



# Sarasota County Emergency Management

## Flash Report #8



March 8, 2020

**Activation Level 3: Monitoring**

**Event Name: COVID-19**

### State EOC Activation

**Level 2**

### Watch, Warnings, Advisories

None at this time.

### Possible Impacts

More cases of COVID-19 are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States. It's also likely that person-to-person spread will continue to occur, including in communities in the United States. It's likely that at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur.

### Timing

Symptoms may be mild to severe and may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

### Key Points

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

## Situation

As of 10 a.m. today, The Florida Department of Health has several new presumptive positive cases of 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida. The presumptive positives include, an 81-year old female in Manatee County, a 66-year old female in Volusia County and a 61-year old female in Okaloosa County. All are isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. All had a history of recent travel outside of the United States.

The Florida Department of Health is working closely with all patients, potential close contacts of the patients 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.

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.

If you have been to China, Iran, Italy or South Korea in the past 14 days you need to self-isolate for 14 days. If you become sick during self-isolation please call your county health department and ask for the epidemiology department.

DOH Sarasota is monitoring community health trends on a daily basis to help identify any possible cases of COVID-19. Additionally, the department is serving as an expert resource for health care providers and the public, and working to make sure that health care providers know what to look for and what to do if they suspect COVID-19 in a patient.

The Florida Department of Health announced yesterday afternoon that a new presumptive positive Florida COVID-19 case in a Charlotte County resident that was seen in a Sarasota County area hospital. The individual is isolated and being appropriately cared for.

The Florida Department of Health has expanded its COVID-19 call center hours to 24/7, 1 (866) 779-6121

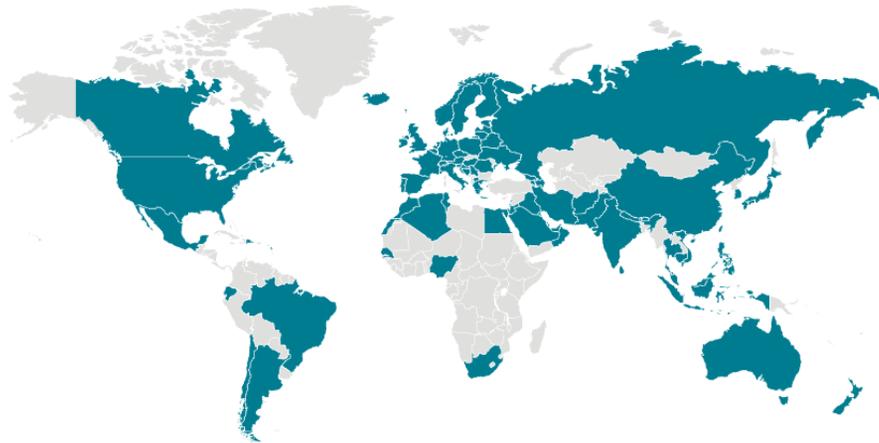
### Sarasota County Actions

The Emergency Management Team is monitoring the spread of COVID-19. EM is coordinating, planning, and implementing preparedness actions with the Department of Health. DOH Sarasota is coordinating preparedness actions with the State and coordinating with local partners as needed.

The EM team is coordinating critical resource needs with the Department of Health, Public Safety, Hospitals, and other partners. These partners received an invite to the Smartsheet form to input available resources.

Sarasota County Emergency Management will be participating in conference calls with the Florida Division of Emergency Management every Monday and Thursday and will continue until further notice.

Locations with Confirmed COVID-19 Cases



**280**

Currently Being Monitored

**1038**

People Monitored to Date

**2**

Deaths - Florida Residents

### Directors

All personnel should ensure staff is situationally aware of the spread of COVID-19 and personal protective measures to reduce or prevent influenza like illnesses. Any information regarding employee communications and messaging coordinate with Sarasota County Communications Department. All department and agencies with potential press releases coordinate with Sarasota County Communications Department by calling 861-NEWS or news@scgov.net. If the situation escalates, Flash Reports will be replaced with Situation Reports.

All Agencies and

alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty;

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

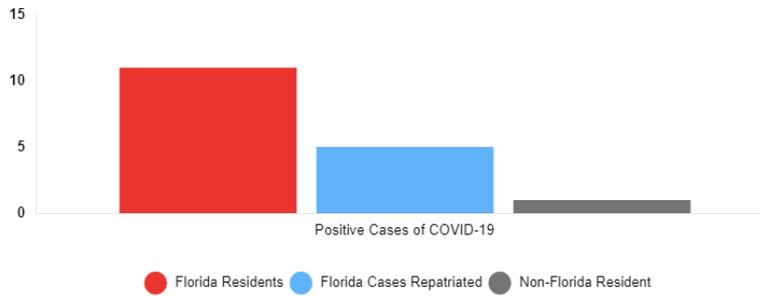
The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial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



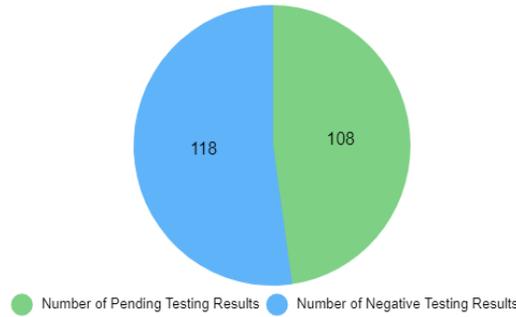
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## Positive Cases of COVID-19



## Testing Results



**People Under Public Health Monitoring:** The number of people under public health monitoring includes those at risk of having been exposed to COVID-19 who are monitoring their health under the supervision of public health officials.

**Florida Cases Repatriated:** The United States Department of State officially coordinated the return of a person living in Florida to the United States and those persons are isolated at a federally designated site until healthy. A repatriated case is when the United States Department of State officially coordinates the return of a Florida resident to the United States.

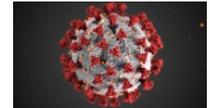
**Presumptive Positive:** A Presumptive Positive is when a state health lab has a positive test without CDC confirmation.

**Confirmed:** A Confirmed status is given when the Presumptive Positive sample is then confirmed by the CDC.

### Partners

Please ensure that all field personnel that do not receive e-mail communications are informed of daily updates and are provided the Florida Department of Health and CDC information links to ensure proper protective measures are taken.

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