43	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
53	Broward	21	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN	No	03/14/20
54	Dade	20	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
55	Broward	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE; GA; NC; SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
56	Osceola	48	Male	Yes	FL resident	SWITZERLAND	No	03/14/20
57	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Yes	03/14/20
58	Seminole	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
59	Dade	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF); UNITED ,	No	03/14/20
60	Dade	39	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	No	03/14/20
61	Manatee	62	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
62	Dade	42	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
63	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
64	Lee	72	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
65	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/14/20
66	Volusia	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/14/20
67	Broward	83	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
68	Hillsborough	47	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO	Unknown	03/14/20
69	Dade	18	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
70	Hillsborough	17	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
71	Pasco	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/14/20
72	Clay	55	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
73	Palm Beach	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
74	Broward	59	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
75	Volusia	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
76	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
77	Palm Beach	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
78	Dade	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	EL SALVADOR; FL; MEXICO; SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
79	Hillsborough	32	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO	Yes	03/14/20
80	Seminole	47	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
81	Volusia	89	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
82	Clay	70	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
83	Dade	73	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
84	Broward	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
85	Broward	58	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
86	Palm Beach	59	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
87	Broward	22	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
88	Dade	29	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
89	Manatee	67	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
90	St. Johns	64	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
91	Broward	36	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
92	Palm Beach	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	Egypt; Germany	No	03/13/20
93	Dade	51	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
94	Dade	45	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
95	Sarasota	50	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/13/20
96	Volusia	70	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/13/20

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97	Palm Beach	74	Male	Yes	FL resident	BELGIUM; FL	No	03/13/20
98	Orange	41	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
99	Duval	83	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
100	Osceola	31	Male	Yes	FL resident	BRAZIL	No	03/13/20
101	Alachua	24	Male	Yes	FL resident	PORTUGAL	No	03/13/20
102	Osceola	54	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/13/20
103	Hillsborough	49	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; IRELAND	Yes	03/13/20
104	Orange	48	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
105	Broward	27	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
106	Clay	57	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
107	Broward	26	Female	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/13/20
108	Lee	77	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
109	Lake	75	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/13/20
110	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
111	Seminole	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/12/20
112	Broward	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/12/20
113	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/12/20
114	Broward	61	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/12/20
115	Dade	56	Male	Yes	FL resident	IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Yes	03/12/20
116	Pinellas	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
117	Collier	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
118	Collier	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
119	Collier	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
120	Pinellas	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
121	Pasco	46	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/11/20
122	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/10/20
123	Nassau	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	GERMANY; MA	Yes	03/10/20
124	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes	FL resident	CA; FL; MEXICO	Yes	03/09/20
125	Broward	67	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/09/20
126	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL	Unknown	03/09/20
127	Manatee	81	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/09/20
128	Volusia	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/09/20
129	Volusia	66	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/08/20
130	Broward	75	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/07/20
131	Lee	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
132	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	CAYMAN ISLANDS	No	03/07/20
133	Lee	77	Male	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
134	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL; JORDAN	No	03/05/20
135	Manatee	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/02/20
136	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/02/20
137	Broward	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
138	Broward	48	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	FRANCE; IL; NY; TX	Unknown	03/15/20
139	Dade	42	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	BRAZIL; FL; TX	No	03/15/20
140	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
141	Lee	65	Female	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/15/20
142	Alachua	69	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SWEDEN	No	03/14/20
143	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
144	Broward	19	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	Ireland	Yes	03/14/20

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145	Collier	79	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	CT	No	03/14/20
146	Broward	48	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	GA		03/14/20
147	Broward	41	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
148	Sarasota	70	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/13/20
149	Broward	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	Ireland	Yes	03/13/20
150	Osceola	65	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	CANADA	No	03/13/20
151	Lee	57	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	FL; FRANCE; UNITED KINGDOM	Unknown	03/12/20
152	St. Johns	63	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	NY	No	03/12/20
153	Alachua	68	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	GA	No	03/10/20
154	Hillsborough	22	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/03/20
155	Orange	68	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	PHILIPPINES; SOUTH KOREA		03/13/20
156	Palm Beach	71	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
157	Dade	64	Male	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
158	Okaloosa	66	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
159	Leon	59	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Unknown	03/04/20
160	Gadsden	54	Male	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Unknown	03/03/20

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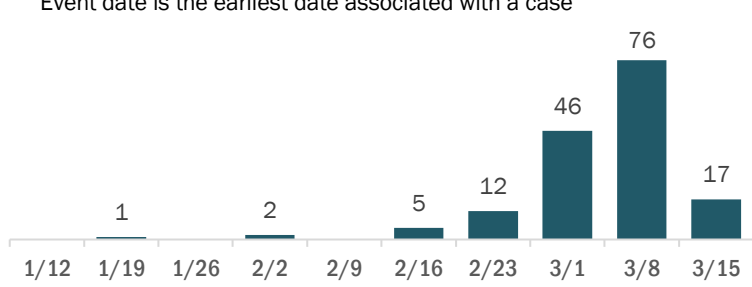
Coronavirus: summary of persons being monitored, persons under investigation, and cases

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Monitored persons: people the Florida Department of Health was notified of for possible monitoring because they are a contact of a case, traveled from China, or were identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a part of a airline/ship contact investigation	
Total reports	1,759
Total persons of high, medium, or unknown risk	1,290
High/medium/unknown risk still being monitored	535

Persons under investigation (PUI): people who meet laboratory testing criteria based on symptoms and exposure	
Total identified	1,824
Tested positive	160
Tested negative	816
Currently awaiting testing	848

Confirmed cases																							
Confirmed cases in Florida residents	142																						
Confirmed by BPHL/CDC	99																						
Positive by commercial/hospital lab	43																						
Characteristics of Florida resident cases																							
Not exposed/infectious in Florida	6																						
Deaths	5																						
Cases in non-Florida residents	18																						
Confirmed by BPHL/CDC	16																						
Positive by commercial/hospital lab	2																						
Total cases	160																						
Traveled	45																						
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Tables below include cases in non-Florida residents and Florida residents diagnosed and isolated outside Florida.

28 counties have confirmed cases:

County	FL resident	Percent	Not diagnosed/ isolated in FL	Non-FL resident	Total
Broward	39	24%	0	8	47
Dade	23	14%	1	1	25
Palm Beach	8	5%	1	0	9
Collier	6	4%	0	1	7
Volusia	7	4%	0	0	7
Hillsborough	5	3%	0	1	6
Lee	4	3%	0	2	6
Duval	5	3%	0	0	5
Manatee	5	3%	0	0	5
Osceola	4	3%	0	1	5
Alachua	2	1%	0	2	4
Orange	3	2%	1	0	4
Pinellas	4	3%	0	0	4
Sarasota	3	2%	0	1	4
Seminole	4	3%	0	0	4
Clay	3	2%	0	0	3
St. Johns	2	1%	0	1	3
Okaloosa	1	1%	1	0	2
Pasco	2	1%	0	0	2
Charlotte	1	1%	0	0	1
Citrus	1	1%	0	0	1
Escambia	1	1%	0	0	1
Gadsden	0		1	0	1
Lake	1	1%	0	0	1
Leon	0		1	0	1
Nassau	1	1%	0	0	1
Santa Rosa	1	1%	0	0	1
Total	136		6	18	160

Gender	Count	Percent
Male	90	56%
Female	70	44%

Age group	Count	Percent
10-19 years	8	5%
20-29 years	18	11%
30-39 years	11	7%
40-49 years	21	13%
50-59 years	22	14%
60-69 years	46	29%
70-79 years	25	16%
80+ years	9	6%

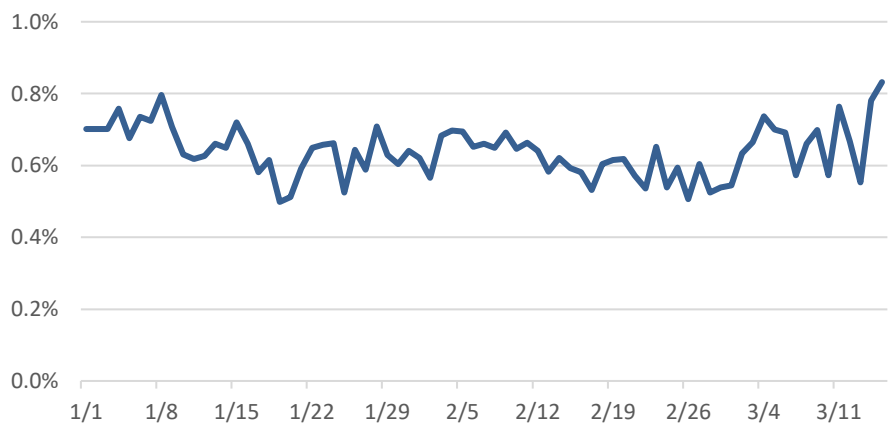
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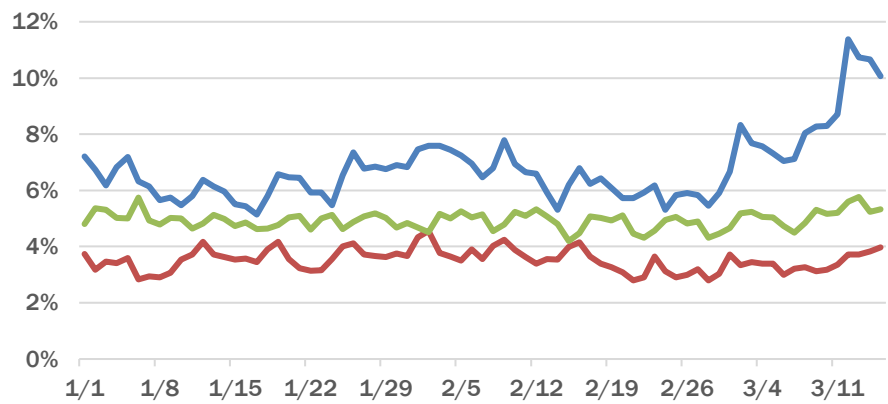
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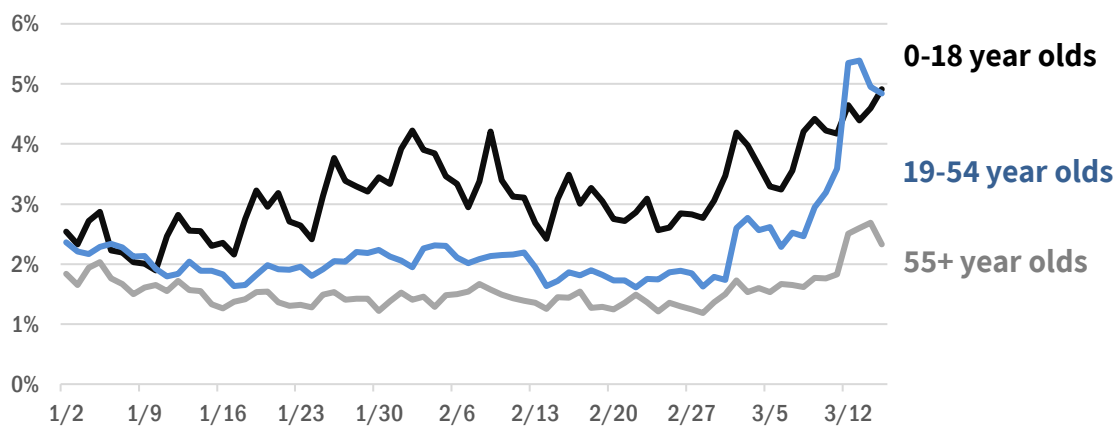
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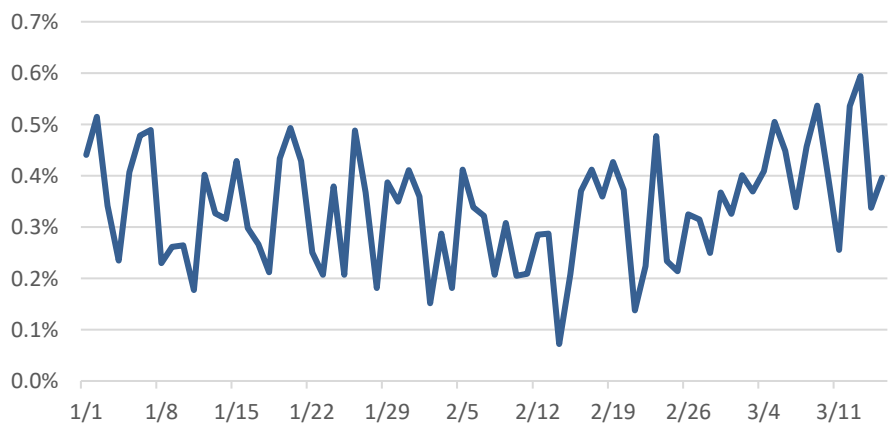


The daily percent of ED visits statewide that mention cough has been elevated for the past 2 weeks for all age groups, particularly **19-54**

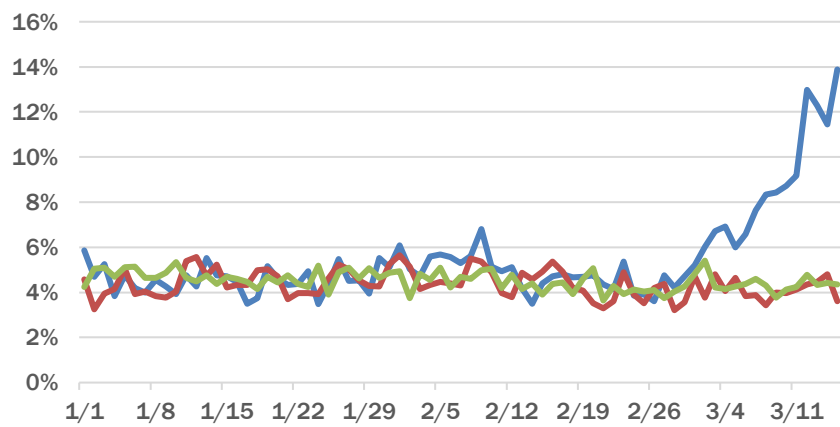


Broward County ED chief complaint and admission data

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The daily percent of ED visits that mention **cough** in Broward County has been elevated for the past 2 weeks. **Shortness of breath** and **fever** are stable and within expected levels for this time of year.



The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE-FL) includes chief complaint data from 215 of 216 Florida EDs. Data are transmitted electronically to ESSENCE-FL daily or hourly.

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
Broward	226	153	47	11%	426
Dade	174	90	25	9%	289
Palm Beach	15	25	9	18%	49
Collier	37	32	7	9%	76
Volusia	11	15	7	21%	33
Hillsborough	19	32	6	11%	57
Lee	16	27	6	12%	49
Duval	26	19	5	10%	50
Manatee	5	17	5	19%	27
Osceola	18	9	5	16%	32
Alachua	38	34	4	5%	76
Orange	6	15	4	16%	25
Pinellas	65	33	4	4%	102
Sarasota	26	117	4	3%	147
Seminole	16	8	4	14%	28
Clay	3	7	3	23%	13
St. Johns	28	24	3	5%	55
Okaloosa	9	18	2	7%	29
Pasco	7	15	2	8%	24
Charlotte	5	4	1	10%	10
Citrus	3	1	1	20%	5
Escambia	3	11	1	7%	15
Gadsden	0	0	1	100%	1
Lake	1	7	1	11%	9
Leon	0	4	1	20%	5
Nassau	3	4	1	13%	8
Santa Rosa	4	8	1	8%	13
Baker	2	1	0	0%	3
Bay	1	3	0	0%	4
Bradford	1	2	0	0%	3
Brevard	2	5	0	0%	7
Columbia	2	5	0	0%	7
Desoto	0	4	0	0%	4
Dixie	0	2	0	0%	2
Flagler	6	3	0	0%	9
Franklin	1	0	0	0%	1
Gulf	0	1	0	0%	1
Hardee	0	1	0	0%	1
Hendry	1	0	0	0%	1
Hernando	3	0	0	0%	3
Indian River	6	6	0	0%	12
Jackson	2	1	0	0%	3
Lafayette	0	1	0	0%	1
Levy	0	1	0	0%	1
Marion	12	8	0	0%	20
Martin	2	0	0	0%	2
Monroe	11	5	0	0%	16
Okeechobee	3	3	0	0%	6
Polk	8	15	0	0%	23
Putnam	1	8	0	0%	9
St. Lucie	3	2	0	0%	5
Sumter	9	7	0	0%	16
Suwannee	1	2	0	0%	3

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
Union	1	1	0	0%	2
Unknown	2	0	0	0%	2
Walton	3	0	0	0%	3
Washington	1	0	0	0%	1
Total	848	816	160	9%	1,824

Coronavirus: testing by laboratory

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The numbers in the table below represent the number of people tested. A person can be tested by more than one laboratory and can have both positive and negative results. **Therefore, the sum of the numbers in each column will be larger than the total number of people tested.**

Laboratory	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
DOH-MIAMI	392	66	14%	458
DOH-JACKSONVILLE	272	29	10%	301
DOH-TAMPA (SPECTRUM BLVD)	276	16	5%	292
ADVENT HEALTH LAB	232	16	6%	248
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL SOUTH	176	9	5%	185
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS - TAMPA	156	7	4%	163
LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA	110	2	2%	112
CDC	17	7	29%	24
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN LABORATORY	15	0	0%	15
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE - SJC (ELR)	11	1	8%	12
VIRACOR-EUROFINS LABORATORIES	9	0	0%	9
CLEVELAND CLINIC HOSPITAL LAB	7	1	13%	8
TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL	0	5	100%	5
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HOSPITAL	0	5	100%	5
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE, INC.	4	0	0%	4
WESTSIDE REGIONAL MED CTR	0	3	100%	3
JFK MEDICAL CENTER LAB	1	2	67%	3
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FISH MEMORIAL	3	0	0%	3
TENNESSEE DOH - NASHVILLE	2	0	0%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WESLEY CHAPEL	2	0	0%	2
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK HOSPITAL LABORATORIES	1	1	50%	2
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	2	0	0%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL DELAND	1	1	50%	2
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL CLINICAL LABORATORY	0	2	100%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL ZEPHYRHILLS	2	0	0%	2
LABCORP BURLINGTON (ELR)	2	0	0%	2
ADVENTHEALTH DAYTONA BEACH	2	0	0%	2
LAB CORP	0	1	100%	1
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER	0	1	100%	1
ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	0	1	100%	1
SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
BUREAU OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND MED CTR CLINICAL LAB	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FLAGLER	0	1	100%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL OF CARROLLWOOD	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL NORTH PINELLAS	1	0	0%	1
MHS LAB	1	0	0%	1
ORLANDO VAMC	1	0	0%	1
PLANTATION GENERAL HOSPITAL	1	0	0%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABS	1	0	0%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL	1	0	0%	1

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1	Escambia	53	Male	Yes	FL resident	France	No	03/16/20
2	Alachua	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY		03/16/20
3	Broward	51	Female	Yes	FL resident	COLOMBIA	Yes	03/16/20
4	St. Johns	49	Male	Yes	FL resident	EUROPE	No	03/16/20
5	Broward	60	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/16/20
6	Broward	54	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
7	Palm Beach	62	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED KINGDOM	Yes	03/16/20
8	Sarasota	80	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
9	Palm Beach	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
10	Collier	49	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
11	Osceola	47	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
12	Manatee	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
13	Duval	91	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
14	Sarasota	87	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
15	Dade	56	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
16	Pinellas	58	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO		03/16/20
17	Pinellas	58	Male	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/16/20
18	Dade	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
19	Broward	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Unknown	03/16/20
20	Dade	30	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
21	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
22	Palm Beach	76	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Unknown	03/16/20
23	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
24	Broward	30	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; GA	Yes	03/15/20
25	Dade	43	Male	Yes	FL resident	UT	No	03/15/20
26	Dade	39	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
27	Collier	28	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/15/20
28	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
29	Duval	88	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
30	Broward	63	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/15/20
31	Orange	79	Female	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/15/20
32	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
33	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
34	Duval	57	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; UNKNOWN	Unknown	03/15/20
35	Dade	66	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
36	Dade	62	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/15/20
37	Broward	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Yes	03/15/20
38	Collier	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/15/20
39	Dade	58	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN		03/15/20
40	Broward	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
41	Broward	52	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Yes	03/15/20
42	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	DC	Unknown	03/15/20
43	Citrus	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; SWITZERLAND	No	03/15/20
44	Broward	83	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
45	Dade	25	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/15/20
46	Broward	60	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
47	Broward	74	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
48	Duval	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20

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49	Volusia	48	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
50	Dade	28	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
51	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
52	Seminole	43	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
53	Broward	21	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN	No	03/14/20
54	Dade	20	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
55	Broward	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE; GA; NC; SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
56	Osceola	48	Male	Yes	FL resident	SWITZERLAND	No	03/14/20
57	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Yes	03/14/20
58	Seminole	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
59	Dade	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF); UNITED ,	No	03/14/20
60	Dade	39	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	No	03/14/20
61	Manatee	62	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
62	Dade	42	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
63	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
64	Lee	72	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
65	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/14/20
66	Volusia	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/14/20
67	Broward	83	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
68	Hillsborough	47	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO	Unknown	03/14/20
69	Dade	18	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
70	Hillsborough	17	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
71	Pasco	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/14/20
72	Clay	55	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
73	Palm Beach	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
74	Broward	59	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
75	Volusia	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
76	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
77	Palm Beach	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
78	Dade	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	EL SALVADOR; FL; MEXICO; SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
79	Hillsborough	32	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO	Yes	03/14/20
80	Seminole	47	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
81	Volusia	89	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
82	Clay	70	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
83	Dade	73	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
84	Broward	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
85	Broward	58	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
86	Palm Beach	59	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
87	Broward	22	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
88	Dade	29	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
89	Manatee	67	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
90	St. Johns	64	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
91	Broward	36	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
92	Palm Beach	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	Egypt; Germany	No	03/13/20
93	Dade	51	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
94	Dade	45	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
95	Sarasota	50	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/13/20
96	Volusia	70	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/13/20

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97	Palm Beach	74	Male	Yes	FL resident	BELGIUM; FL	No	03/13/20
98	Orange	41	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
99	Duval	83	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
100	Osceola	31	Male	Yes	FL resident	BRAZIL	No	03/13/20
101	Alachua	24	Male	Yes	FL resident	PORTUGAL	No	03/13/20
102	Osceola	54	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/13/20
103	Hillsborough	49	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; IRELAND	Yes	03/13/20
104	Orange	48	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
105	Broward	27	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
106	Clay	57	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
107	Broward	26	Female	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/13/20
108	Lee	77	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
109	Lake	75	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/13/20
110	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
111	Seminole	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/12/20
112	Broward	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/12/20
113	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/12/20
114	Broward	61	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/12/20
115	Dade	56	Male	Yes	FL resident	IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Yes	03/12/20
116	Pinellas	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
117	Collier	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
118	Collier	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
119	Collier	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
120	Pinellas	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
121	Pasco	46	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/11/20
122	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/10/20
123	Nassau	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	GERMANY; MA	Yes	03/10/20
124	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes	FL resident	CA; FL; MEXICO	Yes	03/09/20
125	Broward	67	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/09/20
126	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL	Unknown	03/09/20
127	Manatee	81	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/09/20
128	Volusia	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/09/20
129	Volusia	66	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/08/20
130	Broward	75	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/07/20
131	Lee	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
132	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	CAYMAN ISLANDS	No	03/07/20
133	Lee	77	Male	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
134	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL; JORDAN	No	03/05/20
135	Manatee	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/02/20
136	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/02/20
137	Broward	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
138	Broward	48	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	FRANCE; IL; NY; TX	Unknown	03/15/20
139	Dade	42	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	BRAZIL; FL; TX	No	03/15/20
140	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
141	Lee	65	Female	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/15/20
142	Alachua	69	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SWEDEN	No	03/14/20
143	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
144	Broward	19	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	Ireland	Yes	03/14/20

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145	Collier	79	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	CT	No	03/14/20
146	Broward	48	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	GA		03/14/20
147	Broward	41	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
148	Sarasota	70	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/13/20
149	Broward	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	Ireland	Yes	03/13/20
150	Osceola	65	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	CANADA	No	03/13/20
151	Lee	57	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	FL; FRANCE; UNITED KINGDOM	Unknown	03/12/20
152	St. Johns	63	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	NY	No	03/12/20
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154	Hillsborough	22	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/03/20
155	Orange	68	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	PHILIPPINES; SOUTH KOREA		03/13/20
156	Palm Beach	71	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
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Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled to Egypt for a cruise or tour on the Nile River in February or March 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, including 10 positive cases in Florida.

COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

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There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;

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- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

Actions the State has Taken to Prepare for and Respond to COVID-19

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.
- The Florida Department of Health (DOH) established an incident management team to coordinate response operations.
- DOH activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- DOH conducted three public health and healthcare stakeholders conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions, and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 ET.
- DOH participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
- DOH established a public call-center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- DOH developed and distributed the communications-approved COVID-19 Presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- DOH developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.

- DOH established mechanisms for on-going monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings to County Health Departments.
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease and a healthcare provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) and County Health Departments (CHD).
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

- The Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) opened an event on the Emergency Status System for hospitals to enter census information and emergency room status updates.
- AHCA expanded the event on the Emergency Status System to collect isolation beds for hospitals effective Saturday, March 7.
- AHCA shared key guidance including CDC and the Department information regarding the importance of screening visitors, infection control protocol and hygiene best practices with all licensed healthcare facilities regulated by the Agency. The Agency is continuing to provide updates on recommendations and best practices from the CDC and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding COVID-19.
- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department of Health, is hosting statewide calls for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, and Agency for Persons with Disabilities group homes, and adult family care homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees are continuing to address critical issues impacting these providers such as restricting and screening visitors and providing updates.
- AHCA, in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department, is hosting statewide calls for hospitals in conjunction with the Florida Hospital Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees to provide the most up-to-date information to hospital partners and residential facilities caring for aging and vulnerable populations.

- This week, AHCA Secretary Mary Mayhew visited nursing homes and hospital facilities in Tampa, Jacksonville and Orlando to discuss COVID-19 preparations and response and address to any concerns and questions from local partners.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- The Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), and members of the Senior Leadership Team participated in the conference call related to vulnerable populations hosted by the Surgeon General. The call provided the most up-to-date information to APD partners who are caring for vulnerable populations.
- APD implemented a visitor questionnaire at its two state centers in Gainesville and Marianna.
- APD is developing a visitor questionnaire for Adult Day Training facilities and group homes across the state.
- APD continues to provide additional best practices, preventative tips and CDC guidance to APD providers, Waiver Support coordinators and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

- The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) Secretary Richard Prudom stood with Governor Ron DeSantis and other agency heads during a press conference on Monday, March 9th, to address Florida's recent actions and issue a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom and executive staff participated in a conference call with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and ACL administrator Lance Robertson and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Other state units on aging also participated to discuss issues on the implementation of prevention protocols for prevention of spread of COVID-19.
- DOEA Program directors provided guidance to Area Agencies on Aging and statewide Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-term Care Services (CARES) offices on how to protect clients and staff during a conference call and provided follow-up emails.
- DOEA participated in the Aging and Vulnerable Populations Call hosted by the Florida Department of Health (DOH). All of the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were on this call, and DOEA staff followed up with them on an individual basis for questions and answers for COVID-19.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Child Welfare sent communication about COVID-19, to licensed child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019.

- DCF Secretary Chad Poppell sent thorough communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities (including child care providers) about COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.
- DCF is working with AHCA, DOEA, and APD to compile and develop guidance for agency staff and stakeholders who work directly with Florida's elderly population and have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- DCF established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida mental health facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting weekly updates and to ensure compliance with virus prevention.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida is coordinating with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to see how the agency can assist with distributing information to seniors.
- Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Department is having initial conversations with partners to determine what could be needed and what safety precautions need to be considered if volunteers are utilized.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is offering virtual teacher training to up to 10,000 teachers to accommodate Florida school districts that wish to train their teachers in the FLVS online platform in the event teachers need to temporarily move to an online environment.
- Education Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance on COVID-19 preparedness and response and will be holding weekly calls to update districts on preparation efforts.
- FDOE has sent weekly memos providing updates to school districts, superintendents, Florida Colleges, parents, teachers and stakeholders.
- FDOE launched a survey to school districts and public charter schools about their preparations, policies, their capacity to serve their students virtually to help meet and determine any preparedness needs.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from Florida Department of Health and the CDC.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.

- FDC stood up its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness and are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State (DOS) has been in contact with the Supervisors of Elections for Hillsborough, Lake, Leon, Manatee, Palm Beach and Sarasota Counties to determine their needs specifically as it relates to supplies. The supervisors have been encouraged to connect with their county emergency management department for meeting these resource needs.
- DOS is in constant communication with Supervisors of Elections regarding readiness for elections and any anticipated needs related to COVID-19.
- DOS is sharing information with the public regarding voting options for the upcoming election, including vote-by-mail and early voting options.
- DOS is actively wiping down public spaces including all DOS maintained properties, reception areas and restrooms with bleach or disinfectant wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.
- DOS is assessing departmental stakeholder lists, including museums, cultural facilities and libraries to evaluate if any stakeholders provide services to at-risk populations and determining the most suitable ways the department can provide information about COVID-19 to those populations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.
- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from the department will host weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida.

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- The Department of Revenue’s Child Support Program is working to reduce when customers are required to visit a local child support office and is providing new connect/customer service options.
- Efforts include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of appointments. The Program will soon be implementing the ability for parents to enter into written agreements over the phone, and the Program will be providing new fax, email and form drop-off processes.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:

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 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
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- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
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- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is coordinating ESF-16 providing updates and securing staffing while FDLE Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.
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- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.

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- The Florida Department of State (DOS) has been in contact with the Supervisors of Elections for Hillsborough, Lake, Leon, Manatee, Palm Beach and Sarasota Counties to determine their needs specifically as it relates to supplies. The supervisors have been encouraged to connect with their county emergency management department for meeting these resource needs.
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- DOS is sharing information with the public regarding voting options for the upcoming election, including vote-by-mail and early voting options.
- DOS is actively wiping down public spaces including all DOS maintained properties, reception areas and restrooms with bleach or disinfectant wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.
- DOS is assessing departmental stakeholder lists, including museums, cultural facilities and libraries to evaluate if any stakeholders provide services to at-risk populations and determining the most suitable ways the department can provide information about COVID-19 to those populations.

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- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.
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- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to encourage businesses to follow the “[Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)” issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This information is being provided to statewide business partners, local Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Councils throughout the state.
- The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and Florida Retail Federation and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with DEO, are working to provide health safety information and coordination with partners, including how to address potential local supply issues.
- DEO is coordinating with CareerSource Florida, local workforce boards, and other public-private partners. DEO is also working closely with our local, state and federal partners to explore potential resources for employers, businesses and impacted workforce.

VISIT FLORIDA

- On January 24, VISIT FLORIDA ceased all Florida tourism marketing in China. VISIT FLORIDA redirected the savings from China and invested this funding into a domestic campaign that launched on March 2.
- VISIT FLORIDA has provided the state’s three highway welcome centers with the latest information and resources on COVID-19 to help keep the traveling public informed.
- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- The Department of Revenue’s Child Support Program is working to reduce when customers are required to visit a local child support office and is providing new connect/customer service options.
- Efforts include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of appointments. The Program will soon be implementing the ability for parents to enter into written agreements over the phone, and the Program will be providing new fax, email and form drop-off processes.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:

- Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and Department of Health information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
 - Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.
- OIR has spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing for COVID-19.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is coordinating ESF-16 providing updates and securing staffing while FDLE Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.
- FDLE's Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies and FDLE's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information.

About the Florida Department of Health

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New Positive Cases

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- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom and executive staff participated in a conference call with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and ACL administrator Lance Robertson and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Other state units on aging also participated to discuss issues on the implementation of prevention protocols for prevention of spread of COVID-19.
- DOEA Program directors provided guidance to Area Agencies on Aging and statewide Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-term Care Services (CARES) offices on how to protect clients and staff during a conference call and provided follow-up emails.
- DOEA participated in the Aging and Vulnerable Populations Call hosted by the Florida Department of Health (DOH). All of the state's Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were on this call, and DOEA staff followed up with them on an individual basis for questions and answers for COVID-19.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Child Welfare sent communication about COVID-19, to licensed child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019.

- DCF Secretary Chad Poppell sent thorough communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities (including child care providers) about COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.
- DCF is working with AHCA, DOEA, and APD to compile and develop guidance for agency staff and stakeholders who work directly with Florida's elderly population and have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- DCF established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida mental health facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting weekly updates and to ensure compliance with virus prevention.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida is coordinating with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to see how the agency can assist with distributing information to seniors.
- Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Department is having initial conversations with partners to determine what could be needed and what safety precautions need to be considered if volunteers are utilized.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is offering virtual teacher training to up to 10,000 teachers to accommodate Florida school districts that wish to train their teachers in the FLVS online platform in the event teachers need to temporarily move to an online environment.
- Education Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance on COVID-19 preparedness and response and will be holding weekly calls to update districts on preparation efforts.
- FDOE has sent weekly memos providing updates to school districts, superintendents, Florida Colleges, parents, teachers and stakeholders.
- FDOE launched a survey to school districts and public charter schools about their preparations, policies, their capacity to serve their students virtually to help meet and determine any preparedness needs.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from Florida Department of Health and the CDC.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.

- FDC stood up its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness and are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State (DOS) has been in contact with the Supervisors of Elections for Hillsborough, Lake, Leon, Manatee, Palm Beach and Sarasota Counties to determine their needs specifically as it relates to supplies. The supervisors have been encouraged to connect with their county emergency management department for meeting these resource needs.
- DOS is in constant communication with Supervisors of Elections regarding readiness for elections and any anticipated needs related to COVID-19.
- DOS is sharing information with the public regarding voting options for the upcoming election, including vote-by-mail and early voting options.
- DOS is actively wiping down public spaces including all DOS maintained properties, reception areas and restrooms with bleach or disinfectant wipes to mitigate the spread of germs.
- DOS is assessing departmental stakeholder lists, including museums, cultural facilities and libraries to evaluate if any stakeholders provide services to at-risk populations and determining the most suitable ways the department can provide information about COVID-19 to those populations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.
- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from the department will host weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 educational materials are being posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- FDOT is providing hand sanitizer and posting COVID-19 educational materials at its public meetings across the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to encourage businesses to follow the “[Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)” issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This information is being provided to statewide business partners, local Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Councils throughout the state.
- The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and Florida Retail Federation and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with DEO, are working to provide health safety information and coordination with partners, including how to address potential local supply issues.
- DEO is coordinating with CareerSource Florida, local workforce boards, and other public-private partners. DEO is also working closely with our local, state and federal partners to explore potential resources for employers, businesses and impacted workforce.

VISIT FLORIDA

- On January 24, VISIT FLORIDA ceased all Florida tourism marketing in China. VISIT FLORIDA redirected the savings from China and invested this funding into a domestic campaign that launched on March 2.
- VISIT FLORIDA has provided the state’s three highway welcome centers with the latest information and resources on COVID-19 to help keep the traveling public informed.
- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- The Department of Revenue’s Child Support Program is working to reduce when customers are required to visit a local child support office and is providing new connect/customer service options.
- Efforts include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of appointments. The Program will soon be implementing the ability for parents to enter into written agreements over the phone, and the Program will be providing new fax, email and form drop-off processes.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:

- Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and Department of Health information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
 - Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has activated its incident management team and has met to review disaster response procedures.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.
- OIR has spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing for COVID-19.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is coordinating ESF-16 providing updates and securing staffing while FDLE Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.
- FDLE's Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies and FDLE's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information.

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Jason,

Please see approved press release below:

Florida Department of Health Announces New Positive COVID-19 Case in Florida - Governor Ron DeSantis Issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 9, 2020

Contact:

Communications Office

NewsMedia@flhealth.gov

(850) 245-4111

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health has announced a new positive case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida. To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the virus, the Department is issuing regular updates as information becomes available. Today, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for COVID-19. By declaring a state of emergency, Governor DeSantis is ensuring that the state and local governments have the resources and flexibility they need to prepare and respond.

New Positive Case

- A 60-year old female in Volusia County has been identified as positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. She has a history of recent travel outside of the United States.

COVID-19 Cases

Florida Residents Diagnosed in Florida				
	County	Age	Sex	Known History of International Travel
1	Manatee	63	Male	No
2	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes
3	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes
4	Broward	75	Male	No
5	Broward	65	Male	No
6	Lee	77	Female	Yes
7	Lee	77	Male	Yes
8	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes
9	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes
10	Volusia	66	Female	Yes
11	Manatee	81	Female	Yes
12	Broward	67	Male	No
13	Volusia	60	Female	Yes

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International Travel Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the [new CDC guidelines](#), summarized below:

- **Level 3:** Recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your county health department or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled on a river cruise on the Nile River in Egypt in February 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), including two positive cases in Florida.

COVID Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121**. The Call Center is available **24 hours a day**. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Department Activities

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus in Florida.
- Established an incident management team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted three public health and healthcare stakeholders conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions, and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls. Calls are scheduled for each Wednesday at 2:00 EST.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.
- Established a public call-center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed the communications approved COVID-19 Presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for on-going monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for Public Health Personnel Evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and Asymptomatic Close Contacts of Confirmed Cases at Their Home or Non-Home Residential Settings to County Health Departments
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for Identifying Persons Under Investigation for Coronavirus Disease and a healthcare provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) and County Health Departments (CHD).
- Implemented testing at all three State Public health Laboratories.

- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

What you Should Know

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There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local county health department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the county health department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

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REVISED
GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

9:00am **MEETING WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

9:30am **CALL WITH DARDEN RESTAURANTS CEO GENE LEE REGARDING COVID-19**

9:45am **CALL WITH FORMER OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE CEO CHRIS SULLIVAN REGARDING COVID-19**

10:00am **CALL WITH FLORIDA RESTAURANT AND LODGING ASSOCIATION CEO CAROL DOVER REGARDING COVID-19**

10:15am **CALL WITH MCDONALDS FRANCHISEE BLAKE CASPER REGARDING COVID-19**

11:30am **CALL WITH PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE AND NATION'S GOVERNORS REGARDING COVID-19**

12:45pm **CALL WITH RESTAURANT BRANDS CEO JOSÈ CIL REGARDING COVID-19**

1:00pm **CALL WITH BROWARD COUNTY MAYORS REGARDING COVID-19**

1:15pm **CALL WITH PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES REGARDING COVID-19**

2:30pm **CALL WITH GEORGIA GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP REGARDING COVID-19**

2:45pm **CALL WITH DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR JARED MOSKOWITZ AND STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES REGARDING COVID-19**

3:15pm **CALL WITH MIAMI DOLPHINS OWNER STEVE ROSS REGARDING COVID-19**

4:00pm **BRIEFING WITH DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR JARED MOSKOWITZ, STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES, FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD ADJUTANT GENERAL JAMES EIFERT, AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY MARY MAYHEW AND SECRETARY OF STATE LAUREL LEE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: State Emergency Operations Center
Address: 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

4:30pm **PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: State Emergency Operations Center
Address: 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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LT. GOVERNOR JEANETTE NUÑEZ SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

10:00am **CALL WITH STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES REGARDING COVID-19**

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

7:45am **CALL WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**

10:00am **CALL WITH SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS REGARDING COVID-19**

10:10am **CALL WITH PGA TOUR COMMISSIONER JAY MONAHAN**

10:20am **CALL WITH MLB COMMISSIONER ROB MANFRED**

10:30am **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: Jackson Memorial Hospital
Address: 1080 Northwest 19th Street
 Miami, FL 33127

11:30am **PRESS CONFERENCE**
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2:30pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME**
Location: Florida State Capitol
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4:00pm **CALL WITH DAYTONA SPEEDWAY PRESIDENT CHIP WILE REGARDING COVID-19**

4:50pm **CALL WITH VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE REGARDING COVID-19**

5:00pm **BRIEFING WITH SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR JARED MOSKOWITZ, EDUCATION COMMISSIONER RICHARD CORCORAN, SECRETARY OF STATE LAURAL LEE AND AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY MARY MAYHEW REGARDING COVID-19**
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March 18, 2020

Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida (850) 815-4940, ESF14@em.myflorida.com

The State of Florida Issues Updates on COVID-19

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health will issue this update every day, seven days per week.

Governor Ron DeSantis is in constant communication with Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz and State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

Today, in a briefing at the Florida Emergency Operations Center, Governor DeSantis announced the following:

- One additional person has died in Clay County.
- Earlier this week, the state received news that an ALF resident who passed away had tested positive for COVID-19. The state then learned that two additional residents in the same facility passed away. Those individuals tested negative for COVID-19.
- Since February 22, FDOH labs in Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa have tested more than 1,600 people.
- During the week of March 8, private labs began processing COVID-19 tests. Since then, more than 50 private labs have completed more than 2,050 tests.
- The Florida National Guard is assembling a drive-through testing facility at Broward Memorial Healthcare System.
- To support communities responding to COVID-19, Governor DeSantis has directed FDEM Director Jared Moskowitz to expedite the delivery of more than \$170 million in Hurricane Irma reimbursements to cities, counties and hospital districts that have now reached the 50-percent auditing threshold to receive funds.
- To support the volume of calls to the COVID-19 call center and the reemployment assistance call center, Governor DeSantis directed State Surgeon General Dr. Rivkees and DEO Director Ken Lawson to expand the call-handling capacity of those call centers.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For information and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](#). For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the [travel advisory website](#).

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Actions the state has taken to prepare for and respond to COVID-19:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.
- Governor DeSantis announced that the State ordered an additional 2,500 test kits to supplement the adequate resources already available to test for COVID-19. These additional test kits will enable the Department of Health (DOH), working with Florida health care providers, to test up to an additional 625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in-state and all out-of-state travel for state employees for 30 days.
- DOH established an Incident Management Team to coordinate response operations.
- DOH defined a high-level phased response strategy for COVID-19.
- DOH activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- DOH conducted three public health and health care stakeholder conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls.
- DOH established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19. The call center launched Monday, March 2.
- DOH developed and distributed COVID-19 presentation materials to County Health Departments (CHD) for use at community meetings.
- DOH activated the Joint Information Center in coordination with the Division of Emergency Management.
- DOH developed and implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- DOH established mechanisms for monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.

- DOH distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- DOH approved and disseminated an updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying COVID-19 PUIs.
- DOH distributed a health care provider letter regarding enhanced surveillance and preparedness for COVID-19 to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions and CHDs.
- DOH implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- DOH distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- DOH distributed updated laboratory guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.
- DOH developing a laboratory surge plan.
- DOH developing a clinician-level briefing for medical audiences.
- DOH identifying and monitoring close contacts of presumptive cases. Any close contacts with symptoms will be tested.
- DOH implemented private lab testing.
- DOH developed and disseminated pandemic planning guidance.
- DOH advised CHDs and HCCs to retain expired personal protective equipment until further notice.
- DOH continued development of public information resources.
- DOH developing infographics for first responders (fire, law enforcement and EMS) regarding infection control and personal protection for COVID-19.
- At the Governor's direction, a public-private partnership has been put in place between Memorial Healthcare in Broward and the National Guard to set up a mobile testing unit.
- At the direction of Governor DeSantis hiring additional epidemiologists from university health programs to help with workload.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to extend all existing nursing home and assisted living facility licenses for 90 days to remove distraction from patient care.

THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Yesterday, Governor DeSantis and DEM Director Jared Moskowitz announced that Florida is continuing to order supplies and personal protective equipment in an effort to mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the state.
- After conducting a thorough assessment of needs, Director Moskowitz has requested the following supplies through Direct Federal Assistance. Supplies are being delivered on a rolling basis, and inventory is being distributed throughout the state 24 hours a day.
 - 5 mobile intensive care units

- 5,000 ventilators
- 5,000 hospital beds
- 50,000 two oz. bottles of hand sanitizer
- 250,000 coveralls
- 500,000 gloves
- 500,000 gowns
- 500,000 collection kits
- 100,000 16 oz. bottles of hand sanitizers
- 150,000 Personal Protective Equipment kits, including coveralls, gowns, and goggles
- 2 million N95 face masks
- Director Moskowitz is working with the federal government to determine if there is capacity to add US Navy Mercy-Class ships at Florida ports.
- Three field hospitals are being deployed.
- Mobile COVID-19 testing is also being implemented.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

- Secretary Mayhew is working directly with hospitals and large health systems to identify potential vacant wings or buildings to provide additional hospital inpatient capacity should it become necessary.
- On March 16, Florida became the first state to receive [CMS approval](#) of its 1135 Medicaid Waiver giving AHCA more flexibility for its COVID-19 response efforts. This federal action lifts Medicaid prior authorization requirements for critical health care services and allows for expedited provider enrollment.
- AHCA distributed a provider alert to licensed health care providers regarding the Division of Emergency Management's new Emergency Order tightening visitation restrictions at residential and long-term care facilities.
- AHCA, in coordination with the DEM and the Department, is hosting ongoing statewide calls for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, group homes, and adult family care homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees are continuing to address critical issues impacting these providers such as restricting visitors and providing updates.
- AHCA, in coordination with DEM and the Department, is hosting ongoing statewide calls for hospitals in conjunction with the Florida Hospital Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees to provide the most up-to-date information to hospital partners and residential facilitates caring for aging and vulnerable populations.
- After previously opening an event on the Emergency Status System (ESS) for hospitals to enter census information, emergency room status updates and isolation beds, AHCA expanded the ESS event to track nursing homes and assisted living facility bed capacity, effective March 15.
- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will be granting a 90-day extension to all licenses for health care providers and regulated facilities.

- AHCA is distributing information regarding regulatory flexibilities created by waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) related to skilled nursing facilities, critical access hospitals, home health agencies, durable medical equipment, provider enrollment, etc.
- AHCA distributed information to health care providers regarding guidance and clarifications on DEM's Emergency Order No. 20-006.
- AHCA participated in a collaborative call with the Florida Health Care Association, Florida Hospital Association and LeadingAge Florida to discuss patient transfer arrangements between health care facilities such as nursing homes and hospitals.
- The Florida Medicaid Program announced coverage of commercial testing for COVID-19 for dates of service back to February 4.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- APD and AHCA hosted a Provider conference call to share information on modifications to some existing policies and practices during this state of emergency due to COVID -19. APD and AHCA are researching responses to additional questions raised during the call. The answers will be posted on apdcares.org.
- APD is implementing telework for employees throughout the state as directed by Governor DeSantis to reduce possible exposure to COVID-19.
- The agency's three state-run centers in Marianna, Gainesville, and Chattahoochee, as well as APD-licensed group homes, are restricting visitors in compliance with the Executive Order to protect the health and safety of our customers.
- APD Adult Day Training programs across the state are screening visitors for possible exposure to COVID-19 using a visitor questionnaire. The questionnaire is also being used to screen visitors coming into APD Regional Offices.
- APD continues to provide an up-to-date status on COVID-19, best practices, preventative tips, and CDC guidance, in addition to CMS guidance, to APD providers, Waiver Support Coordinators, Stakeholders, and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

- Secretary Prudom participated in a conference call with the Administration on Community Living (ACL) and ten other State Units on Aging. He presented an update on what Florida is doing regarding issues and challenges during COVID-19.
- DOEA released an updated **interactive Elder Needs Index (ENI)**. *Best opened in Google Chrome.*

- DOEA's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) hosted a conference call with regional ombudsman managers to discuss strategies for advocacy during COVID-19 environment.
- LTCOP participated in conference calls with National Association of State Ombudsman (NASOP), Florida Healthcare Association (FHCA), and Consumer Voice with Administration for Community Living (ACL). All concerning COVID-19.
- DOEA participated on a statewide call coordinated by the Florida Association of Service Providers (FASP) statewide regarding COVID-19 issues, trends, and concerns.
- DOEA participated in an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) workgroup conference call to discuss specific issues related to COVID-19 and statewide waiver requests.
- DOEA coordinated planning with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to discuss Adult Day Care Centers and the provision of meals should they close.
- DOEA participated on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) southeast region call regarding COVID-19 as it relates Adult Care Food Programs.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- The Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Office of Child Welfare is sending regular communication about COVID-19 specifically to licensed child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC's Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). An FAQ document for providers was also posted prominently on DCF's Child Care webpage.
- DCF's Office of Child Welfare is disseminating a survey to licensed child care providers to assess closures throughout the state. Currently, the decision to close is at the discretion of each individual facility.
- DCF Secretary Chad Poppell sent thorough communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities (including child care providers) about COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.
- DCF is working with AHCA, DOEA, and APD to compile and develop guidance for agency staff and stakeholders who work directly with Florida's elderly population and have a higher risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- DCF is leading status update calls with both internal leadership and leadership from external contracted partners. For the time being, these calls will take place twice weekly, every Tuesday and Friday.

- DCF General Services staff throughout the state are working with lessors and janitorial contractors to increase sanitizing measures in office buildings, especially restrooms and common areas. They also began taking inventory of sanitizing supplies (disinfecting wipes, Lysol spray, hand-sanitizer, etc.) and are ordering more as needed.
- DCF established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida mental health facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting daily updates to ensure compliance with virus prevention and monitor potential outbreaks.
- DCF has established a visitation protocol for all state-owned and contracted mental health treatment facilities, as well as vendors and patient families, requiring all outside parties to complete a Visitors Viral Symptoms Screening prior to entering a facility. At this time, there are no cases of patients or facility staff testing positive for COVID-19.
- DCF's Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency is communicating with DEO regarding work requirements and CareerSource operations and availability.
- DCF's Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency implemented screening procedures, including a set of questions that must be asked prior to entry, at all economic self-sufficiency storefronts.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

- Effective March 11, 2020, FDVA is restricting visitor access to its State Veterans' Nursing Homes and Domiciliary until further notice, with the exception of essential visitors, such as family members of those residents undergoing end-of-life care. In addition, we are temporarily suspending admissions in our network of state veterans' homes. Thank you for your understanding.
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also temporarily restricted access to their nursing and community living center facilities to only essential visitors until further notice.
- The VA Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8) is taking additional steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 to protect healthcare system's capabilities, healthcare workers and veterans. Facilities within the VISN 8 Network include the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Clinics, Miami VA Healthcare System, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Orlando VA Healthcare System, VA Caribbean Healthcare System, and the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center.
 - These actions include:
 - VISN 8 facilities are transitioning to virtual appointments to the fullest extent to allow veterans to stay at home, avoid exposure to others and reduce their risk; Veterans with appointments will be contacted several days beforehand to discuss virtual appointment options available to them.

- Veterans can help with this transition by visiting the VA Video On-Demand webpage for more information: <https://mobile.va.gov/content/getting-started-0>.
 - Veterans enrolled for care within VISN 8 can continue to use the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center for 24/7 virtual urgent care by calling 1-877-741-3400 (toll free) or by using the VA Health Chat App. Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of Coronavirus, flu or cold should contact the center first before coming to a VA facility.
 - VISN 8 facilities will cease non-urgent elective procedures. Any impacted veterans will be contacted directly by their health care team to reschedule. Urgent and emergent elective procedures will continue during this period.
 - VISN 8 facilities are further restricting visitations. Only one visitor will be permitted per veteran if required to provide assistance moving a patient to and from an appointment, providing support to an inpatient in a palliative or hospice care unit, or for veterans who have major procedures. Visitors who screen positive will not be granted access to the medical centers.
 - These newly announced actions do not supersede or replace activities announced by VISN 8 last week. All VISN 8 facilities continue to use mandatory and enhanced screening protocols for all patients, employees and visitors, have restricted visitations to certain units, and have taken many other actions to mitigate the infection and spread of the virus.
- All VA Vet Centers in Florida, which provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to veterans and families, are open and implementing enhanced screening protocols. At this time, veterans may appear in person or opt in advance for an optional phone consultation.
 - Currently, all U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries are open for burial and visitation by the public. Florida has nine National Cemeteries. To schedule a burial, please call 800-535-1117, option 1. In light of concerns regarding COVID-19, some families may prefer to proceed with direct interment of their loved ones and postpone the formal committal services to a later date. Cemetery administrators will work to accommodate these preferences. In addition, cemetery personnel will be discouraged from handshaking and any unnecessary physical contact to minimize the potential transmission of germs and viruses until the pandemic conditions are under control.
 - Suspension of VA Travel Board Hearings - The Board of Veterans' Appeals (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) is suspending Travel Boards until May 1, 2020, due to COVID-19 response efforts. The Board will work with veterans and veteran service organizations and representatives to continue video hearings and provide virtual hearings where possible.
 - All FDVA and VA facilities remain fully operational.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

- There have been 689 Florida National Guardsmen activated in support of COVID-19.
- The Florida National Guard is activating medical professionals (Army Combat Medic Specialists and Air Force Medical Technicians) in support of the Florida Department of Health's (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations. The Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical.
- The Florida National Guard has activated Guardsmen to augment the State Logistics Readiness Center, the State's Logistics Branch, as well as facilitate state wide logistics needs of the Florida National Guard formations on mission.
- The Florida National Guard has activated Guardsmen to augment the State Emergency Operations Center and local emergency management offices across the state.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- Volunteer Florida is encouraging volunteers to screen themselves for COVID-19 (per CDC and [Florida Department of Health guidelines](#)) before serving.
- Volunteer Florida is pushing out VOAD organizational guidance to ESF-15 partners.
- Volunteer Florida is working with state counterparts and FEMA to develop volunteer plans.
- Volunteer Florida's National Service Department has discussed using AmeriCorps members in food banks as feeding needs increase.
- Volunteer Florida continues to work with Mass Care on the anticipated needs of volunteers.
- Volunteer Florida has asked all VOAD partners to review their continuity of operations so that there is no service delivery disruption.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Richard Corcoran provided strong recommendations for extending spring break following [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) issuing guidance specific to COVID-19 in Florida](#). As all Florida school districts and public charter schools have different schedules, please click [here](#) to see the recommended spring break changes for each district. In addition, the department also announced that the start of state testing will be delayed by a minimum of two weeks. To stay up to date on school closure information, visit: [org/em-response](#).

- FDOE sent updated guidance to school districts and superintendents ahead of spring break. To view that memo, visit: fldoe.org/em-response.
- In an effort to be proactive, and only as a precautionary measure if COVID-19 evolves in Florida, [Florida Virtual School \(FLVS\) has partnered with the Florida Department of Education to offer all school districts student support and teacher professional development tailored to the online learning environment](#). The Florida Department of Education in partnership with FLVS is training an additional 10,000 teachers statewide on the Virtual Teacher Training for COVID-19. Superintendents who are interested in offering their teachers the Virtual Teacher Training for COVID-19 should work with their County Virtual Principals to provide a list of teachers to FLVS through: <https://www.flvs.net/FLVSTeacherTraining>.
- Education Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance on COVID-19 preparedness and response and will be holding weekly calls to update districts on preparation efforts.
- FDOE has sent weekly memos providing updates to school districts, superintendents, Florida Colleges, parents, teachers and stakeholders.
- FDOE launched a survey to school districts and public charter schools about their preparations, policies, and their capacity to serve their students virtually to help meet and determine any preparedness needs.

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

- The SUS has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the spring semester.
- All students who can return home should return home.
- The SUS has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university is directed to develop an alternate schedule or method of delivery.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time.
- FDC Community Corrections officers are working with offenders on supervision to adjust reporting schedules to minimize congregating at probation offices and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the Department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from the Department and the CDC.
- FDC has suspended visitation at all correctional institutions statewide through April 5, 2020. The decision to reinstate the normal visitation schedule will be evaluated in consultation with the Department.

- Inmates will continue to have access to mail, email, phone calls and video visitation.
 - Legal visits will not be impacted.
 - FDC has partnered with vendors to provide some complimentary phone and video visitation services.
- Volunteer activities within correctional institutions statewide have been suspended.
- Anyone entering a correctional institution will be screened, and entrance will be restricted if they:
 - Have traveled internationally or on a cruise within the last 14 days.
 - Have signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as fever, cough or shortness of breath.
 - Have had contact with someone who has been or is under investigation for COVID-19.
- All non-critical inmate transfers have been suspended.
- New commitments and intakes have been restricted.
- Outside inmate work squads have been restricted.
- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.
- FDC initiated its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- Education has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness; preventative measures are being followed per CDC recommendations.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- FDOT coordinated with transit agencies throughout the state to ensure the safe return of the Florida residents who were quarantined in Georgia and had previously been aboard the Grand Princess voyage outside of California.
- FDOT is coordinating with other state and local agencies to help ensure mobility around the temporary testing site in Broward County. Once the site is open, FDOT plans to publicize testing site information on highway advisory radio.
- FDOT completed a request to provide necessary supplies to harbor pilots working at seaports.
- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss Florida's ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.
- FDOT Secretary Thibault and staff from the department continue to host weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.

- FDOT is monitoring temporary lane closures near hospitals and Department of Health facilities. If congestion near these facilities and lane closures occur, FDOT will remove lane restrictions to help ensure mobility within the area.
- Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Thibault has suspended size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and necessary agricultural commodities on state roads.
- COVID-19 educational materials have been posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest areas across the state.
- COVID-19 materials have been posted at all FDOT work sites across the state to help educate contractors, vendors, and stakeholders.
- FDOT toll collectors have been given additional training and are required to wear gloves as well as continue with enhanced cleansing.
- SunRail has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and bathrooms.
- SunRail trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

- At the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor has issued an [Emergency Order](#) extending all Florida driver licenses and identification cards that will expire in the next 30 days.
- FLHSMV continues to encourage Floridians through social media and other channels to use convenient [online options](#), rather than visiting an office location, to complete transactions for driver licenses, ID cards, motor vehicle or vessel registrations, and more.
- FLHSMV has been in regular communication with the Florida Tax Collectors Association as well as Tax Collectors across the state to provide the latest COVID-19 information and guidance from the Florida Department of Health and other state partners.
- Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor Ron DeSantis, FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes has waived commercial truck hours of service regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be moved more quickly and efficiently throughout the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has created a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for individuals whose employment has been negatively impacted by mitigation efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

- Governor Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by DEO, provides short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced economic injury from COVID-19. The application period is open and runs through May 8, 2020. Interested businesses should visit [FloridaDisasterLoan.org](https://floridadisasterloan.org) for more information.
- Governor DeSantis has requested the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) make the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program available for Florida's small businesses impacted by COVID-19. DEO stands ready to assist Florida's small businesses in accessing this funding when available.
- The Business Damage Assessment survey is activated to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations. The survey, managed by DEO, will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin. The survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>.

VISIT FLORIDA

- VISIT FLORIDA is focused on providing health and safety information to travelers and Floridians. All media has been paused.
- VISIT FLORIDA has activated Florida Now, which includes the latest updates from state emergency response professionals hosted on VisitFlorida.com.
- VISIT FLORIDA is actively planning for future marketing campaigns to ensure that Florida's tourism industry has a strong, unified voice following COVID-19
- To protect the health and safety of the traveling public and staff, VISIT FLORIDA's four welcome centers will be closed until further notice.
- VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel and travel booking to Florida. VISIT FLORIDA remains in close contact with industry partners and travel organizations and is communicating all new information as it becomes available.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- Department of Revenue offices in Broward and Miami-Dade counties are closed to the public beginning Wednesday, March 18. This follows precedent of the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Child Support Office. The Department is redirecting child support customers and taxpayers toward the electronic means detailed below for completing child support and general tax activities.
- The Department has added a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers at www.floridarevenue.com/childsupport/coronavirus. The new page provides comprehensive information for alternative options for handling many routine child support case activities without visiting a local child support office.

Efforts also include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of appointments.

- The Department of Revenue is advising child support customers who are scheduled for court hearings related to their child support cases to check with the local courts where the hearings are scheduled in case the courts have new requirements, such as appearing telephonically.
- The Department of Revenue has established a dedicated team to address tax-related issues pertaining to COVID-19 and has created an email address, COVID19TAXHELP@floridarevenue.com, where taxpayers can send questions and concerns. The Department encourages all taxpayers to use our e-services applications to [file and pay taxes](#) or contact our call center at (850) 488-6800.
- The Department of Revenue's General Tax Administration (GTA) program is working with its tax processing vendor to ensure continuity in tax data and payment processing.
- The Department has increased messaging on preventative measures through the deployment of DOH/CDC posters, ensured hand sanitizer is available, and increased cleaning of high-traffic areas in the public areas of our service centers.

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-03M](#) directing all insurers and other entities regulated by OIR to review and update their business continuity and/or continuity of operations plans. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity plans are activated and/or if business operations become compromised so it can work with insurers to avoid any disruption in consumer services.
- OIR Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level regarding COVID-19. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M](#) to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to:
 - Use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and DOH information;
 - Devote resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation;
 - Work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and
 - Consider all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19.
- OIR has issued [Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M](#) as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to

allow for early prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.

- OIR has spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing for COVID-19.
- OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.
- OIR has issued notices to all of its employees providing resources regarding COVID-19 and outlining the steps recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Florida Department of Health to take preventative health measures.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is working with state and local agencies and the Florida National Guard to set up testing collection sites in multiple locations across Florida.
- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Task Forces to prepare for any responses needed.
- FDLE's Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and state agencies and FDLE's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.
- FDLE has distributed a COVID-19 legal guidance document to all its law enforcement partners in reference to Governor DeSantis' Executive Order and continues regular communication with them.
- FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as links to the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with prevention information.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's Office of Health Services developed COVID-19 guidance for all facilities serving DJJ youth. This guidance included Center for Disease Control criteria on how to assess and care for youth who are exhibiting fever and respiratory symptoms and environmental cleaning and disinfection recommendations.
- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has modified screening protocols and procedures for youth taken into custody by law enforcement who are brought to juvenile assessment centers and detention screening units to now include precautionary coronavirus screening questions and protocols. This modified screening protocol was shared with law enforcement partners statewide.

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has developed a visitor screening tool which is now mandatory to use inside of our juvenile detention centers and residential commitment programs to ensure both the safety of the youth and staff in these programs. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has sent a notice to parents and guardians of youth in programs regarding the new visitor screening requirements.
- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has instituted additional screening measures for outside vendors who work within juvenile facilities and non-essential travel of staff members has been stopped. Visitors are limited to business-related visitors only (i.e., vendors, no personal visitors, no volunteers at this time). The department will work with these entities on alternatives to visiting programs to ensure critical services are not interrupted. Clinical personnel, however, are still permitted to visit youth for treatment purposes, and attorneys are still permitted to conduct legal visits with youth.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

- DBPR shared information with all agency staff statewide pertaining to the declaration of a state public health emergency, state response protocols as ordered in EO 20-51, and FDOH information and resources available on the dedicated FDOH COVID-19 webpage. DBPR communication with staff has emphasized the best practices and preventive steps recommended by FDOH for impeding the spread of respiratory illnesses.
- DBPR's Emergency Coordinating Officer and State Mass Care Coordinator is supporting the initiation of FDOH's joint information center and providing assistance as requested of State Emergency Support Function 6.
- DBPR added a web banner with information on COVID-19 and link to the Florida Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/COVID-19>.
- DBPR is incorporating informational comments on all on-site inspection reports issued to public lodging, public food service, and alcohol and tobacco license holders that will promote situational awareness of the current public health emergency and will direct parties to the FDOH COVID-19 webpage for guidance and resources related to prevention best practices. Copies of informational flyers from the FDOH COVID-19 toolkit will also be available for inspectors to distribute when interacting with managers of these premises.
- DBPR has suspended all official business visits, including inspections, that involve licenses located at a facility covered under the visitation restrictions implemented pursuant to FDEM Emergency Order 20-002.
- DBPR hosted a senior management meeting with all program directors on Monday, 03.16.2020, to discuss the latest departmental actions and preparations associated with COVID-19 in Florida.

- DBPR is providing guidance to appointed professional licensing boards related to procedural considerations and available technology options for remote, web-based or telephonic board meetings.
- DBPR issued an emergency order, [EO 2020-01](#) to extend license renewal deadlines and renewal requirements for a period of 30 days for licenses with an existing renewal deadline occurring in the months of March or April, 2020.
- DBPR has distributed the Governor's Executive Order ([EO-20-68](#)) regarding bars, nightclubs, beaches, and restaurants to all known e-mail addresses of record for alcoholic beverage, public food service, and public lodging license holders. DBPR will continue to push information and guidance relating to the directives of EO 20-68 to impacted parties through the DBPR Emergency Information Page, social media channels, and outreach to industry and public sector partners.
- DBPR has launched a dedicated emergency information page (<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/emergency/>) with direct links to the FDOH COVID-19 webpage as well as information on agency emergency orders, schedule and meeting changes for divisions and boards, and other important departmental information during this emergency.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order that waived rules to allow for state employees to use any type of accrued leave for instances related to COVID-19, including self-isolation after potential exposure, staying home with children due to child care or school closures, and time needed to take care of dependents like an elder parent. The order also waived rules to expand the ability for employees to donate leave to fellow employees.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Department of Management Services Secretary Jonathan Satter to allow state employees to donate and transfer their available leave time to other state employees to mitigate the impacts of school closures.
- The Florida Department of Management Services' (DMS) Emergency Support Function-7 (ESF-7) Logistics team continues to coordinate with the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management on identifying the equipment or supplies that may be necessary for a mass response to COVID-19.
- DMS' Division of Human Resource Management has provided guidance to agencies on implementing preventive actions in the workplace, reporting symptoms, using leave, utilizing health insurance benefits, and applying travel restrictions and telework policies.
- DMS' Division of State Group Insurance continues to coordinate with health plan providers to ensure that state employee health plan members receive the health benefits that can assist them and their dependents if needed.

- DMS' Division of Real Estate Development and Management (REDM) continues to provide guidance to agency facility managers across the state on steps to take to prevent workplace contamination and to pre-position environmental vendors to mobilize in the event a viricidal cleaning is needed.
- DMS' Division of Real Estate Development and Management continues to identify, purchase, and distribute additional hand sanitizing gel and cleaning supplies to state-maintained facilities.
- DMS' Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with users and vendor of the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) vendors to ensure the continuation of mission critical services if a reduction of staffing resources occurs.
- DMS' Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with statewide public safety communications personnel on their plans to ensure emergency communications systems are not impacted by potential reductions in staffing resources.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Florida State Parks remain open for recreational day use; however, all State Parks have adjusted their operating hours for day use to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Department continues to monitor new developments closely and will make further adjustments as necessary based on any new Department of Health or CDC guidance received to ensure protection of our staff and visitors. For the latest information on park operating hours and operational status, please visit floridastateparks.org.
- Effective March 17, DEP is cancelling all events, activities, special event reservations, pavilion rentals and camping reservations at Florida State Parks for the next 60 days.
 - Existing overnight camping reservations that begin Wednesday, March 18, will be honored. Visitors must arrive prior to 5 p.m. on March 18, to secure their reservation. After Wednesday, all reservations moving forward will be cancelled and refunded. Beginning Friday, March 20, campgrounds and all overnight accommodations will be fully closed.
 - [ReserveAmerica](#), the Florida State Parks partner in camping reservations, will reach out to all affected parties to refund camping reservations. ReserveAmerica can also be reached directly at [1-800-326-3521](tel:1-800-326-3521) or TDD [888-433-0287](tel:888-433-0287) if visitors have questions or need to modify existing reservations.
 - DEP's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection facilities will also be closing the following centers until further notice: [Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve](#), [Guana Tolomato Matanzas \(GTM\) National Estuarine Research Reserve](#) and [Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](#)
- In order to implement the Governor's directive yesterday to limit crowds on public beaches to less than 10, DEP will reduce the visitor

capacity at State Parks with beaches and swimming areas by at least 50 percent beginning Thursday, March 19.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

- Yesterday, the Florida Lottery began limiting public access to the nine district offices across the state to a maximum of ten people at time to follow the CDC's recommendation to avoid social gatherings of more than ten people.
- The Lottery is actively working through various options that would allow the Lottery to continue to process winner claims and pay out prizes to players without them having to physically be in at Headquarters or a district office building. This includes possibly extending the deadline players have to claim winning tickets. An extensive plan to communicate any Lottery business operations changes to players, retailers, and the public is also being prepared should these changes go into effect.
- The Lottery continues to evaluate mission critical positions that have the ability to telecommute and is preparing accordingly in an effort to keep Lottery operations running should further social distancing be needed in the future.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- The Florida Department of State is being proactive in sharing resources from its programs and museum properties that are helpful to communities and families who have been ordered to self-isolate or who are seeking resources during the closure of school and cultural facilities. These resources range from virtual tours to online collections to helpful histories. Families are encouraged to connect with Department of State programs [via social media](#) for updates and additional content.
 - **Museum of Florida History**
Exhibits: <https://museumoffloridahistory.com/exhibits/>
Collections: <https://museumoffloridahistory.com/collections/>
 - **Mission San Luis**
Virtual Tour: <http://missionsanluis.org/virtualTour/index.html>
Collections: <https://www.missionsanluis.org/learn/archaeology/collections/>
 - **The Grove Museum**
Site History: <http://thegrovemuseum.com/learn/history/>
 - **Knott House Museum**
Site History: <https://www.museumoffloridahistory.com/about/the-knott-house-museum/learn-more/>
 - **Museums in the Sea**
Underwater tours and images from Florida's underwater historical resources statewide: <http://www.museumsinthesea.com/index.htm>
 - **Florida History in 3D**
Digital 3d gallery of artifacts from Florida's historic Spanish Plate Fleet disasters: <http://floridahistoryin3d.com/>
 - **Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail**
Videos and information of Florida's underwater historical resources in the Florida panhandle: <http://www.floridapanhandledivetrail.com/>
 - **Florida Folklife Program**

Videos of Interviews and Performances with Florida's Folk Artists:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrWbqFcBeKx23Ngn2frtLKA/videos>

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Attachment(s): "March 10, 2020 Phone Dialogue with Tom McLaughlin (Northwest Florida Daily News).msg"
FYI

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Hey Kevin,

During today's call you mentioned that part of the upcoming guidance may have a Corrections component. Here are some of things our Corrections Chief is currently doing, in case you can use it (attached email):

Stay safe,

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CC: Craig Coffey <ccoffey@myokaloosa.com>; Maddox, Patrick (Okaloosa Co EM) <pmaddox@myokaloosa.com>

Subject: March 10, 2020 Phone Dialogue with Tom McLaughlin (Northwest Florida Daily News)

Good afternoon Christopher.

This morning I was contacted by Tom McLaughlin, Northwest Florida Daily News. He primarily inquired about the measures we are currently taking to identify COVID-19, and if necessary combat its spread. I advised Mr. McLaughlin of the following:

- All persons receive a medical screening (by a medical professional) upon admission. An additional screening to check for specific signs and symptoms relative to COVID-19 was also added to our intake process. This practice was incorporated on January 31, 2020.
- Medical will screen the inmate for symptoms (fever > 99.4, cough, shortness of breath) using the coronavirus screening tool.
- If an individual exhibits some or all of those signs, they are immediately issued a face mask and instructed to tie it on covering their nose and mouth.
- If the inmate IS symptomatic and has traveled internationally, they will be refused entry and sent to NOMC for medical clearance. We will also provide the transporting officer a face mask and instruct them to take the inmate to NOMC with his/her windows cracked 1" for ventilation. If they are symptomatic but **have not** traveled internationally, they will be first tested for influenza and quarantined.
- The Department and County have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) plans constructed to address different levels of COVID-19 staffing/resource challenges. The jail has a tiered system as part of our plan to identify who would receive precedence relative to treatment. For instance an elderly individual (65 years or older) with pre-existing health issues that may compromise the respiratory system such as COPD, asthma, cardiac issues, bronchitis, emphysema (basically chronic conditions) rise to Tier 1. Pregnant inmates also meet Tier 1 criteria. Tier 2 individuals are those that meet one set of the criteria, but not the other (i.e. elderly without a chronic respiratory issue, or non-elderly with a chronic respiratory issue). Also those with a weakened immune system. Tier 3 all others in custody.
- Masks are not presently being issued and used; however, if close proximity is necessary to a potentially exposed individual they will be mandatory.
- Medical staff will train designated low risk inmates to clean and sanitize high traffic areas multiple times daily.
- Appropriate soap and hand sanitizer is readily available in areas of citizen congregation (i.e. Public Lobby, Visitation, Administration Lobby).
- **It should be noted, Mr. McLaughlin was advised that we are under the strict direction of the County Health Department and will adhere to all protocols from their office (information primarily received through the County Public Safety Director, although we have a pre-established relationship based on previous medical initiatives).**

We also briefly discussed cost-free annual flu shots to staff and inmates (also under a tiered approach).

Lastly, we spoke briefly about the inmate telecommunications platform and that we are exploring a possible alternative option to on-site legal visits.

I certainly hope this helps sir.

Call if you need anything further.

Eric

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Courtesy Copy: Florida Division of Emergency Management Issues Emergency Order to Protect Residents in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and Other Long-Term Care Facilities

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This is a courtesy copy of an email bulletin sent by Jason Mahon.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 11, 2020

Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida
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Florida Division of Emergency Management Issues Emergency Order to Protect Residents in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and Other Long-Term Care Facilities

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, at Governor DeSantis' direction, Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz issued an Emergency Order temporarily restricting visitation to nursing homes, assisted living facilities (ALFs), adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities and adult group homes.

By restricting visitation, the state is taking proactive measures to limit the potential of COVID-19 entering those facilities. This order has been issued in recognition of the fact that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19. This is also consistent with directions given by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

People who will now be restricted from visiting nursing homes, ALFs, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities and adult group homes include:

- Any person infected with COVID-19 who has not had two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours;
- Any person showing or presenting symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, or sore throat;
- Any person who has or may have been in close contact with a person(s) infected with COVID-19 who has not tested negative for COVID-19 is prohibited from visiting a facility until 14 days after their interaction with the person(s) who is infected with COVID-19;
- Any person who traveled internationally is prohibited from visiting a facility until 14 days after their return to the United States;
- Any person who traveled on a cruise ship is prohibited from visiting a facility until 14 days after their return to the United States;
- Any person who has been in a community with confirmed community spread of COVID-19, as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or a state public health agency, is prohibited from visiting a facility within 14 days of their presence in the community with community spread; or
- Any person who resides in a community with confirmed community spread of COVID-19, as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or a state public health agency, is prohibited from visiting a facility.

For a PDF copy of the full Emergency Order, click [HERE](#).

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Attachment(s): "DJT Letter to DHS 200313.pdf", "FactSheet_COVID19 Response 03132020 Final.pdf", "PressRelease_COVID-19 Announcement 200313.pdf", "INVITE Briefing Call on COVID-19 TODAY (March 13) at 730 p.m. ET.msg"

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Good Evening NEMA State Directors –

With all the documents/announcements flying around, I thought it might be helpful to send them all under one email. One new one you may not have seen yet is the attached letter from the President to DHS which lays out some additional details on the authorities utilized through Stafford.

Also attached is the FEMA press release, FEMA fact sheet, and email which outlines current White House efforts with several links.

Language of Proclamation:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/>

White House Briefing Statement:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-mobilized-full-resources-federal-government-respond-coronavirus/>

Rose Garden Statement (Transcript):

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-vice-president-pence-members-coronavirus-task-force-press-conference-3/>

Message to Congress:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/message-congress-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/>

Please don't hesitate if you need anything else.

Thanks,
Matt

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 13, 2020

The Honorable Chad F. Wolf
Acting Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20032

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary
Department of Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Alex M. Azar II
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Pete T. Gaynor
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Secretary Wolf, Secretary Mnuchin, Secretary Azar, and Administrator Gaynor:

I have determined that the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency determination under section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act").

My decision to make this determination pursuant to section 501(b) of the Stafford Act is based on the fact that our entire country is now facing a significant public health emergency. The World Health Organization has officially declared that we are in the midst of a global pandemic. As of the date of this declaration, 32 states, 3 territories, 4 tribes, and 1 tribal nation, spread geographically across our country, have declared a state of emergency as a result of the virus. Only the Federal Government can provide the necessary coordination to address a pandemic of this national size and scope caused by a pathogen introduced into our country. It is the preeminent responsibility of the Federal Government to take action to stem a nationwide pandemic that has its origins abroad, which implicates its authority to regulate matters related to interstate matters and foreign commerce and to conduct the foreign relations of the United States. For example, the Federal Government, through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and its component, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has authority

to take the necessary steps “to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases from foreign countries into the States or possessions, or from one State or possession into any other State or possession,” 42 U.S.C. § 264(a), in close coordination with State, local, and tribal officials. In addition, the Federal Government has responsibility for securing our borders and overseeing entry of foreign nationals into our country in the interest of the United States.

This pandemic has the potential to cause severe consequences for our country’s national and economic security. Based on the advice of public health officials, I have already taken stringent measures to restrict travel to the United States of foreign nationals who have been recently physically present in certain countries that pose a threat of intensifying the spread of COVID-19 within our country. And HHS and CDC have taken effective action to address the public health threat posed by COVID-19. While these actions have been in the best interest of the health of our people, COVID-19 has the potential to impose a temporary financial hardship on all Americans. It is therefore critical that we deploy all powers and authorities available to the Federal Government to provide needed relief.

Therefore, as an initial step, I hereby determine, under section 501(b) of the Stafford Act, that an emergency exists nationwide.

In accordance with this determination, the Federal Emergency Management Agency may provide, as appropriate, assistance pursuant to section 502 and 503 of the Stafford Act for emergency protective measures not authorized under other Federal statutes. Administrator Gaynor shall coordinate and direct other Federal agencies in providing needed assistance under the Stafford Act, subject to the Department of Health and Human Services’ role as the lead Federal agency for the Federal Government’s response to COVID-19.

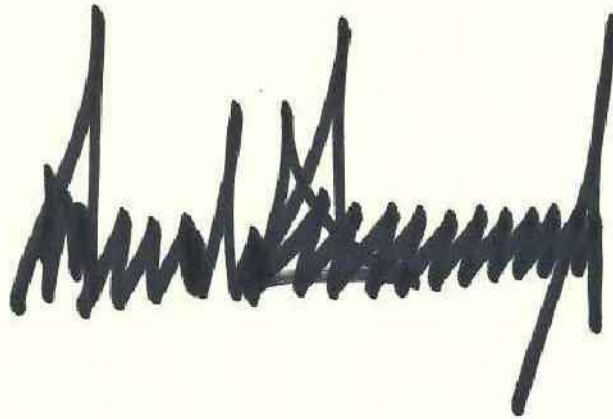
In order to meet the challenges caused by this emergency pandemic, I have encouraged all State and local governments to activate their Emergency Operations Centers and to review their emergency preparedness plans. In the meantime, I expect FEMA to continue to review all ways in which it can provide assistance to States consistent with the authorities provided to it by this letter and by statute.

I am also instructing Secretary Mnuchin to provide relief from tax deadlines to Americans who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 emergency, as appropriate, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7508A(a).

In addition, after careful consideration, I believe that the disaster is of such severity and magnitude nationwide that requests for a declaration of a major disaster as set forth in section 401(a) of the Stafford Act may be appropriate.

I encourage all governors and tribal leaders to consider requesting Federal assistance under this provision of the Stafford Act, pursuant to the statutory criteria. I stand ready to expeditiously consider any such request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald Trump", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

On March 13, 2020, the President declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”). State, territorial, tribal, and local government entities and certain private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance.

In accordance with section 502 of the Stafford Act, eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials’ may be reimbursed under Category B of the agency’s Public Assistance program. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or other federal agencies. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share.

This declaration increases federal support to HHS in its role as the lead federal agency for the federal government’s response to COVID-19. The emergency declaration does not impact measures authorized under other Federal statutes.

FEMA assistance will require execution of a FEMA-State/Tribal/Territory Agreement, as appropriate, and execution of an applicable emergency plan. States, tribal and territorial governments do not need to request separate emergency declarations to receive FEMA assistance under this nationwide declaration.

FEMA encourages officials to take appropriate actions that are necessary to protect public health and safety pursuant to public health guidance.



FEMA

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]



State and Local Leaders,
Please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 preparedness, response, and mitigation efforts **TONIGHT (Friday, March 13) at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Important Note: *Call-in lines will be limited due to quick around to setting up the briefing call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to dial-in using one call-in line to maximize the number of people who can join (e.g., governors staff in the same location are encouraged to call-in using one call-in registration).*

Briefing Call Registration

- **Date:** TODAY, Friday, March 13
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time (please note time zone)
- **Call-In Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Note:** You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.

Press Advisory – President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 ([PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION HERE](#))

The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority.

Today, President Trump [declared](#) a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President’s decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. Today’s declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.

The emergency declaration does not change measures authorized under other federal statutes and HHS remains the lead federal agency directing the federal response to COVID-19. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety.

Presidential Message to the Congress on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak (March 13, 2020) ([PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE HERE](#))

“Pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621), I hereby report that I have exercised my authority to declare that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the United States constitutes a national emergency. This declaration invokes section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320b–5, to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exercise the authority under that section to temporarily waive or modify certain requirements of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children’s Health Insurance programs and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule throughout the duration of the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.”

Memorandum on Expanding State-Approved Diagnostic Tests ([FULL MEMORANDUM HERE](#))

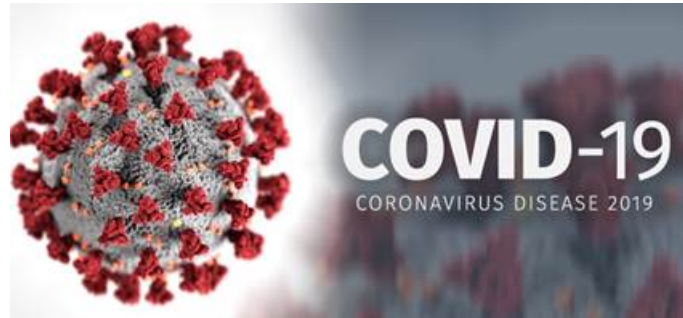
“By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows: It is the policy of the United States to take proactive measures to prepare for and respond to public health threats, including the public health emergency involving Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which was declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the “Secretary”) on January 31, 2020, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d). Our response must include heightened coordination among Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, and we must offer States the flexibility they need to care for their citizens. In accordance with this principle, the Food and Drug Administration, in coordination with the State of New York, allowed the State flexibility in expediting State-approved COVID-19 testing. Should additional States request flexibility to authorize laboratories within the State to develop and perform tests used to detect COVID-19, the Secretary shall take appropriate action, consistent with law, to facilitate the request.”

Below, please find additional information. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Nic

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COVID-19: Background & Additional Information



Background

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response ([President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans](#)). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. ***It is important to note that at this time, the risk to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our partners and the public informed.***

Up-To-Date Information

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website ([here](#))
- HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation ([here](#))
- Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others ([here](#)).
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live ([here](#))
- You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

What You Need To Know

- What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. ([here](#))
- Situation Summary ([here](#))
- Travel Information ([here](#))
- Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities ([here](#))
- Higher Risk & Special Populations ([here](#))
- Healthcare Professionals ([here](#))
- Resources for Healthcare Facilities ([here](#))
- Resources for Health Departments ([here](#))
- Laboratories ([here](#))
- Communication Resources ([here](#))

Agency Resources and Contact Information

Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

Resources – Below, please find agency-by-agency resources and guidance.

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ([here](#))
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid ([here](#))
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Education ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Agriculture ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Labor ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of State ([here](#))

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ([here](#))
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([here](#))
- U.S. Department of the Interior ([here](#))
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([here](#))

Contact Information – Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Darcie Johnston (Phone – 202-690-1058 / Email –darcie.johnston@hhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Cherie Short (Phone – 202-893-2941 / Email –cherie.short@hq.dhs.gov)
- U.S. Department of State: Bill Killion (Phone – 202-647-7595 / Email –killionw@state.gov)
- U.S. Department of Transportation: Sean Poole (Office – 202-597-5109 / Cell – 202-366-3132 / Email –sean.poole@dot.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education: Susan Falconer (Phone – 202-320-6837 / Email –susan.falconer@ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Thayer Verschoor (Phone – 202-461-7385 / Email –Thayer.verschoor@va.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email –carter.brittany@epa.gov)
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email –ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Lillie Brady (Phone – 202-845-3872 / Email –lillie.brady@usda.gov)

Local Preparedness Tips

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.
- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information such as HHS/CDC [guidance for families, businesses, and schools](#).
- Reviewing Federal guidance such as the HHS/CDC [Community Mitigation Framework](#).
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

Recent Task Force Actions

Below, please find pertinent updates on pertinent Administrations actions.

- Task Force Briefings (briefings are held on a frequent basis and can be viewed live [here](#))
 - March 10: [Video](#)
 - March 9: [Video](#)
 - March 6: [Video](#)
 - March 4: [Video](#)
 - March 2: [Video](#)
 - February 29: [Video](#)
- Remarks by President Trump in Address to the Nation (March 11) ([transcript/video](#))
- Remarks by President Trump and Vice President Pence at a Coronavirus Briefing with Health Insurers (March 10) ([transcript/video](#))
- Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with our Nation's Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (March 9) ([readout](#))
- Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Coronavirus Briefing with Cruise Line Executives and Port Directors (March 7) ([transcript](#))
- Remarks by President Trump After Tour of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (March 5) ([transcript](#))
- President Trump Signs the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (March 6) ([transcript/video](#))
- President Trump and Vice President Pence attend Coronavirus Briefing with Airline CEOs (March 4) ([transcript/video](#))
- Vice President Pence meets with Long-Term, Post-Acute and Palliative Care Provider Executives (March 4) ([transcript](#))
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus (March 4) (more [here](#))
- President Trump Visits the National Institutes of Health and attends Roundtable Briefing (March 3) ([transcript](#))
- Vice President Pence attends Coronavirus Briefing with Diagnostic Lab CEOs (March 4) ([transcript/video](#))
- Readout from the Vice President's Discussion with our Nation's Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness ([readout](#))

Advisory

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority.

Today, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President’s decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. Today’s declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.

The emergency declaration does not change measures authorized under other federal statutes and HHS remains the lead federal agency directing the federal response to COVID-19. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of External Affairs, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

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From: Moskowitz, Jared <Jared.Moskowitz@em.myflorida.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 12:55 PM EDT
To: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov>; Davis, Ashley <Ashley.Davis@em.myflorida.com>; Guthrie, Kevin <Kevin.Guthrie@em.myflorida.com>
CC: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Cruise Ships - Corona Virus - Port Everglades.

See issue below. Need to push them masks if they are going to continue to function.

Ashley push 200 masks that way.

We need to come up with a regional approach

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cruise Ships - Corona Virus - Port Everglades.

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Jared:

Harbor Pilots are going aboard the cruise ships that have Corona virus outbreaks in Port Everglades. Is there anyway we could get some N95 masks for pilots going aboard those cruise ships?

The Port is a \$34 billion economic driver for Florida and there are 17 pilots in Port Everglades. If the pilots were to get the virus it could have a very bad affect on the economy.

Anything that could be done to get N95 masks would greatly be appreciated.

Sam

Captain Sam Stephenson, J.D.
Past President - FHPA

Senior Harbor Pilot
Port Everglades Pilots Assoc.

954-629-1342

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Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2020 7:45 AM EDT

To: Cooksey, Samantha <samantha.cooksey@flhealth.gov>; Luce, Christie <christie.luce@flhealth.gov>; Scott.rivkees@flhealth.gov <Scott.rivkees@flhealth.gov>; courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov <courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov>; Cabral, Irene <Irene.Cabral@dot.state.fl.us>; Drummond, Courtney (Alternate ECO) <Courtney.drummond@dot.state.fl.us>; Bussey, Jon <Jon.Bussey@em.myflorida.com>; Mahon, Jason <Jason.Mahon@em.myflorida.com>; Miller, Carly <carly.miller@em.myflorida.com>; Cintron, Morgan <Morgan.Cintron@em.myflorida.com>; Rosenstein, Jared <Jared.Rosenstein@em.myflorida.com>; Moskowitz, Jared <Jared.Moskowitz@em.myflorida.com>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Cruise Vessels with possible COVID

All please see details below

Kevin Guthrie | Deputy Director

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From: Willis, Forest A CIV <Forest.A.Willis@uscg.mil>

Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 10:39 PM

To: Guthrie, Kevin <Kevin.Guthrie@em.myflorida.com>; Dietrich, Robert <Robert.Dietrich@em.myflorida.com>; Davis, Ashley <Ashley.Davis@em.myflorida.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cruise Vessels with possible COVID

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Kevin and all- you may already have heard but we have two cruise ships that are inbound Port Everglades that have crew members on board that have transferred from another cruise vessel that had confirmed COVID19. Sector Miami is working with CDC on holding these vessels offshore or at anchorage until CDC can clear. The vessels are the Regal Princess (1347 crew/3335 pax) due in tomorrow. The other is the Caribbean Princess (1164crew/2288 pax). We understand CDC is working to identify who or if to test. These ships may be held off for several days.

SEOC may already be aware but an usher at Port Everglades Terminal was confirmed with COVID on Friday. The areas he was working are supposedly being decontaminated and he is in a Broward Hospital.

The District is setting up a modified IMT tomorrow afternoon. I will be your initial POC .

My numbers are (252-338-0285 or 305-498-2526 cell) or 305-415-6676 desk on weekdays. As we know more we will push it out but would like a POC from FDEM.

Thank you
Forest Willis
Coast Guard Emergency Manager
7th District, Miami

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Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 9:30 AM EST
To: Bequer, Samantha <Samantha.Bequer@em.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] DEP Roll-Up and Social Media
Attachment(s): "Outlook-FL-DEP-LOG.png", "ATT00001.htm", "Roll-Up and Social Media for 3.5.20.docx", "ATT00002.htm"
[Please see attached social media](#)

From: Miller, Dee Ann <Dee.Ann.Miller@dep.state.fl.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:36 AM
To: Tiffany Vause <Tiffany.Vause@deo.myflorida.com>; Mahon, Jason <Jason.Mahon@em.myflorida.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DEP Roll-Up and Social Media

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Good Morning,

Attached please find DEP's Roll-Up and drafted social media posts. Please let me know if you have questions or need anything different.

Thank you.

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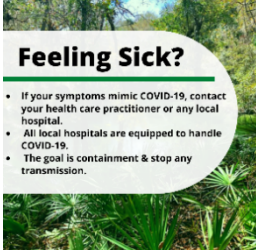


DEP Roll-Up

- DEP continues to be in close communication with the Department Health regarding the most recent COVID-19 status and health guidance to ensure the protection of both our employees and the public we serve.
- On Monday, March 2, a message from DEP Chief of Staff was sent to all employees relaying Department of Health guidance and links and contacts information for DOH resources.
- The agency is currently working on a Frequently Asked Questions document for agency directors to help address questions from employees. Will continue to update this document based on guidance from the Department of Management Services and Department of Health.
- DEP has reviewed the agency's Continuity of Operations Plan's pandemic protocols to make sure it is up- to-date and reflects most recent DOH and CDC guidance.
- We continue coordinate with the Governor's Office and Department of Health on emerging case-specific issues.

DEP Social media messages:

Graphics	Captions
 Stay Healthy in Florida • If you are sick, stay home • Wash hands with soap & water for 20 seconds. • Carry & use hand sanitizer • Avoid touching your face • Use tissues when you cough or sneeze	DEP is working with all agencies to coordinate with @Florida.Health @cdc.gov to protect public health and monitor COVID-19. Be sure to take preventative actions, especially when traveling, to prevent the spread of germs. Frequently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and carry alcohol-based hand sanitizer. To learn more, visit @Florida.Health for daily updates. Graphic: Stay Healthy Tips Graphic
 Florida State Parks Update	*If parks close* Currently, Florida State Parks are proactively and temporarily closing to protect public welfare and health. To find out if a camping reservation has been affected, please visit www.reserveamerica.com or contact ReserveAmerica at 1-800-456-2267. Graphic: FSP Update

	The safety and welfare of our employees and the public we serve are of top priority to the Department of Environmental Protection. As we continue to work with state agencies to monitor COVID-19, remember to stay home if you are sick. Graphic: Keep Florida Healthy
	If planning a vacation to Florida and have concerns, please check the @Florida.Health and @cdcgov websites for COVID-19 updates. Graphic: Stay Healthy in Florida
	Currently, no Florida State Parks or recreational sites are affected by COVID-19. We will continue to keep the public informed should this change. Please check @Florida.Health and @cdcgov websites for continuous updates on this situation. Graphic: FSP Update
	When traveling and visiting Florida recreational sites, take precautions to protect yourself and others. [emoji bullets] • Stay home if you're sick & monitor symptoms • Wash hands with soap & water for 20 seconds. • Carry & use hand sanitizer • Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands • Use tissues when you cough or sneeze
	All Florida health care providers and practitioners have protocols in place and are equipped to address COVID-19. As we continue to work with state agencies to monitor COVID-19, remember to do your part to slow transmission and stay home if you are sick. Graphic: Feeling Sick?

	The safety and welfare of our employees and the public we serve, including visitors to state parks, trails, aquatic preserves, research reserves and historic sites are of top priority to the Department of Environmental Protection. When traveling and visiting Florida recreational sites, take precautions to protect yourself and others by washing your hands frequently with warm soap and water. @Florida.Health is posting daily updates to their website and encourages Floridians and visitors to use these preventative actions to help stop the spread of germs. Graphic: DOH Tips Graphic
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From: Mahon, Jason <Jason.Mahon@em.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:17 PM EDT
To: Sayler, Erik <Erik.Sayler@em.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] DeSantis/Núñez Administrative Schedule for Monday, March 16, 2020

From: Governor's Press Office
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**GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

9:00am **MEETING WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

9:30am **CALL WITH DARDEN RESTAURANTS CEO GENE LEE REGARDING COVID-19**

9:45am **CALL WITH FORMER OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE CEO CHRIS SULLIVAN REGARDING COVID-19**

10:00am **CALL WITH FLORIDA RESTAURANT AND LODGING ASSOCIATION CEO CAROL DOVER REGARDING COVID-19**

10:15am **CALL WITH MCDONALDS FRANCHISEE BLAKE CASPER REGARDING COVID-19**

11:30am **CALL WITH PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE AND NATION'S GOVERNORS REGARDING COVID-19**

12:45pm **CALL WITH RESTAURANT BRANDS CEO JOSÈ CIL REGARDING COVID-19**

1:00pm **CALL WITH BROWARD COUNTY MAYORS REGARDING COVID-19**

1:15pm **CALL WITH PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES REGARDING COVID-19**

2:30pm **CALL WITH GEORGIA GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP REGARDING COVID-19**

2:45pm **CALL WITH DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR JARED MOSKOWITZ AND STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES REGARDING COVID-19**

4:00pm **BRIEFING WITH DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR JARED MOSKOWITZ, STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES, FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD ADJUTANT GENERAL JAMES EIFERT, AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY MARY MAYHEW AND SECRETARY OF STATE LAURAL LEE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: State Emergency Operations Center
Address: 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

4:30pm **PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: State Emergency Operations Center
Address: 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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**LT. GOVERNOR JEANETTE NUÑEZ SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

10:00am **CALL WITH STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES REGARDING COVID-19**

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From: Governor's Press Office
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**GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SCHEDULE
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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

7:45am **MEETING WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

8:00am **MEETING WITH AGENCY HEADS FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS, AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

10:30am **PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: Florida Department of Health Tampa Branch Laboratory
Address: 3602 Spectrum Boulevard
 Tampa, FL 33612

12:00pm **CONFERENCE CALL WITH VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE AND OTHER GOVERNORS REGARDING COVID-19**

2:00pm **PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County
Address: 1350 Northwest 14th Street
 Miami, FL 33125

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**LT. GOVERNOR JEANETTE NUÑEZ SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

10:30am **PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: Florida Department of Health Tampa Branch Laboratory
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 Tampa, FL 33612

2:00pm **PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING COVID-19**
Location: Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County
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From: Governor's Press Office
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**GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SCHEDULE
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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020**

7:45am **CALL WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**

9:45am **CALL WITH STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES REGARDING COVID-19**

12:00pm **CALL WITH VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE AND NATION'S GOVERNORS REGARDING COVID-19**

5:00pm **PRESS CONFERENCE**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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**LT. GOVERNOR JEANETTE NUÑEZ SCHEDULE
FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020**

2:00pm **CALL WITH STATE SURGEON GENERAL DR. SCOTT RIVKEES REGARDING COVID-19**

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To: Moscoso, Alberto <Alberto.Moscoso@flhealth.gov>; Courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov <Courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] final release
Attachment(s): "DRAFT 3.6.2020mb.docx"

From: Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 9:51 PM
To: Mahon, Jason <Jason.Mahon@em.myflorida.com>
Cc: Kopelousos, Stephanie <Stephanie.Kopelousos@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Ferre, Helen <Helen.Ferre@eog.myflorida.com>; Spencer, Chris <Chris.Spencer@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.MyFlorida.com>; Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov>
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March 6, 2020



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT UPDATES REGARDING COVID- 19 IN FLORIDA

TWO CONFIRMED DEATHS REGARDING COVID-19

Contact:

Communications Office

NewsMedia@flhealth.gov

[\(850\) 245-4111](tel:(850)245-4111)

Tallahassee, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health has announced updates regarding the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida. Two individuals have died and two new presumptive positive cases have been identified in Broward County.

Deceased Individuals

- A previously announced COVID-19 patient in Santa Rosa County has died, following an international trip.
- A new case of a COVID-19 patient in her seventies in Lee County has died, following an international trip.

New Presumptive Positive Cases

- A 75-year old male in Broward County has been identified as a presumptive positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials.
- A 65-year old male in Broward County has been identified as a presumptive positive. This person is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials.

The Florida Department of Health is working closely with the patients, potential close contacts of each case and health care providers to isolate and monitor persons who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and implement testing of anyone who may develop COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough or shortness of breath.

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from the COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. As a reminder, the Department always recommends everyday preventive actions to help impede the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local county health department (CHD) and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the county health department. The health care professional will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

Please visit the Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19. This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

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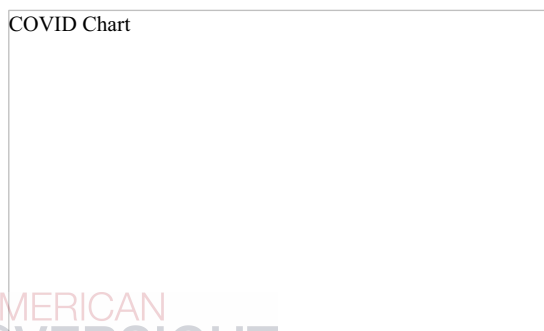
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Florida Department of Health Announces New Positive COVID-19 Cases in Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health has announced 25 new positive cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida and the death of a Florida resident in California. To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the virus, the Department is issuing regular updates as information becomes available.

New Positive Cases

- A 68-year old female Orange County resident tested positive for COVID-19. This test was performed in California following travel to Asia. This person is deceased.
- A 41-year old male in Orange County has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. It is currently unclear whether this was a travel-related case; the epidemiological investigation is ongoing.
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- A 67-year old female in Manatee County has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel related case and is associated with domestic travel.
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- A 29-year old male in Volusia County has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel related case and is associated with close contact with a traveler.
- A 69-year old male, non-Florida resident visiting from Europe tested positive for COVID-19 in Alachua County.
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International Travel

U.S. Department of State – Global Level 3 Health Advisory

The U.S. Department of State advises U.S. citizens to reconsider travel abroad due to the global impact of COVID-19. Many areas throughout the world are now experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks and taking action that may limit traveler mobility, including quarantines and border restrictions. Even countries, jurisdictions, or areas where cases have not been reported may restrict travel without notice.

CDC Guidelines

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow **CDC guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3 Travel Advisory:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your County Health Department or health care provider.
- **Level 2 Travel Advisory and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and they should call ahead to a health care professional or their county health department before seeking treatment.
 - According to CDC, a cruise ship is defined as a passenger vessel involving the movement of large numbers of people in closed and semi-closed settings.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

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Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled to Egypt for a cruise or tour on the Nile River in February or March 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States, and if ill, immediately contact their CHD or health care provider. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, including 11 positive cases in Florida.

COVID-19 Cases

Chart

Chart part 2

**Definition of travel-related: A known history of exposure to COVID-19 outside of the state.

Port Everglades Advisory

The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, has identified four positive COVID-19 cases associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. All three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.

- The Department recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently traveled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their CHD or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The Department is working in close consultation with the CDC on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact their CHD or health care provider.

COVID-19 Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **(866) 779-6121**. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Actions the State of Florida has taken on COVID-19:

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.
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- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted public health and health care stakeholder conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined these calls.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
- Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed an updated COVID-19 presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and coordination with the CDC regarding epidemiological activities.
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- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.
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- Governor DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Agency for Health Care Administration to take action to

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- Any person who resides in a community with confirmed community spread of COVID-19, as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or a state public health agency, is prohibited from visiting a facility.

For a PDF copy of the full Emergency Order, click [HERE](#).

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Jon, FYI – the Miami-Dade DOH has required Miami Dade College to “temporarily” close their medical campus until the local DOH clears them.

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Update - they are going to close the medical campus “temporarily” because of public outcry until DOH clears them.

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Fyi - the person was in contact with two board members. College is in contact with DOH. All are currently asymptomatic.
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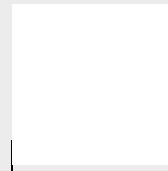
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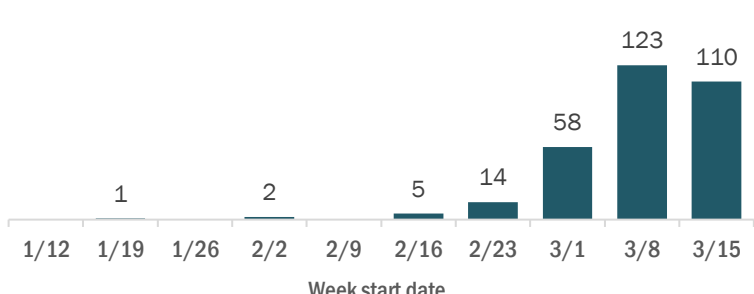
Coronavirus: summary of persons being monitored, persons under investigation, and cases

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Monitored persons: people the Florida Department of Health was notified of for possible monitoring because they are a contact of a case, traveled from China, or were identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a part of a airline/ship contact investigation	
Total reports	2,159
Total persons of high, medium, or unknown risk	1,674
High/medium/unknown risk still being monitored	878

Persons under investigation (PUI): people who meet laboratory testing criteria based on symptoms and exposure	
Total identified	2,493
Tested positive	314
Tested negative	1,225
Currently awaiting testing	954

Confirmed cases																							
Confirmed cases in Florida residents	289																						
Confirmed by BPHL/CDC	172																						
Positive by commercial/hospital lab	117																						
Characteristics of Florida resident cases																							
Not exposed/infectious in Florida	6																						
Hospitalized	66																						
Deaths	7																						
Cases in non-Florida residents	25																						
Confirmed by BPHL/CDC	23																						
Positive by commercial/hospital lab	2																						
Total cases	314																						
Traveled	73																						
Contact with confirmed case	50																						
Traveled and contact with confirmed case	63																						
Neither	128																						
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Coronavirus: characteristics of 314 cases

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Tables below include cases in non-Florida residents and Florida residents diagnosed and isolated outside Florida.

31 counties have confirmed cases:

County	FL resident	Percent	Not diagnosed/ isolated in FL	Non-FL resident	Total
Broward	73	23%	0	7	80
Dade	72	23%	1	3	76
Palm Beach	18	6%	1	0	19
Collier	12	4%	0	1	13
Duval	12	4%	0	1	13
Hillsborough	11	4%	0	2	13
Lee	8	3%	0	2	10
Pinellas	10	3%	0	0	10
Orange	7	2%	1	1	9
Volusia	9	3%	0	0	9
Manatee	8	3%	0	0	8
Osceola	6	2%	0	2	8
Alachua	4	1%	0	3	7
Seminole	7	2%	0	0	7
Clay	4	1%	0	0	4
Sarasota	2	1%	0	2	4
St. Johns	3	1%	0	1	4
Citrus	3	1%	0	0	3
Okaloosa	2	1%	1	0	3
Pasco	3	1%	0	0	3
Lake	2	1%	0	0	2
Brevard	1	0%	0	0	1
Charlotte	1	0%	0	0	1
Escambia	1	0%	0	0	1
Gadsden	0		1	0	1
Leon	0		1	0	1
Nassau	1	0%	0	0	1
Polk	1	0%	0	0	1
Santa Rosa	1	0%	0	0	1
Sumter	1	0%	0	0	1
Total	283		6	25	314

Gender	Count	Percent
Male	186	59%
Female	127	40%
Unknown	1	0%

Age group	Count	Percent
0-9 years	1	0%
10-19 years	13	4%
20-29 years	44	14%
30-39 years	34	11%
40-49 years	45	14%
50-59 years	46	15%
60-69 years	72	23%
70-79 years	42	13%
80+ years	17	5%

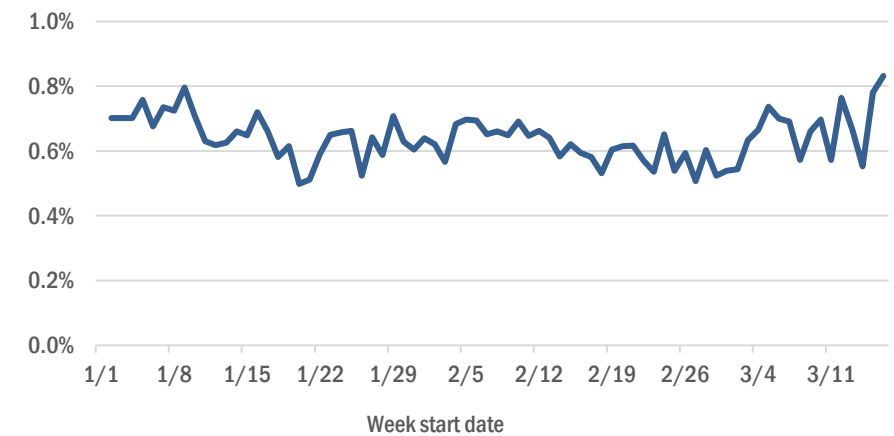
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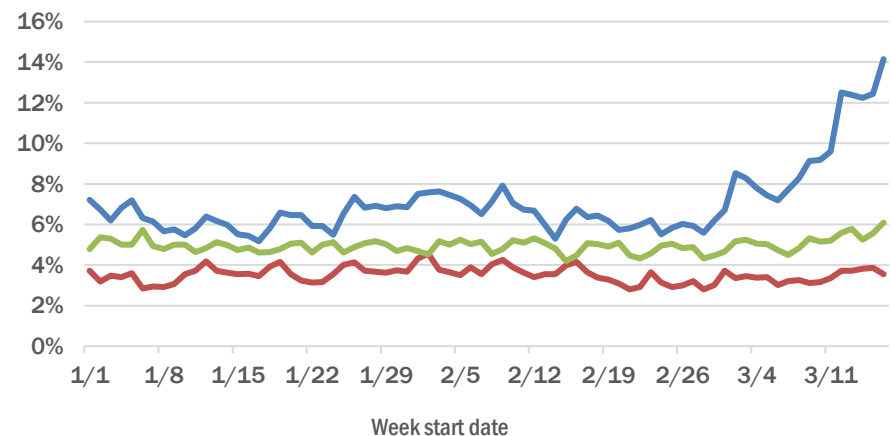
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Statewide emergency department (ED) chief complaint and admission data

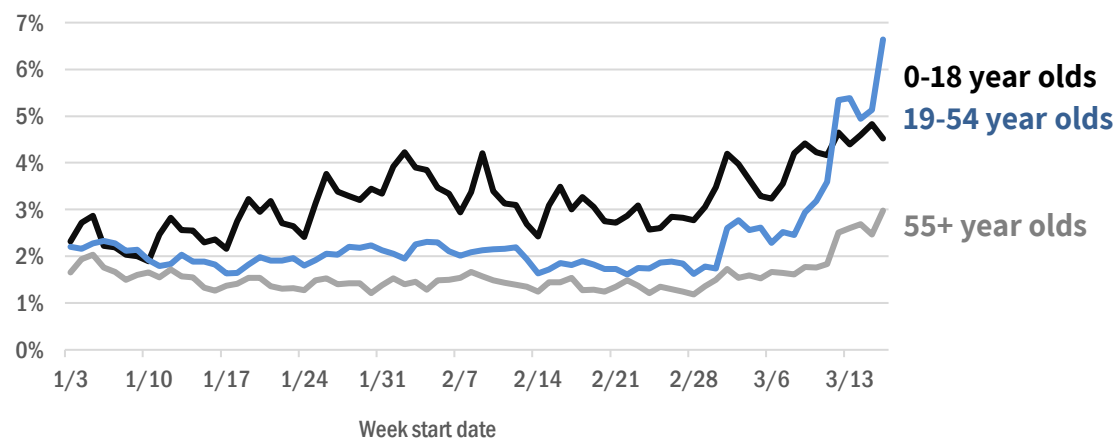
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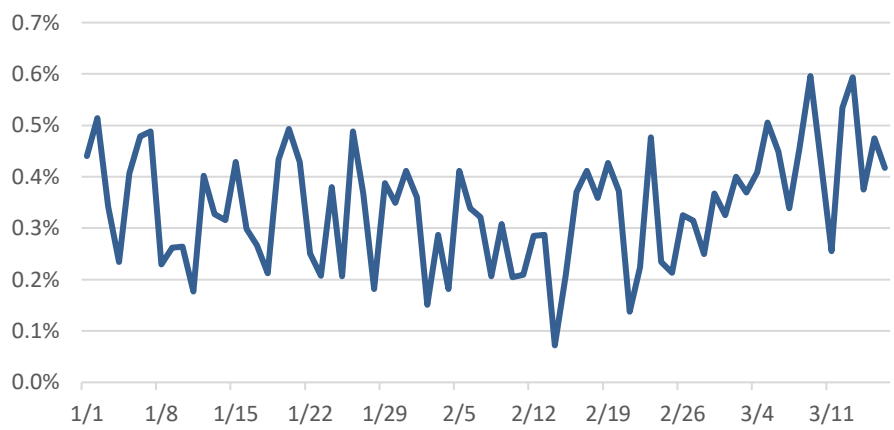


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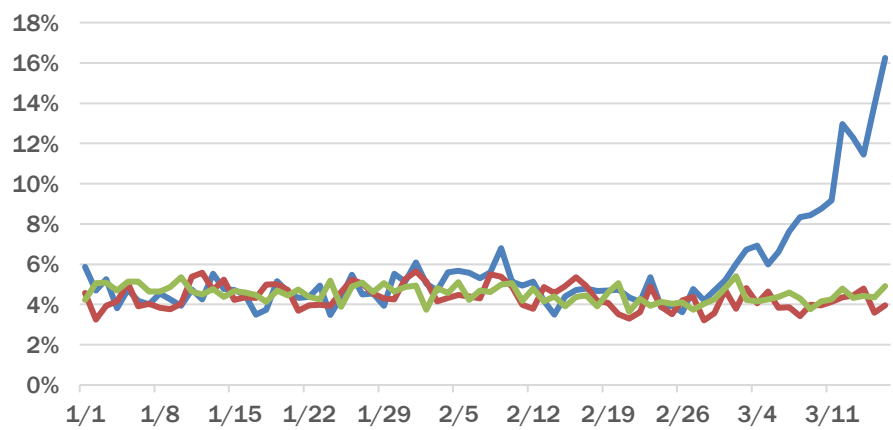


Broward County ED chief complaint and admission data

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The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE-FL) includes chief complaint data from 215 of 216 Florida EDs. Data are transmitted electronically to ESSENCE-FL daily or hourly.

Coronavirus: PUI testing by county

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
Broward	223	250	80	14%	553
Dade	148	156	76	20%	380
Palm Beach	19	28	19	29%	66
Collier	53	37	13	13%	103
Duval	24	40	13	17%	77
Hillsborough	10	42	13	20%	65
Lee	22	29	10	16%	61
Pinellas	80	62	10	7%	152
Orange	14	20	9	21%	43
Volusia	7	23	9	23%	39
Manatee	10	27	8	18%	45
Osceola	38	14	8	13%	60
Alachua	46	63	7	6%	116
Seminole	20	14	7	17%	41
Clay	4	7	4	27%	15
Sarasota	46	129	4	2%	179
St. Johns	23	53	4	5%	80
Citrus	1	3	3	43%	7
Okaloosa	6	22	3	10%	31
Pasco	12	25	3	8%	40
Lake	1	7	2	20%	10
Brevard	1	6	1	13%	8
Charlotte	4	6	1	9%	11
Escambia	4	11	1	6%	16
Gadsden	0	0	1	100%	1
Leon	3	4	1	13%	8
Nassau	1	7	1	11%	9
Polk	12	21	1	3%	34
Santa Rosa	5	10	1	6%	16
Sumter	22	10	1	3%	33
Baker	0	4	0	0%	4
Bay	1	4	0	0%	5
Bradford	0	4	0	0%	4
Columbia	2	6	0	0%	8
Desoto	0	4	0	0%	4
Dixie	0	2	0	0%	2
Flagler	10	7	0	0%	17
Franklin	2	0	0	0%	2
Gilchrist	0	1	0	0%	1
Gulf	0	1	0	0%	1
Hardee	0	1	0	0%	1
Hendry	1	1	0	0%	2
Hernando	16	0	0	0%	16
Indian River	4	10	0	0%	14
Jackson	3	2	0	0%	5
Lafayette	0	1	0	0%	1
Levy	0	2	0	0%	2
Marion	6	19	0	0%	25
Martin	10	0	0	0%	10
Monroe	21	5	0	0%	26
Okeechobee	3	3	0	0%	6
Putnam	0	12	0	0%	12

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County	No result	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
St. Lucie	4	3	0	0%	7
Suwannee	0	3	0	0%	3
Union	0	3	0	0%	3
Unknown	2	0	0	0%	2
Walton	9	1	0	0%	10
Washington	1	0	0	0%	1
Total	954	1,225	314	13%	2,493

Coronavirus: testing by laboratory

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Laboratory	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
DOH-MIAMI	647	104	14%	751
LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA	450	25	5%	475
DOH-JACKSONVILLE	427	47	10%	474
DOH-TAMPA (SPECTRUM BLVD)	391	37	9%	428
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS - TAMPA	399	18	4%	417
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL SOUTH	377	28	7%	405
ADVENT HEALTH LAB	357	24	6%	381
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HOSPITAL	54	25	32%	79
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE, INC.	72	2	3%	74
BIO REFERENCE LABORATORIES, INC	24	2	8%	26
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NICHOLS INSTITUTE - SJC (ELR)	24	1	4%	25
CDC	17	7	29%	24
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN LABORATORY	21	0	0%	21
WESTSIDE REGIONAL MED CTR	8	7	47%	15
CLEVELAND CLINIC HOSPITAL LAB	13	2	13%	15
VIRACOR-EUROFINS LABORATORIES	10	0	0%	10
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FISH MEMORIAL	8	0	0%	8
TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL	0	7	100%	7
LAKEWOOD RANCH MEDICAL CENTER	3	1	25%	4
BAYCARE LABORATORIES LLC	4	0	0%	4
TENNESSEE DOH - NASHVILLE	2	2	50%	4
ADVENTHEALTH DAYTONA BEACH	4	0	0%	4
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER	3	1	25%	4
LABCORP BURLINGTON (ELR)	2	1	33%	3
FLORIDA HOSPITAL FLAGLER	2	1	33%	3
JFK MEDICAL CENTER LAB	1	2	67%	3
MANATEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	3	0	0%	3
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK HOSPITAL LABORATORIES	1	1	50%	2
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	2	0	0%	2
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL CLINICAL LABORATORY	0	2	100%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WESLEY CHAPEL	2	0	0%	2
WEST KENDALL BAPTIST HOSPITAL LABORATORY	1	1	50%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL DELAND	1	1	50%	2
FLORIDA HOSPITAL ZEPHYRHILLS	2	0	0%	2
DOCTORS HOSPITAL	2	0	0%	2
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER	0	1	100%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL - TAMPA	1	0	0%	1
BAPTIST HOSPITAL OF MIAMI CLINICAL LABORATORY	1	0	0%	1
SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
BUREAU OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES	1	0	0%	1
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS - ATLANTA	1	0	0%	1
PLANTATION GENERAL HOSPITAL	1	0	0%	1
ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	0	1	100%	1
HOMESTEAD HOSPITAL CLINICAL LABORATORY	1	0	0%	1
LAB CORP	0	1	100%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND MED CTR CLINICAL LAB	1	0	0%	1
FLORIDA HOSPITAL NORTH PINELLAS	1	0	0%	1

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Laboratory	Negative	Positive	Percent positive	Total
FLORIDA HOSPITAL OF CARROLLWOOD	1	0	0%	1
LABCORP BURLINGTON (LPP)	0	1	100%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABS	1	0	0%	1
NEW YORK STATE ELR - NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL	1	0	0%	1
ORLANDO VAMC	1	0	0%	1
MAYO CLINIC LABORATORIES	1	0	0%	1
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	0	1	100%	1
MHS LAB	1	0	0%	1

Coronavirus: line list of cases

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Case	County	Age	Gender	Travel related	Jurisdiction	Travel detail	Contact with a confirmed case	Date case counted
31	Alachua	50	Female	Yes	FL resident	BAHAMAS; FL	No	03/18/20
74	Alachua	21	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/17/20
114	Alachua	22	Male	Yes	FL resident	CANADA; NY; PA	No	03/17/20
243	Alachua	24	Male	Yes	FL resident	PORTUGAL	No	03/13/20
290	Alachua	64	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	FL; NY	No	03/16/20
298	Alachua	69	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SWEDEN	No	03/14/20
307	Alachua	68	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	GA	No	03/10/20
111	Brevard	76	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/17/20
1	Broward	69	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
3	Broward	57	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
6	Broward	49	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/18/20
8	Broward	67	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
10	Broward	42	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
13	Broward	43	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
14	Broward	56	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
17	Broward	65	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
19	Broward	25	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/18/20
22	Broward	21	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
32	Broward	57	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
34	Broward	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	AUSTRALIA	Unknown	03/18/20
35	Broward	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
37	Broward	48	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
38	Broward	54	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
39	Broward	75	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
50	Broward	30	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	No	03/18/20
52	Broward	93	Male	No	FL resident			03/18/20
55	Broward	21	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/18/20
59	Broward	21	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
60	Broward	43	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
67	Broward	20	Male	Yes	FL resident	BRAZIL; SPAIN	No	03/18/20
68	Broward	21	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/18/20
71	Broward	29	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
91	Broward	20	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
97	Broward	46	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
103	Broward	19	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
105	Broward	53	Male	Yes	FL resident	NC	No	03/17/20
107	Broward	70	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
120	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/17/20
122	Broward	57	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
137	Broward	79	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO; FL	No	03/17/20
146	Broward	54	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
149	Broward	77	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/16/20
153	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
154	Broward	60	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/16/20
160	Broward	51	Female	Yes	FL resident	Colombia	Yes	03/16/20
165	Broward	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Unknown	03/16/20
169	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
170	Broward	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
171	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
172	Broward	74	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
173	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	DC	Unknown	03/15/20
175	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
183	Broward	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Yes	03/15/20
185	Broward	83	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
186	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
188	Broward	63	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/15/20
190	Broward	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
192	Broward	60	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
193	Broward	30	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; GA	Yes	03/15/20
194	Broward	52	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Yes	03/15/20
200	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
205	Broward	59	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20

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206	Broward	21	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN	No	03/14/20
217	Broward	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
221	Broward	22	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
230	Broward	58	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
231	Broward	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE; GA; NC; SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
232	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
233	Broward	83	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
237	Broward	36	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
241	Broward	27	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
251	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
255	Broward	26	Female	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/13/20
257	Broward	20	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/13/20
259	Broward	61	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/12/20
260	Broward	65	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/12/20
262	Broward	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/12/20
270	Broward	68	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/10/20
271	Broward	67	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/09/20
277	Broward	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	CAYMAN ISLANDS	No	03/07/20
279	Broward	75	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/07/20
292	Broward	48	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	FRANCE; IL; NY; TX	Unknown	03/15/20
295	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
296	Broward	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/15/20
297	Broward	19	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	Ireland	Yes	03/14/20
299	Broward	41	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
300	Broward	48	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	GA		03/14/20
302	Broward	19	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	IRELAND	Yes	03/14/20
275	Charlotte	54	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL	Unknown	03/09/20
47	Citrus	80	Male	Yes	FL resident	DE		03/18/20
131	Citrus	64	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
181	Citrus	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; SWITZERLAND	No	03/15/20
118	Clay	66	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
198	Clay	70	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
216	Clay	55	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
242	Clay	57	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
9	Collier	31	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT		03/18/20
25	Collier	64	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
42	Collier	82	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/18/20
48	Collier	59	Male	Yes	FL resident	JAPAN	Unknown	03/18/20
49	Collier	77	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/18/20
119	Collier	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	ST. MARTIN	Unknown	03/17/20
167	Collier	49	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
174	Collier	76	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/15/20
179	Collier	28	Male	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Unknown	03/15/20
263	Collier	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
264	Collier	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
267	Collier	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Unknown	03/11/20
301	Collier	79	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	CT	No	03/14/20
4	Dade	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
5	Dade	25	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
7	Dade	53	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
11	Dade	50	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
12	Dade	21	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
16	Dade	38	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
24	Dade	25	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
27	Dade	36	Unknown	No	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
29	Dade	48	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO		03/18/20
33	Dade	35	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
36	Dade	45	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
40	Dade	27	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
41	Dade	34	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
43	Dade	49	Male	Yes	FL resident	EUROPE	No	03/18/20
51	Dade	53	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20

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53	Dade	20	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
54	Dade	36	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
58	Dade	67	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
65	Dade	38	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/18/20
69	Dade	80	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
72	Dade	48	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
73	Dade	73	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
79	Dade	28	Female	Yes	FL resident	IRELAND		03/17/20
81	Dade	19	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
82	Dade	80	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
83	Dade	45	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
86	Dade	63	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
88	Dade	35	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/17/20
89	Dade	37	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
90	Dade	52	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
92	Dade	57	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
93	Dade	60	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
94	Dade	57	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
96	Dade	32	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
104	Dade	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
106	Dade	44	Male	Yes	FL resident	France	No	03/17/20
110	Dade	69	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
112	Dade	47	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
115	Dade	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	DC; FL	Yes	03/17/20
117	Dade	37	Female	Yes	FL resident	AZ; SPAIN		03/17/20
121	Dade	61	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
123	Dade	88	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
128	Dade	50	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
130	Dade	50	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
135	Dade	45	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/17/20
138	Dade	52	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
141	Dade	43	Female	Yes	FL resident	UT	Yes	03/16/20
152	Dade	56	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
156	Dade	67	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/16/20
162	Dade	30	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
163	Dade	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
168	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	NC	No	03/16/20
176	Dade	58	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY; SPAIN	No	03/15/20
177	Dade	39	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
180	Dade	66	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/15/20
182	Dade	28	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
187	Dade	25	Female	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN		03/15/20
189	Dade	43	Male	Yes	FL resident	UT	Yes	03/15/20
196	Dade	62	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Unknown	03/15/20
204	Dade	29	Male	Yes	FL resident	MA	No	03/14/20
215	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; FRANCE	Yes	03/14/20
218	Dade	18	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	Yes	03/14/20
222	Dade	73	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
223	Dade	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	EL SALVADOR; FL; MEXICO; SPAIN	Unknown	03/14/20
224	Dade	42	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
226	Dade	20	Male	Yes	FL resident	Spain	Yes	03/14/20
229	Dade	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF); UNITED /	No	03/14/20
234	Dade	39	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	No	03/14/20
236	Dade	42	Male	Yes	FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/14/20
246	Dade	51	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
249	Dade	45	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
261	Dade	56	Male	Yes	FL resident	IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Yes	03/12/20
287	Dade	51	Male	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/17/20
289	Dade	69	Female	Unknown	Non-FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
293	Dade	42	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	BRAZIL; FL; TX	No	03/15/20
311	Dade	64	Male	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
28	Duval	22	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20

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56	Duval	83	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/18/20
76	Duval	44	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
77	Duval	84	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
101	Duval	27	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
127	Duval	25	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
136	Duval	74	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
143	Duval	91	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
184	Duval	57	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; UNKNOWN	Unknown	03/15/20
191	Duval	66	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
197	Duval	88	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/15/20
254	Duval	83	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
284	Duval	46	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/18/20
161	Escambia	53	Male	Yes	FL resident	France	No	03/16/20
314	Gadsden	54	Male	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Unknown	03/03/20
46	Hillsborough	33	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
98	Hillsborough	23	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
99	Hillsborough	60	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
109	Hillsborough	74	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
116	Hillsborough	38	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
125	Hillsborough	30	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
213	Hillsborough	47	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO	Unknown	03/14/20
225	Hillsborough	17	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
228	Hillsborough	32	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO	Yes	03/14/20
250	Hillsborough	49	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; IRELAND	Yes	03/13/20
282	Hillsborough	29	Female	Yes	FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/02/20
288	Hillsborough	28	Male	Unknown	Non-FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
308	Hillsborough	22	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	ITALY	Yes	03/03/20
95	Lake	56	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO; FL	No	03/17/20
247	Lake	75	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/13/20
61	Lee	69	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/18/20
87	Lee	79	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
126	Lee	67	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/17/20
147	Lee	66	Male	Yes	FL resident	COLOMBIA; ECUADOR	Unknown	03/16/20
199	Lee	72	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
252	Lee	77	Male	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/13/20
278	Lee	77	Male	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
280	Lee	77	Female	Yes	FL resident	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes	03/07/20
294	Lee	65	Female	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/15/20
305	Lee	57	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	FL; FRANCE; UNITED KINGDOM	Unknown	03/12/20
312	Leon	59	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Unknown	03/04/20
66	Manatee	61	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
113	Manatee	71	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
132	Manatee	75	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
166	Manatee	70	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
209	Manatee	62	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
219	Manatee	67	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/14/20
273	Manatee	81	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/09/20
283	Manatee	63	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/02/20
269	Nassau	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	GERMANY; MA	Yes	03/10/20
134	Okaloosa	78	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; ITALY	Unknown	03/17/20
274	Okaloosa	61	Female	Yes	FL resident	CA; FL; MEXICO	Yes	03/09/20
310	Okaloosa	66	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
129	Orange	73	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
139	Orange	28	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
140	Orange	51	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
159	Orange	40	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/16/20
178	Orange	79	Female	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/15/20
253	Orange	48	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
256	Orange	41	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/13/20
285	Orange	68	Male	Unknown	Non-FL resident			03/18/20
309	Orange	68	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	PHILIPPINES; SOUTH KOREA		03/13/20
84	Osceola	18	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20

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85	Osceola	29	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
142	Osceola	47	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
212	Osceola	48	Male	Yes	FL resident	SWITZERLAND	Yes	03/14/20
238	Osceola	31	Male	Yes	FL resident	BRAZIL	No	03/13/20
240	Osceola	54	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/13/20
286	Osceola	20	Female	Yes	Non-FL resident	SPAIN	No	03/17/20
303	Osceola	65	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	CANADA	No	03/13/20
18	Palm Beach	69	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
21	Palm Beach	43	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
26	Palm Beach	6	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
30	Palm Beach	72	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
64	Palm Beach	41	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
70	Palm Beach	55	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
80	Palm Beach	69	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
108	Palm Beach	19	Female	Yes	FL resident	TN	Yes	03/17/20
133	Palm Beach	38	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
148	Palm Beach	66	Male	Unknown	FL resident		Unknown	03/16/20
151	Palm Beach	62	Male	Yes	FL resident	UNITED KINGDOM	Yes	03/16/20
155	Palm Beach	76	Female	Yes	FL resident	FRANCE	Unknown	03/16/20
164	Palm Beach	25	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/16/20
202	Palm Beach	59	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
203	Palm Beach	65	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
210	Palm Beach	37	Male	Yes	FL resident	NY	Yes	03/14/20
244	Palm Beach	74	Male	Yes	FL resident	BELGIUM; FL	No	03/13/20
248	Palm Beach	73	Male	Yes	FL resident	Egypt; Germany	No	03/13/20
313	Palm Beach	71	Female	Yes	Not diagnosed/isolated in FL	JAPAN	Yes	03/04/20
23	Pasco	64	Female	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/18/20
211	Pasco	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	FL; NY	Yes	03/14/20
268	Pasco	46	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/11/20
15	Pinellas	67	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
20	Pinellas	32	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
44	Pinellas	61	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY		03/18/20
45	Pinellas	52	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
63	Pinellas	23	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
102	Pinellas	30	Male	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
145	Pinellas	58	Male	Unknown	FL resident		No	03/16/20
158	Pinellas	58	Male	Yes	FL resident	CO		03/16/20
265	Pinellas	67	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
266	Pinellas	64	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT	Yes	03/11/20
124	Polk	44	Female	No	FL resident		Unknown	03/17/20
281	Santa Rosa	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; ISRAEL; JORDAN	No	03/05/20
157	Sarasota	87	Male	No	FL resident		No	03/16/20
245	Sarasota	50	Female	Yes	FL resident	NY	No	03/13/20
291	Sarasota	80	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/16/20
304	Sarasota	70	Male	No	Non-FL resident		No	03/13/20
57	Seminole	57	Female	Unknown	FL resident		Yes	03/18/20
75	Seminole	70	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
78	Seminole	45	Female	Unknown	FL resident			03/17/20
207	Seminole	43	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
208	Seminole	68	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
227	Seminole	47	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/14/20
258	Seminole	68	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/12/20
62	St. Johns	53	Female	Yes	FL resident	CO	Yes	03/18/20
150	St. Johns	49	Male	Yes	FL resident	EUROPE; HUNGARY	No	03/16/20
201	St. Johns	64	Female	No	FL resident		No	03/14/20
306	St. Johns	63	Male	Yes	Non-FL resident	NY	No	03/12/20
2	Sumter	68	Male	Unknown	FL resident			03/18/20
100	Volusia	60	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/17/20
144	Volusia	37	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/16/20
195	Volusia	48	Female	Yes	FL resident	DC; FL	No	03/15/20
214	Volusia	89	Female	No	FL resident		Yes	03/14/20
220	Volusia	39	Male	Yes	FL resident	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Yes	03/14/20

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235	Volusia	71	Male	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/14/20
239	Volusia	70	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; JORDAN	Yes	03/13/20
272	Volusia	60	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/09/20
276	Volusia	66	Female	Yes	FL resident	EGYPT; GERMANY; ISRAEL	Yes	03/08/20

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Florida Department of Health Announces New Positive COVID-19 Case in Florida, Test Performed by AdventHealth Altamonte Springs

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health has received notification of one new positive case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida. This test was performed through a partnership with AdventHealth Altamonte Springs.* To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the virus, the Department is issuing regular updates as information becomes available.

As an update to the ongoing epidemiological investigation in St. Johns County, it was determined that the individual who traveled to Florida from New York to attend Bike Week was isolated prior to attending the event. We are continuing to encourage Floridians to stay vigilant and advising Florida municipalities to consider limiting large gatherings.

New Positive Cases

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Nile Cruise Advisory

The Florida Department of Health is advising all individuals who traveled to Egypt for a cruise or tour on the Nile River in February or March 2020 to self-isolate for 14 days following their date of return to the United States, and if ill, immediately contact their CHD or health care provider. Several passengers in the United States recently developed symptoms and have been confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, including 11 positive cases in Florida.

COVID-19 Cases

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** A known history of exposure to COVID-19 outside of the state.

Port Everglades Advisory

The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, has identified four positive COVID-19 cases associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. All three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.

- The Department recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently traveled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their CHD or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.

- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.
- The Department is working in close consultation with the CDC on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact their CHD or health care provider.

International Travel Advisory

The Department is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the **new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your County Health Department (CHD) or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your CHD or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

COVID-19 Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121**. **The Call Center is available 24 hours a day.** Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Department Activities

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.

- Established an Incident Management Team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.
- Conducted public health and health care stakeholder conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined these calls.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
- Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed an updated COVID-19 presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and coordination with the CDC regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying PUIs for COVID-19 and a health care provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for COVID-19 to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions and CHDs.
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

What You Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;

- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local CHD and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the CHD. The health care provider will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

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- The Department is working in close consultation with the CDC on this investigation.
- CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact their CHD or health care provider.

International Travel Advisory

The Department is advising all individuals who have traveled internationally to follow the **new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines**, summarized below:

- **Level 3:** CDC recommends 14-day self-isolation and social distancing upon return to the United States. Social distancing includes avoiding going out in public and close personal interactions. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your County Health Department (CHD) or health care provider.
- **Level 2 and Cruises:** Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your CHD or health care provider.
- For more information regarding current CDC travel advisories related to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

COVID-19 Public Website and Call Center

Please visit the Department's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-(866) 779-6121. **The Call Center is available 24 hours a day.** Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Department Activities

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate to Level II to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency.
- State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.
- Established an Incident Management Team to coordinate response operations.
- Activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.

- Conducted public health and health care stakeholder conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak situation, response actions and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined these calls.
- Participated with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on statewide conference calls with nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals.
- Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19.
- Developed and distributed an updated COVID-19 presentation to CHDs for use at community meetings.
- Implemented protocols for investigation, surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 to rapidly detect and contain cases.
- Established mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and coordination with the CDC regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- Distributed the updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying PUIs for COVID-19 and a health care provider letter regarding Enhanced Surveillance and Preparedness for COVID-19 to associations, licensed providers, Health Care Coalitions and CHDs.
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated CDC guidance for schools to CHDs and the Department of Education.
- Distributed updated Laboratory Guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.

What You Should Know

COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

A person that experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and any other destination under [CDC travel advisory](#) should call ahead to their health care provider and local CHD and mention their recent travel or close contact.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to a health care professional and the CHD. The health care provider will work with the Department to determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

About the Florida Department of Health

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