



# Sarasota County Emergency Management

## Flash Report #28



March 25, 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 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

### Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 27 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 22 Sarasota County residents and five non-Florida residents. Additionally, two deaths were reported in Sarasota yesterday. One of the patients tested presumptively positive for COVID-19 and was confirmed in the State report; the other was a patient with suspected COVID-19 whose test results remain pending. This case will be added to the State numbers once confirmed. All confirmed cases in Sarasota County are receiving the appropriate medical care and are hospitalized or self-isolated. The Florida Department of Health continues to see new positive cases across the State, please visit [www.flhealth.gov/covid-19](http://www.flhealth.gov/covid-19) for the most current case count and county specific data.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 1682 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

On March 23, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-80, directing all persons whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter.

On March 24, Governor DeSantis issued an addendum to Executive Order 20-80, directing all people who are traveling to Florida from the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York) to self-quarantine/self-isolate for a period of three weeks. He also directed anyone that has traveled there within the past three weeks to do the same.

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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.

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.

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care: You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

### Sarasota County Actions

Employee Health and Benefits announced Virtual EAP sessions to help employees cope with stress.

Park amenities (courts, playgrounds, dog parks) will be closed effective Wednesday March 25.

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.

SCAT began modified Saturday service on Monday March 23.

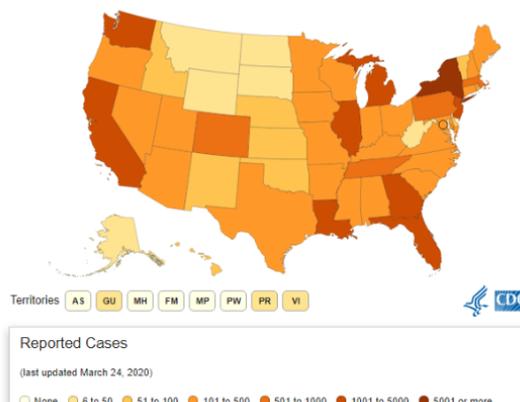
Visitor screenings are being performed at Admin. and BOB.

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 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

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).

### 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

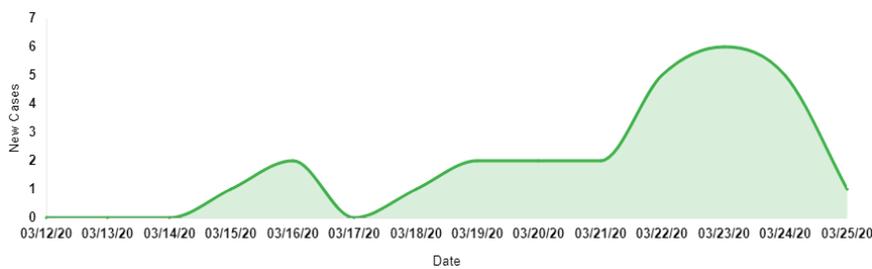
Depending on your travel history, you will be asked to stay home for a period of 14 days from the time you left an area with widespread or ongoing community spread (Level 3 Travel Health Notice).



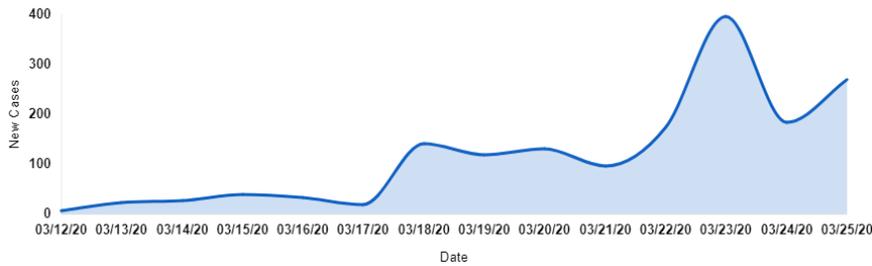
## Essential Elements of Information

Level 1 State EOC Activation	Declared State of Emergency	Declared Federal Emergency	Declared Local State of Emergency
22 Florida Deaths	60155 USA Cases	451355 Global Cases	1583 Florida Cases
03/16 - 04/15 Schools Closed	99 Non-Florida Resident Cases	1439 Currently Monitored	18289 Number of People Tested
116 Parks Open	11 Libraries Closed	854 Contact Center Calls Answered	5767 Text Alert Opt-ins

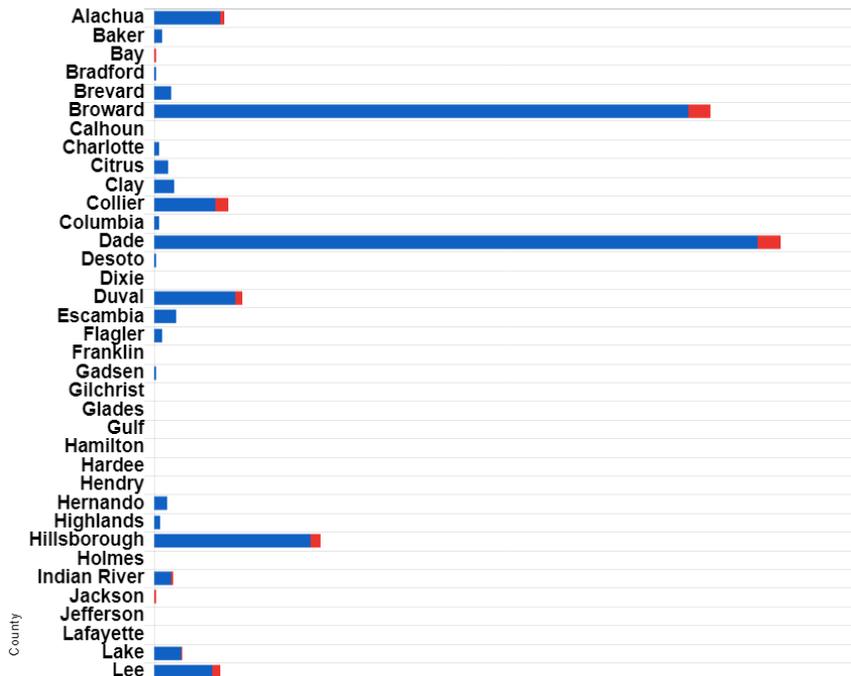
## New Cases in Sarasota



## New Cases in State of Florida



## Number of Cases Per County



resources are available when needed. If you are assigned to the EOC or are called to report, you will receive a health screening from our Human Resources Wellness staff before entering the building. Please remember to complete a Daily

### Directors

Reminder for all departments to send any communications through [communications@scgov.net](mailto:communications@scgov.net).

Public Records Request continue to come in and departments are responsible for responding in a timely fashion.

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](mailto:news@scgov.net). If the situation escalates, Flash Reports will be replaced with Situation Reports.

### 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

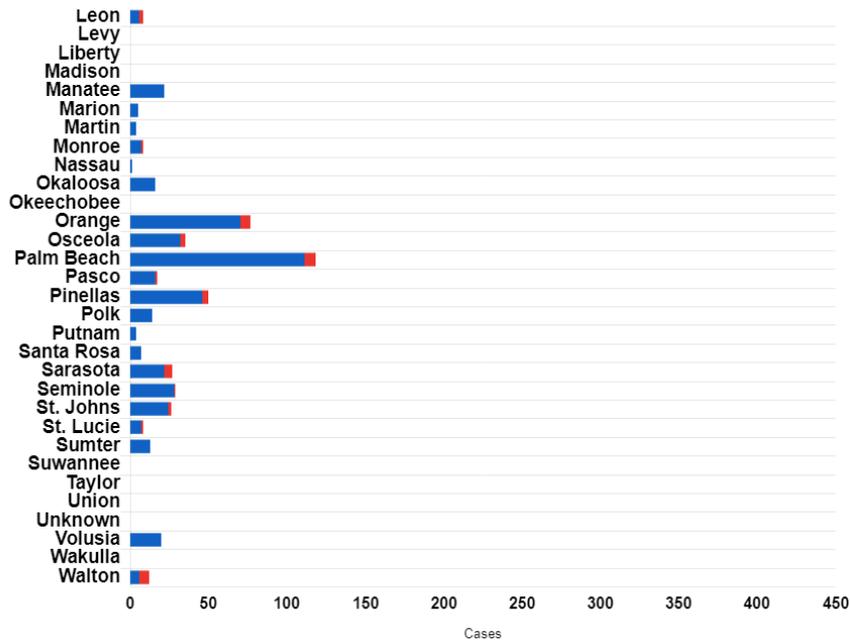


### Emergency Order

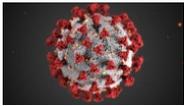


### Executive Order





**Public Health  
Emergency  
Declaration**



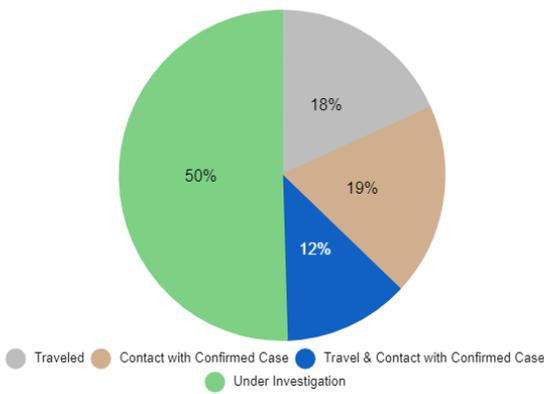
**Travel**



**Businesses**



**COVID-19 Case Overview**



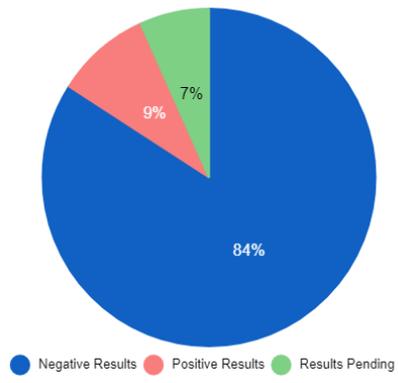
**Schools**



**Faith Based**



**Number of People Tested**



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