



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #37

Updates listed in blue.



April 3, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 118 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 90 Sarasota County residents and 10 non-Florida residents. There have been seven deaths in Sarasota County to date. 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 for the most current case count and county specific data.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 9585 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota continues COVID-19 testing today at the Drive-Thru COVID-19 testing site at Twin Lakes Park. More than 325 people have been tested to date.

Visitors to the Sarasota County COVID-19 testing site must be referred by a physician to be tested. The physician's office will contact DOH Sarasota who will then contact the individual with an appointment day and time.

Executive Order 20-91 requiring all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities for 30 days started today.

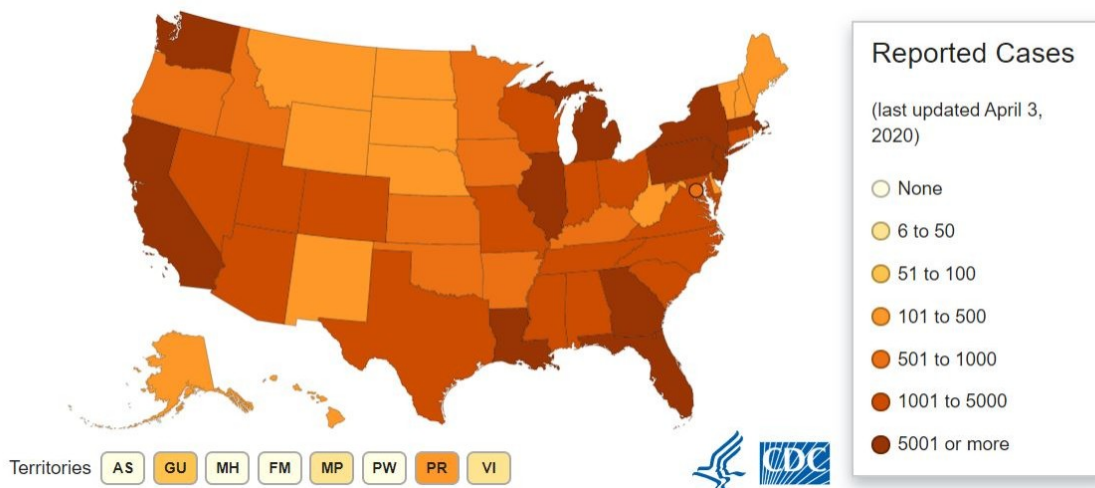
DOH Sarasota is monitoring community health trends on a daily basis to help identify any possible cases of COVID-19. Additionally, the department is serving as an expert resource for health care providers and the public, and working to make sure that health care providers know what to look for and what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



Possible Impacts

COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

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.

Watch, Warnings, Advisories

Global Level 4 Health Advisory - Do not travel.

Public Health Advisory for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce.

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.

Travel in the United States

The CDC urges residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately. This Domestic Travel Advisory does not apply to employees of critical infrastructure industries, including but not limited to trucking, public health professionals, financial services, and food supply.

Cruise Ship Travel

CDC has issued a Level 3 Travel Health Warning for cruise ship travel. CDC recommends that all people defer travel on cruise ships, including river cruises, worldwide. That's because the risk of COVID-19 on cruise ships is high. Older adults and people with serious chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease, should especially defer travel on cruise ships, including river cruises, because of their increased risk for severe disease.

Passengers who return from a cruise ship or river cruise voyage are advised to stay home for 14 days, monitor their health, and practice social distancing.

Sarasota County Actions

Addition of a fourth rapid response vehicle beginning April 3.

Sarasota County received \$4.5 million dollars in Irma FEMA reimbursement.

Successful coordination with School Board and Comcast to provide internet access to students and families at no cost including families with past due accounts or discontinued service.

The Department of Health in Sarasota County, Sarasota County and Sarasota Memorial Hospital established a COVID-19 appointment only drive-thru specimen collection site at Twin Lakes Park for symptomatic people who meet current CDC testing guidance.

Sarasota County with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and Executive Policy Group is monitoring social distancing measures being considered by Collier, Hillsborough, Lee, Orange, and Pinellas Counties.

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

Park amenities (courts, playgrounds, dog parks) have closed.

Sarasota County's Permitting Center and Utilities Customer Services at 4000 S. Tamiami Trail have moved 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.

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 30.

Sarasota County libraries are closed and have implemented a drive-thru service.

The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through April 5, 2020. The EOC will continue to monitor this dynamic situation and support government operations and partners to ensure 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 Disaster Logs and follow submission instructions from your Disaster Log representative.

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 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).

Essential Elements of Information

9248
Florida Cases

Declared
Local State of Emergency

Declared
State of Emergency

Declared
Federal Emergency

Level 1
State EOC Activation

258214
USA Cases

7124
Text Alert Opt-ins

03/16 - 04/30
Schools Closed

7641
Currently Monitored

337
Non-Florida Resident Cases

825
Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total

16 seconds
Contact Center Wait Time

163
Florida Deaths

115
Parks Open

11
Libraries Closed

04/06/20
LSE Expiration

1066706
Global Cases

91722
Number of People Tested

Activated
Fire - DOC

Activated
Health Department - DOC

Partial
Parks - DOC

Partial
Libraries - DOC

Partial
Public Works - DOC

Partial
Public Utilities - DOC

Directors

Finance and Administration requests all directors to help procurement prioritize requests.

Reminder for all departments to send any communications through communications@scgov.net.

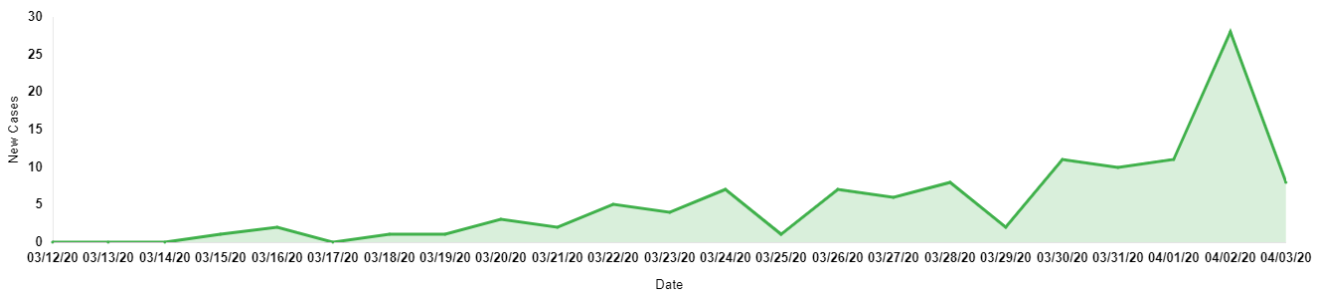
Public Records Request continue to come in and departments are responsible for responding in a timely fashion.

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. If the situation escalates, Flash Reports will be replaced with Situation Reports.

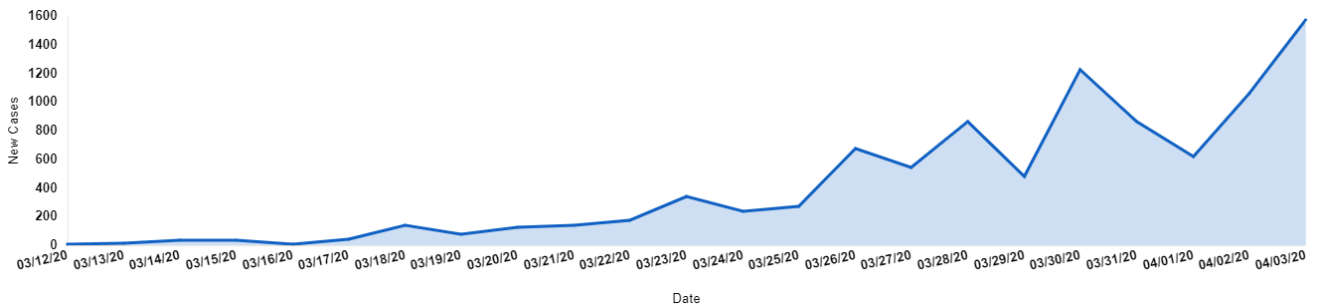
All Agencies and Partners

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.

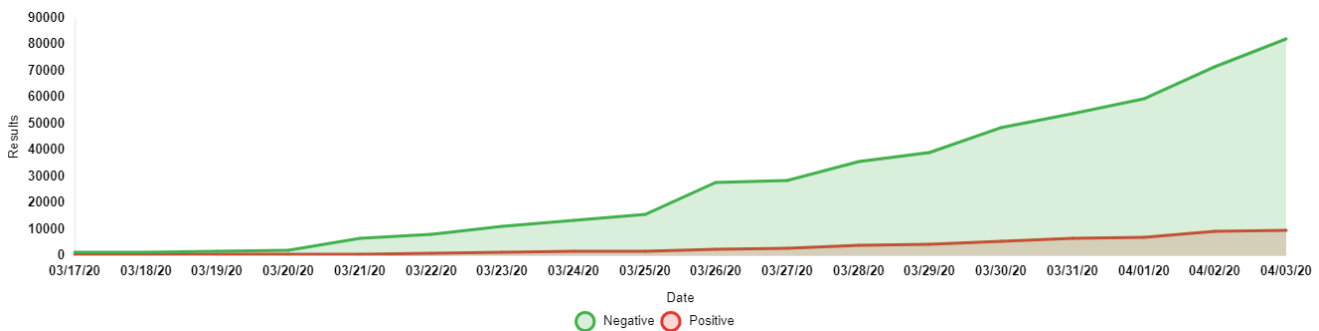
New Cases in Sarasota



New Cases in State of Florida



Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



Total Florida Cases by Region

Total Florida Cases by Region

9248
Florida Residents

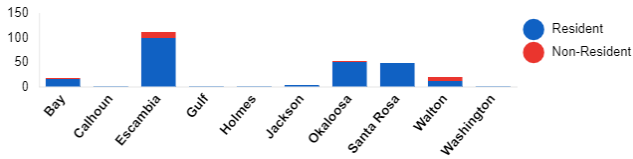
337
Non-Resident

118
Sarasota County

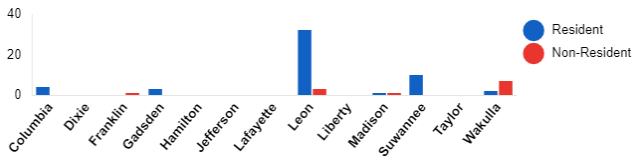
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Total

60
Total Counties

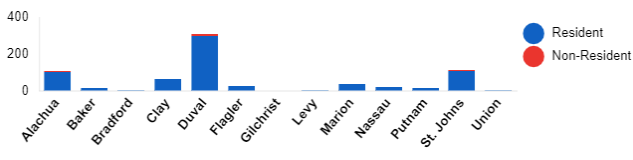
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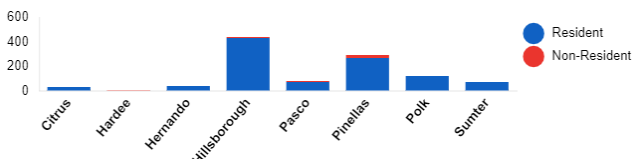
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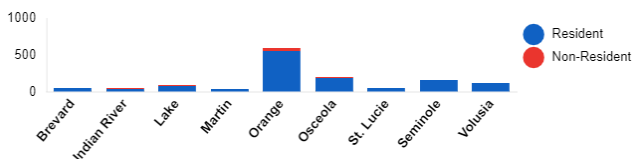
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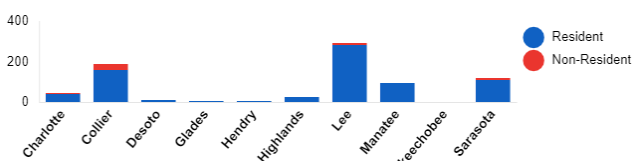
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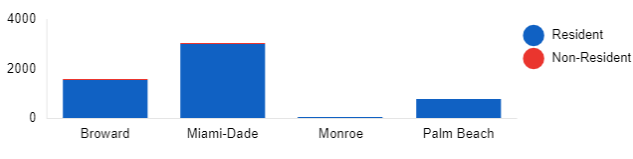
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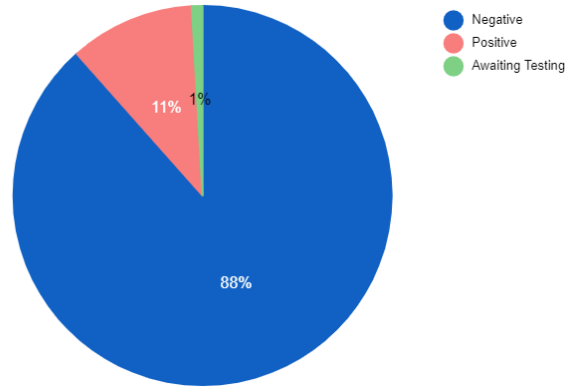
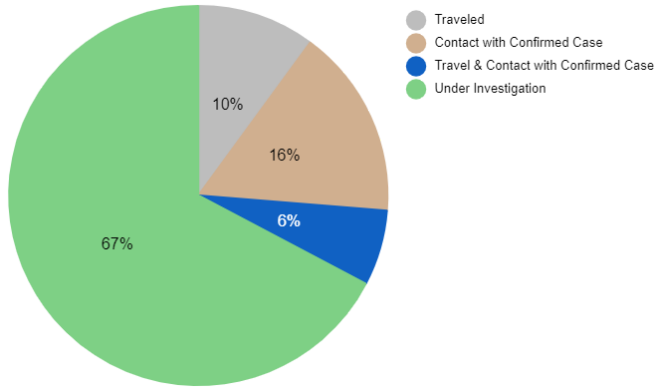


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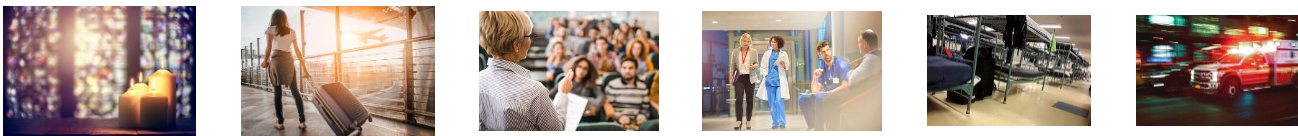
Florida Cases by Census

County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Dade	0.11149%	3029	2989	40
Broward	0.08014%	1565	1527	38
Palm Beach	0.05218%	781	750	31
Monroe	0.05119%	38	33	5
Osceola	0.05083%	191	187	4
Sumter	0.05060%	67	67	0
Collier	0.04910%	189	160	29
Orange	0.04227%	589	548	41
St. Johns	0.04156%	110	107	3
Alachua	0.04014%	108	102	6
Baker	0.03766%	11	11	0
Lee	0.03750%	289	281	8
Escambia	0.03519%	112	99	13
Seminole	0.03391%	160	156	4
Duval	0.03195%	306	296	10
Hillsborough	0.02989%	440	428	12
Clay	0.02965%	65	65	0
Pinellas	0.02964%	289	262	27
Indian River	0.02751%	44	38	6
Sarasota	0.02721%	118	108	10
Wakulla	0.02668%	9	2	7
Walton	0.02565%	19	12	7
Santa Rosa	0.02550%	47	47	0
Okaloosa	0.02468%	52	49	3
Highlands	0.02354%	25	25	0
Flagler	0.02346%	27	25	2
Manatee	0.02331%	94	94	0
Lake	0.02315%	85	78	7
Martin	0.02298%	37	34	3
Suwannee	0.02251%	10	10	0
Charlotte	0.02223%	42	41	1
Glades	0.02172%	3	3	0
Volusia	0.02151%	119	116	3
Desoto	0.02105%	8	8	0
Nassau	0.02031%	18	18	0
Putnam	0.01879%	14	14	0
Citrus	0.01871%	28	28	0
Hernando	0.01856%	36	34	2
Bradford	0.01773%	5	5	0
Polk	0.01587%	115	115	0
St. Lucie	0.01462%	48	46	2
Calhoun	0.01418%	2	2	0
Pasco	0.01336%	74	71	3
Leon	0.01192%	35	32	3
Madison	0.01081%	2	1	1
Bay	0.00973%	17	16	1
Henry	0.00952%	4	4	0
Marion	0.00930%	34	33	1
Jackson	0.00862%	4	3	1
Brevard	0.00847%	51	46	5
Franklin	0.00825%	1	0	1
Gulf	0.00733%	1	1	0
Gadsden	0.00657%	3	3	0
Union	0.00656%	1	1	0
Columbia	0.00558%	4	4	0
Holmes	0.00510%	1	1	0
Levy	0.00482%	2	2	0
Okeechobee	0.00474%	2	2	0
Washington	0.00393%	1	1	0
Hardee	0.00371%	1	0	1
Dixie	0.00000%	0	0	0
Gilchrist	0.00000%	0	0	0
Hamilton	0.00000%	0	0	0
Jefferson	0.00000%	0	0	0
Lafayette	0.00000%	0	0	0
Liberty	0.00000%	0	0	0
Taylor	0.00000%	0	0	0



931 Traveled	1499 Contact w. Confirmed	595 Travel and Contact w. Confirmed	6223 Under Investigation	10 Awaiting Testing	978 Negative	118 Positive
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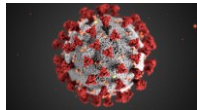
Faith Based Travel Higher Education Healthcare Homeless Shelters First Responder



Schools Businesses Mass Gatherings Retirement Communities Correctional Facilities



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