



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #52

Updates listed in blue.



April 18, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 278 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 263 Sarasota County residents and 15 non-Florida residents. There have been 22 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 102, with 115 men or 44 percent and 148 women or 56 percent testing positive. There have been 3,316 people tested for COVID-19 with an 8.4 percent positive return rate. All confirmed cases in Sarasota County are receiving the appropriate medical care and are hospitalized or self-isolated.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 51% of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied and 55% of all available beds occupied.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 25,269 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota is scheduled to conduct three by appointment only COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites throughout Sarasota County. This community based COVID-19 testing is for anyone who is currently experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath) or who works in a health care setting.

To make an appointment, please call 941-861-2883. Callers will be screened using current CDC testing criteria. Appointments are limited however more testing opportunities may be scheduled in the future.

North Sarasota: Tuesday, 4/21, 8 a.m. to Noon – RL Taylor Community Center, 1845 34th Street, Sarasota

Mid-County: Thursday, 4/23, 8 a.m. to Noon – Laurel Civic Association, 509 Collins Road, Laurel

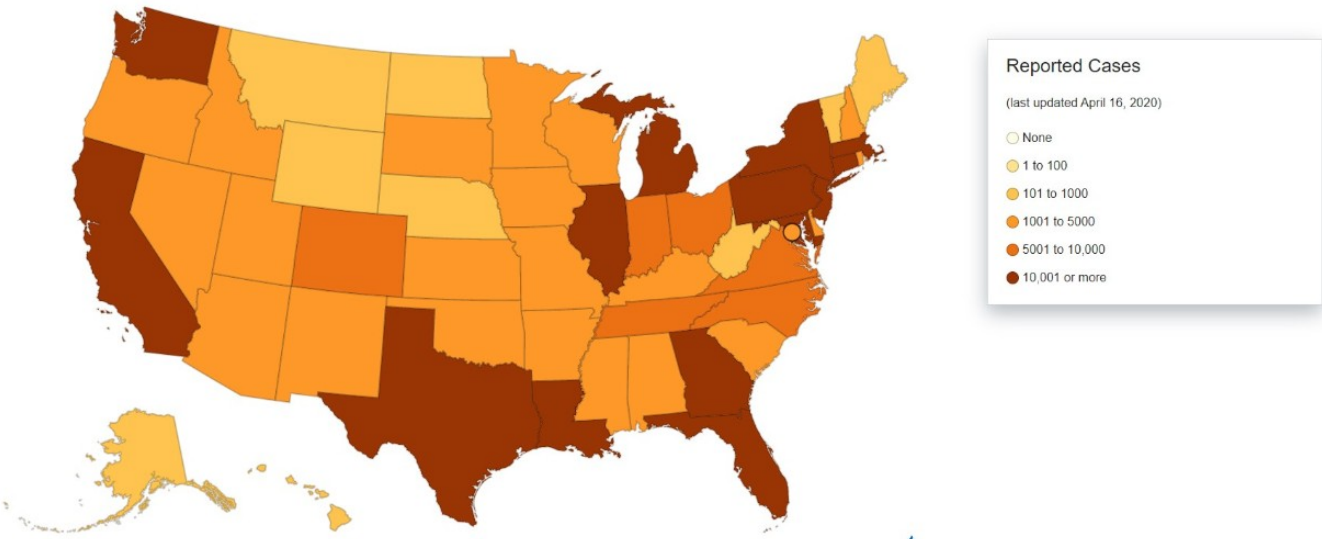
South County: Friday, 4/24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Heron Creek Middle School, 6501 W. Price Blvd, North Port

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All patients must have an appointment to be tested.

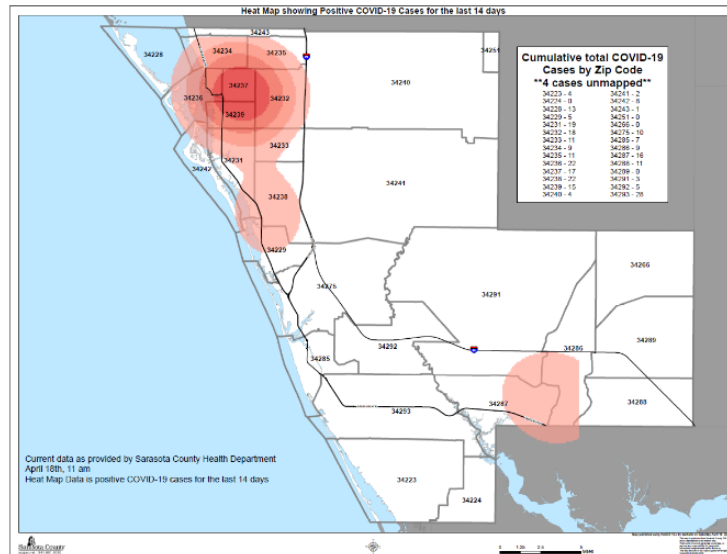
DOH Sarasota is monitoring community health trends on a daily basis to help identify any possible cases of COVID-19. Additionally, the department is serving as an expert resource for health care providers and the public, and working to make sure that health care providers know what to look for and what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



Coronavirus Density Map

Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:

Sarasota County Health Department

April 18th, 11 am

Heat Map Data is positive COVID-19 cases for the last 14 days.

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

On Friday April 17 Sarasota DOH opened a mobile testing site at Robert L. Taylor Community Complex by appointment only from 8am-1pm.

Received full approval from the state for a non-congregate shelter plan for first responders.

Received a shipment of PPE from the State EOC.

In person staffing at the EOC has been reduced with many positions shifting to remote work and weekend operational hours have been changed to 1000-1300.

The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through April 19, 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 before entering the building. Please remember to complete a Daily Disaster Logs and follow submission instructions from your Disaster Log representative.

SCAT has suspended service of Routes 4, 11, and 18 and has began On Demand Services for public transportation for essential trips such as employment, medical appointments, pharmacy and grocery shopping.

Water service shut-offs have been waived through April 30 for non-payment of utilities bills. Late payment fees have been waived from March 18 until further notice. Accounts charged during this time are being adjusted.

Teladoc visit copays will be waived until June 4, 2020, regardless of diagnosis.

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

Sarasota County canceled all events at county facilities through April 30.

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. In-person customers are by appointment only and will be health screened.

All visitations at Admin. and BOB are by appointment only. Visitor prescreenings are being conducted prior to entrance.

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

Key Points

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

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.

Essential Elements of Information

24577

Florida Resident Cases

Declared

Local State of Emergency

Declared

State of Emergency

Declared

Federal Emergency

Level 1

State EOC Activation

711197

USA Cases

692

Non-Florida Resident Cases

03/16 - 04/30

Schools Closed

15624

Currently Monitored

8096

Text Alert Opt-ins

677

Contact Center Calls
Answered Daily Total M-F

9 seconds

Contact Center Wait Time

740

Florida Deaths

115

Parks Open

11

Libraries Closed

04/19/20

LSE Expiration

2284018

Global Cases

248412

Number of People Tested (FL)

Activated

Fire - DOC

Activated

Health Department - DOC

Partial

Parks - DOC

Partial

Libraries - 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.

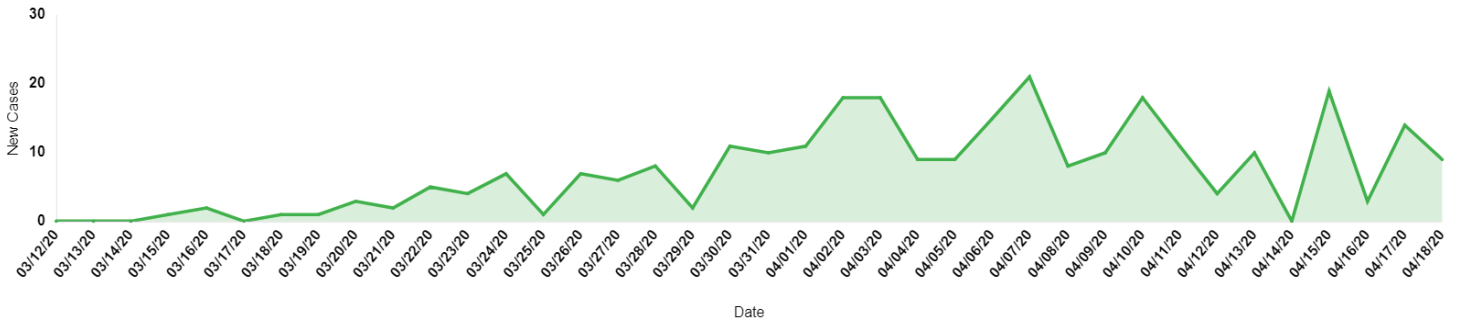
All personnel should ensure staff is situationally aware of the spread of COVID-19 and personal protective measures to reduce or prevent influenza like illnesses. Any information regarding employee communications and messaging coordinate with Sarasota County Human Resources Department. All department 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

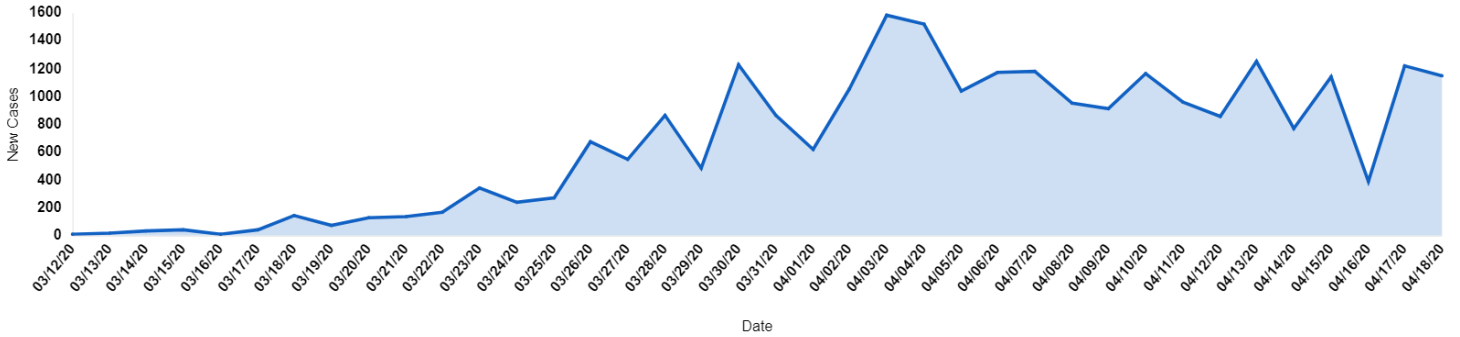
Please ensure that all field personnel that do not receive e-mail communications are informed of daily updates and are provided the Florida Department of Health and CDC information links to ensure proper protective measures are taken.

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

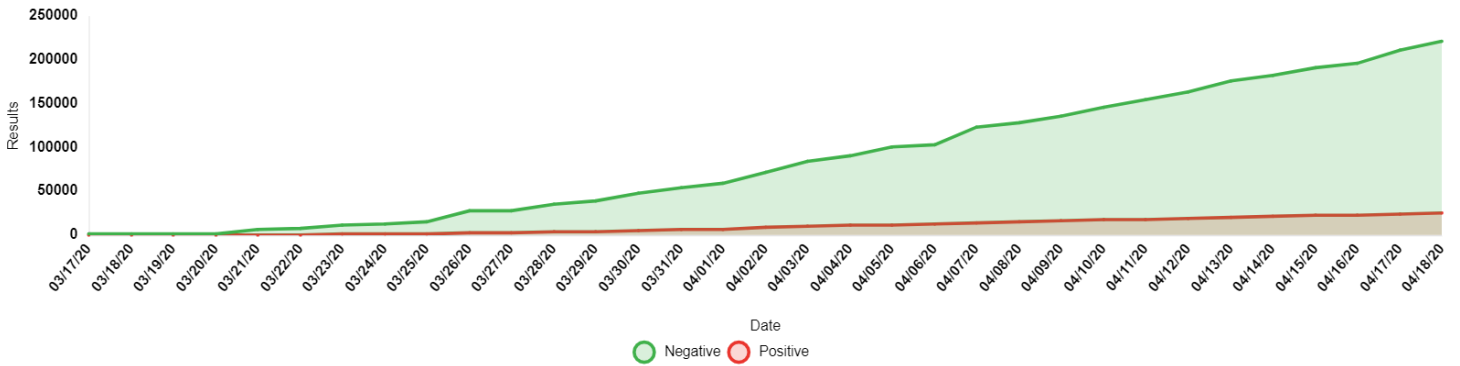
New Cases in Sarasota



New Cases in State of Florida



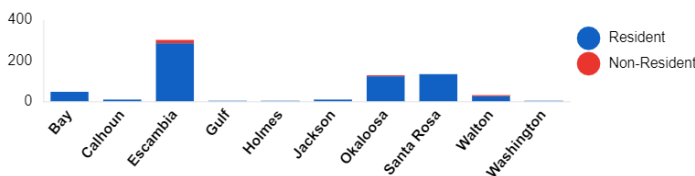
Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



Total Florida Cases by Region



Region 1



Region 2

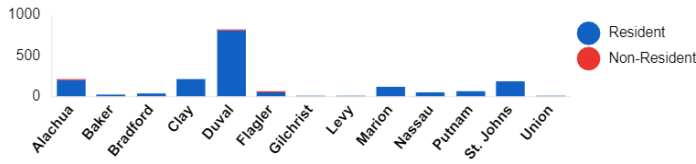


Florida Cases by Census

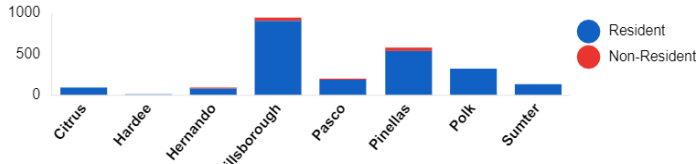
County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Dade	0.33000%	8966	8884	82
Suwannee	0.20037%	89	89	0
Broward	0.19628%	3833	3715	118
Jefferson	0.16847%	24	22	2
Palm Beach	0.14197%	2125	2071	54
Bradford	0.14184%	40	40	0
Collier	0.11769%	453	390	63
Madison	0.10815%	20	19	1
Osceola	0.10566%	397	386	11
Gadsden	0.10293%	47	46	1
Clay	0.09897%	217	215	2
Monroe	0.09835%	73	66	7
Escambia	0.09519%	303	284	19



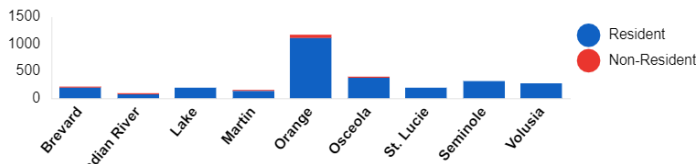
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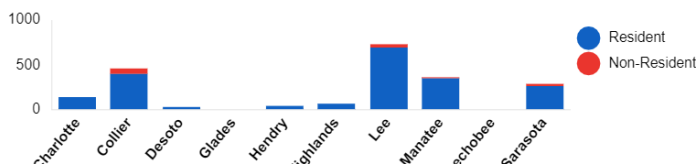
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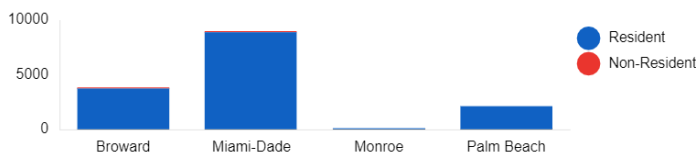
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Region 6

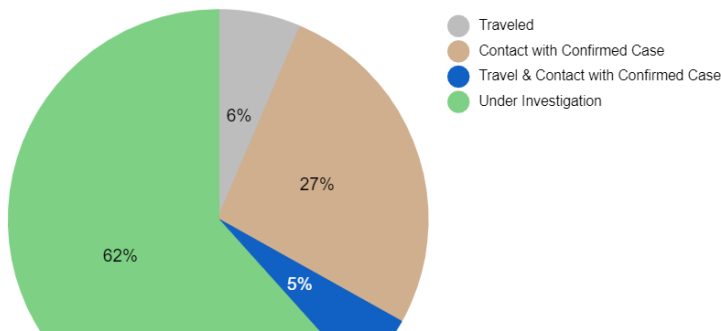


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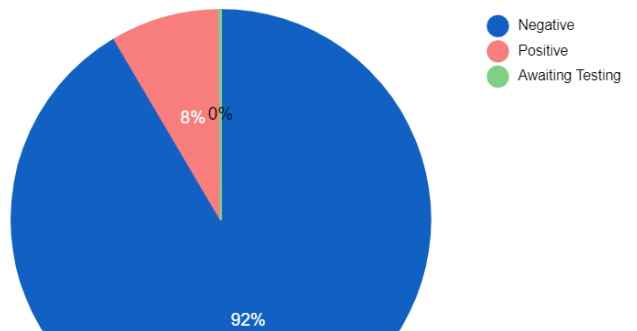


Lee	0.09486%	731	697	34
Sumter	0.09364%	124	124	0
Martin	0.09130%	147	138	9
Manatee	0.08729%	352	350	2
Duval	0.08603%	824	810	14
Hendry	0.08567%	36	36	0
Orange	0.08411%	1172	1111	61
Alachua	0.07620%	205	194	11
Putnam	0.07380%	55	55	0
Charlotte	0.07199%	136	135	1
Santa Rosa	0.07162%	132	132	0
St. Johns	0.07103%	188	183	5
Seminole	0.06655%	314	308	6
Sarasota	0.06409%	278	263	15
Hillsborough	0.06406%	943	902	41
Highlands	0.06213%	66	65	1
Desoto	0.06052%	23	23	0
Okaloosa	0.05979%	126	121	5
Pinellas	0.05918%	577	536	41
St. Lucie	0.05848%	192	189	3
Baker	0.05820%	17	17	0
Leon	0.05756%	169	165	4
Citrus	0.05479%	82	82	0
Lake	0.05475%	201	190	11
Indian River	0.05190%	83	75	8
Volusia	0.05151%	285	276	9
Columbia	0.05022%	36	35	1
Flagler	0.04779%	55	52	3
Nassau	0.04739%	42	41	1
Polk	0.04415%	320	314	6
Hernando	0.04332%	84	80	4
Walton	0.04320%	32	24	8
Calhoun	0.04254%	6	6	0
Wakulla	0.04150%	14	13	1
Glades	0.03620%	5	5	0
Pasco	0.03538%	196	189	7
Brevard	0.03472%	209	202	7
Marion	0.03228%	118	115	3
Levy	0.02650%	11	11	0
Bay	0.02576%	45	44	1
Holmes	0.02549%	5	5	0
Liberty	0.02394%	2	2	0
Gilchrist	0.02153%	4	4	0
Hamilton	0.02079%	3	3	0
Washington	0.01963%	5	5	0
Dixie	0.01783%	3	3	0
Jackson	0.01724%	8	7	1
Franklin	0.01649%	2	1	1
Hardee	0.01485%	4	2	2
Okeechobee	0.01423%	6	5	1
Union	0.01313%	2	2	0
Lafayette	0.01187%	1	1	0
Gulf	0.00733%	1	1	0
Taylor	0.00464%	1	1	0

COVID-19 Case Overview in State of Florida



Number of People Tested in Sarasota County





1580
Traveled

6557
Contact w.
Confirmed

1290
Travel and Contact
w. Confirmed

15150
Under Investigation

3
Awaiting Testing

3034
Negative

278
Positive

Faith Based

Travel

Higher Education

Healthcare

Homeless Shelters

First Responder



Schools

Businesses

Mass Gatherings

Retirement Communities

Correctional Facilities

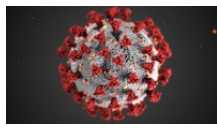


Emergency Declaration

Emergency Order

Public Health Emergency Declaration

Executive Order



Flash Reports

CDC COVID-19

FDOH COVID-19

FAQ



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