



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #26



March 23, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Watch, Warnings, Advisories

Global Level 4 Health Advisory - Do not travel.

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

Situation

Sarasota County Emergency Operations Center continues to be activated at a Level 2 (Partial) for COVID-19. Sarasota County has 19 total cases (14 residents, 5 non-residents).

New Florida cases include:

177 additional positive COVID-19 cases (169 Florida residents and 8 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.

There are currently 937 positive cases in Florida residents and 70 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state's efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

The Florida Department of Health continues to see new positive cases across the State, please visit www.flhealth.gov/covid-19 for the most current case count.

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 provider 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.

DOH continues to visit all licensed long term care facilities in Sarasota County to ensure proper COVID-19 infection control guidelines as established by the CDC are being used to prevent the spread of the virus.

The Florida Department of Health reminds everyone that the elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness. Please remember to wash your hands with soap & water. cover your coughs & sneezes with your arm, not your hands. If you're sick, stay at home & avoid crowds.

Sarasota County Actions

Effective March 23, Sarasota County's Permitting Center and Utilities Customer Services at 400 S. Tamiami Trail will move temporarily to 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota. Customers may conduct business by using phone, e-mail and online service options. Customers who come in-person will experience increased wait times and will be health screened.

Decision was made for SCAT to cancel Route 33 and Siesta Trolley to reduce beach visitors beginning Saturday March 21.

SCAT will begin modified Saturday service beginning on Monday March 23.

Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources developed, trained staff and implemented additional cleaning procedures and routes for playgrounds.

Visitor screening begins at Admin. and BOB.

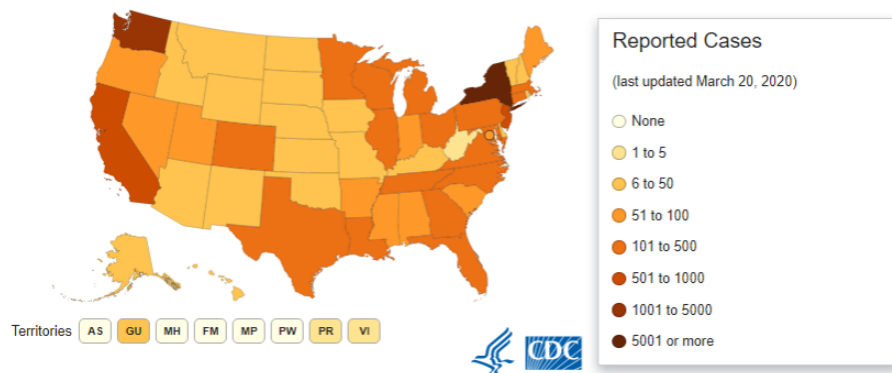
For COVID-19 text updates from Sarasota County Government, text SRQCOVID19 to 888777.

Sarasota County Government has waived water service shut-offs through April 13 for non-payment of utilities bills, as part of our ongoing response to COVID-19.

Sarasota County canceled all events at county facilities through April 12.

Sarasota County libraries are closed and began to implement a drive-thru service on March 20, 2020.

The Emergency Operations Center is activated to a Level II from 0900hrs - 1900hrs Mon-Fri and Sat-Sun 1000-1600hrs.



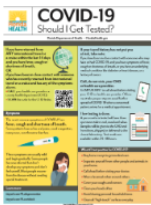
going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing; - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty;

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).

Travel Levels

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Essential Elements of Information

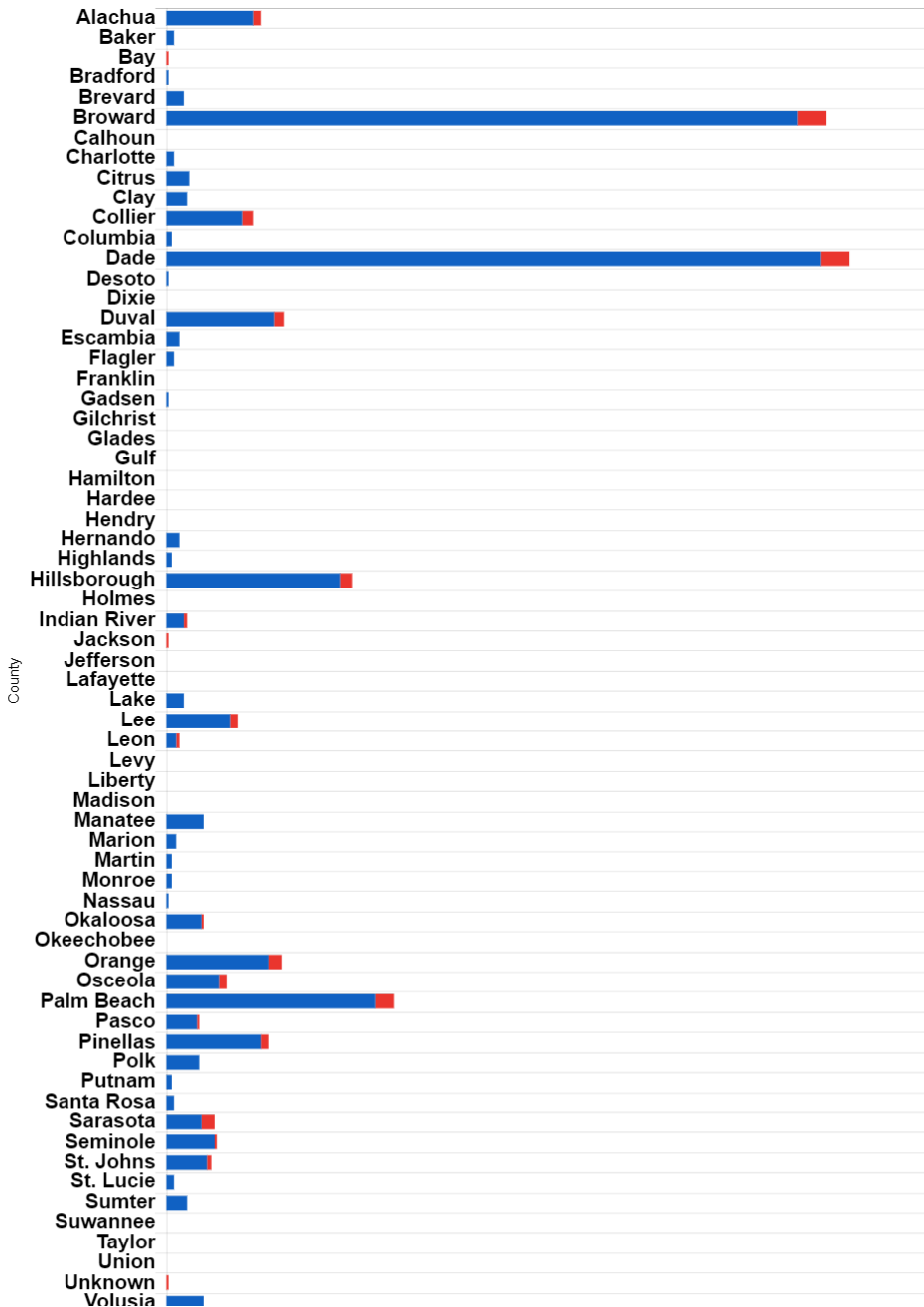
Level 1 State EOC Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Declared Federal Emergency	Declared Local State of Emergency
14 Florida Deaths	35345 USA Cases	353692 Global Cases	1096 Florida Cases
03/16 - 04/15 Schools Closed	75 Non-Florida Resident Cases	1185 Currently Monitored	13094 Number of People Tested
174 Parks Open	11 Libraries Closed	1066 Contact Center Calls Answered	5001 Text Alert Opt-ins

The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through March 29, 2020. The EOC will continue to monitor this dynamic situation and support government operations and partners to ensure resources are available.

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 Human Resources 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.

Number of Cases Per County



All Agencies and 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.

Emergency Declaration

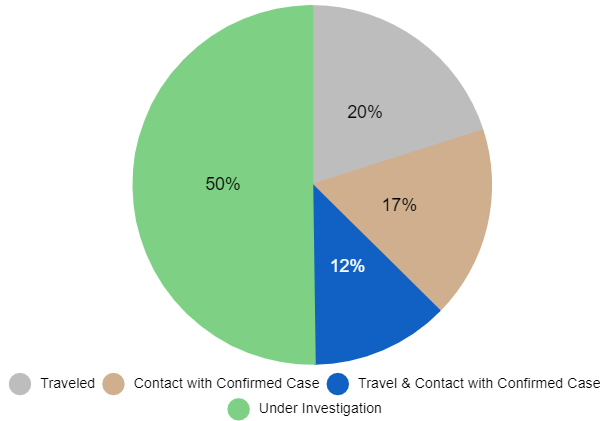


Emergency Order

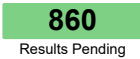
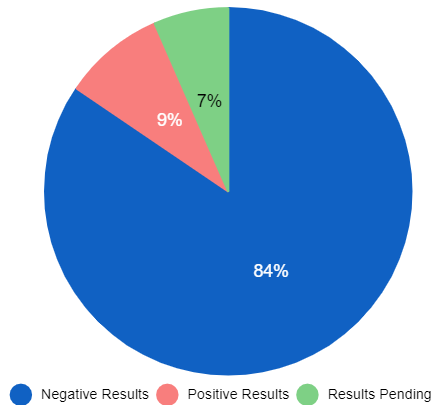




COVID-19 Case Overview



Number of People Tested



Cruise Ship Travel

CDC has issued a Level 3 Travel Health Warning for cruise ship travel.

Global Level 4 Health Advisory

The Department of State has issued a Global Level 4 Health Advisory, advises U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19.

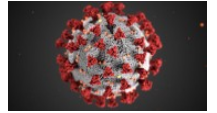
High Risk Countries

Depending on your travel history, you will be asked to stay home for a period of 14 days from the time you left an area with widespread or ongoing community spread (Level 3 Travel Health Notice).

Executive Order



Public Health Emergency Declaration



Travel



Businesses



Schools



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