



# Sarasota County Emergency Management

## Flash Report #54

Updates listed in blue.



April 20, 2020

**Activation Level 2: Partial**

**Event Name: COVID-19**

### Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 289 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 274 Sarasota County residents and 15 non-Florida residents. There have been 24 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 102, with 120 men or 44 percent and 154 women or 56 percent testing positive. There have been 3,417 people tested for COVID-19 with an 8.5 percent positive return rate. All confirmed cases in Sarasota County are receiving the appropriate medical care and are hospitalized or self-isolated.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 26,660 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 52% of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied and 52% of all available beds occupied.

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.

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 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.

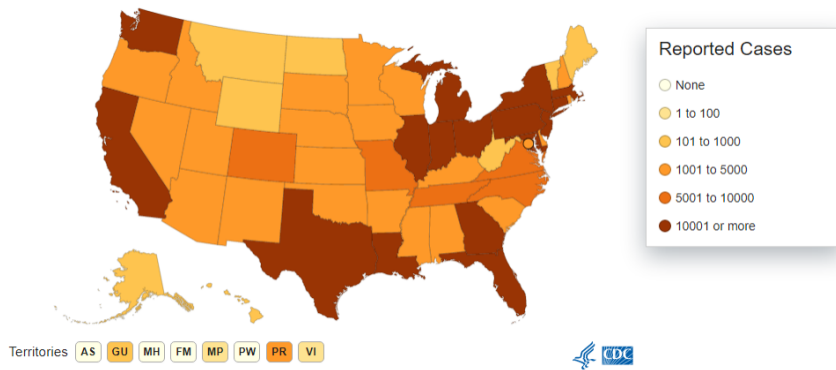
DOH Sarasota is monitoring community health trends on a daily basis to help identify any possible cases of COVID-19. Additionally, the department is serving as an expert resource for health care providers and the public, and working to make sure that health care providers know what to look for and what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





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;

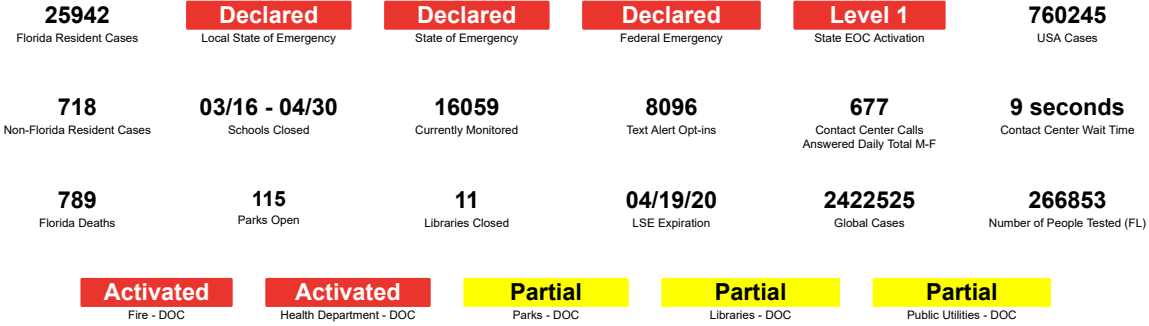
Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;

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



### Directors

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

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.

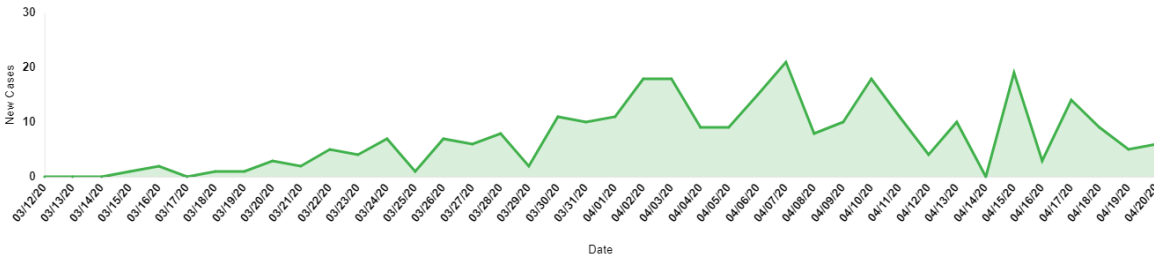
All personnel should ensure staff is situationally aware of the spread of COVID-19 and personal protective measures to reduce or prevent influenza like illnesses. Any information regarding employee communications and messaging coordinate with Sarasota County Human Resources Department. All department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

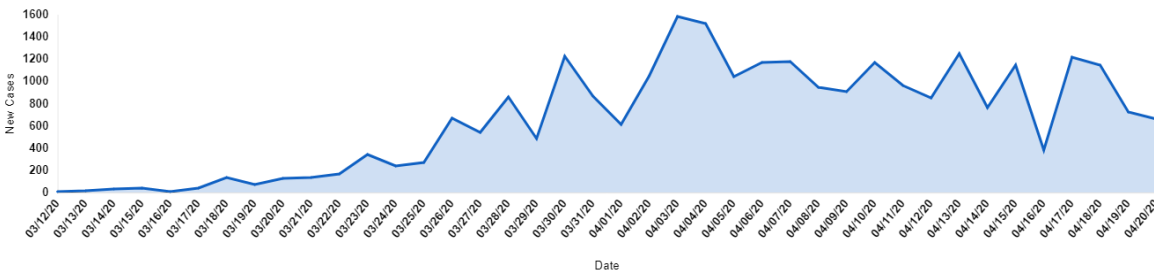
Please ensure that all field personnel that do not receive e-mail communications are informed of daily updates and are provided the Florida Department of Health and CDC information links to ensure proper protective measures are taken.

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

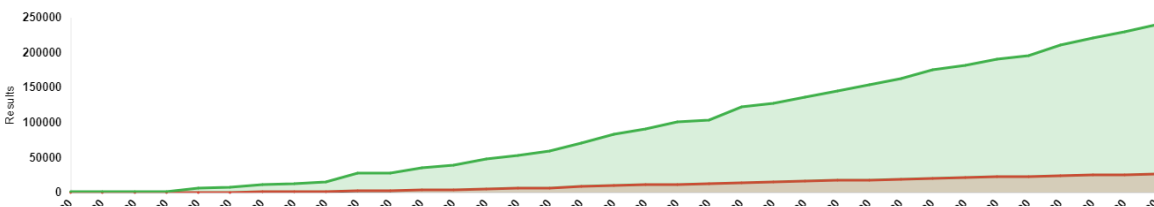
### New Cases in Sarasota



### New Cases in State of Florida



### Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



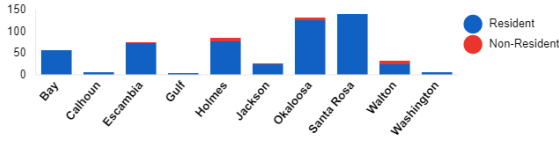
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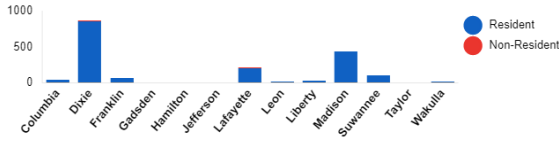
## Total Florida Cases by Region

**25942** Florida Residents    **718** Non-Resident    **289** Sarasota County    **26660** Total    **67** Total Counties

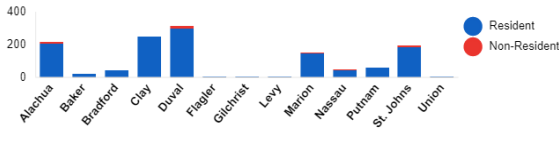
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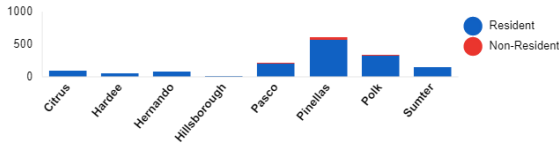
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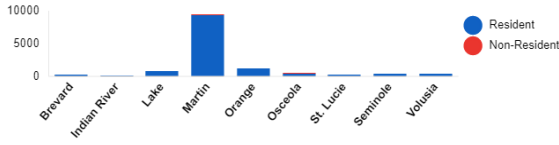
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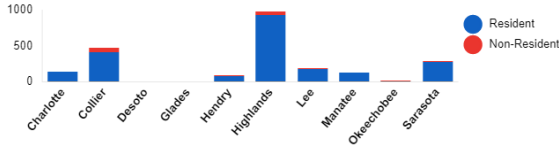
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### Region 6



### Region 7



### Florida Cases by Census

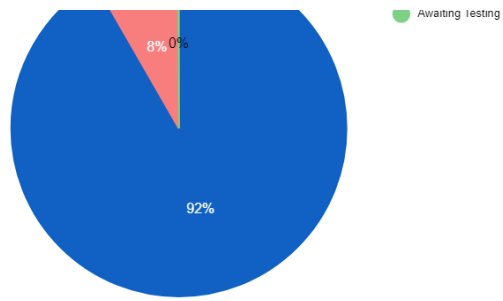
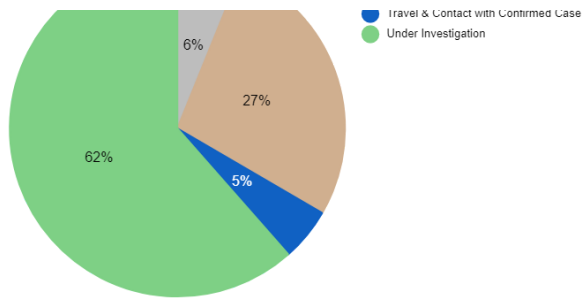
County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Martin	5.87578%	9460	9358	102
Dixie	5.12897%	863	848	15
Lafayette	2.49347%	210	197	13
Madison	2.31439%	428	426	2
Highlands	0.91413%	971	929	42
Franklin	0.47010%	57	56	1
Holmes	0.43330%	85	77	8
Liberty	0.27532%	23	22	1
Suwannee	0.22064%	98	98	0
Lake	0.21219%	779	745	34
Broward	0.20678%	4038	3919	119
Hendry	0.19990%	84	80	4
Hardee	0.15592%	42	42	0
Bradford	0.14893%	42	42	0
Palm Beach	0.14758%	2209	2156	53
Collier	0.12081%	465	402	63
Clay	0.11357%	249	247	2
Sumter	0.11101%	147	147	0
Osceola	0.10911%	410	400	10
Monroe	0.09835%	73	66	7
Orange	0.08640%	1204	1142	62
Alachua	0.07991%	215	204	11
Putnam	0.07783%	58	58	0
Santa Rosa	0.07596%	140	140	0
Charlotte	0.07358%	139	138	1
St. Johns	0.07216%	191	185	6
Seminole	0.06846%	323	317	6
Sarasota	0.06663%	289	274	15
Okaloosa	0.06216%	131	126	5
St. Lucie	0.06214%	204	200	4
Pinellas	0.06195%	604	563	41
Volusia	0.06109%	338	329	9
Baker	0.05820%	17	17	0
Citrus	0.05613%	84	84	0
Jackson	0.05602%	26	24	2
Columbia	0.05440%	39	38	1
Nassau	0.05078%	45	43	2
Polk	0.04553%	330	324	6
Wakulla	0.04446%	15	14	1
Walton	0.04320%	32	24	8
Calhoun	0.04254%	6	6	0
Marion	0.04158%	152	144	8
Pasco	0.03737%	207	200	7
Hernando	0.03610%	70	69	1
Brevard	0.03588%	216	209	7
Duval	0.03279%	314	295	19
Bay	0.03263%	57	56	1
Manatee	0.03100%	125	122	3
Hamilton	0.02772%	4	2	2
Gilchrist	0.02691%	5	5	0
Lee	0.02375%	183	178	5
Escambia	0.02356%	75	72	3
Washington	0.02355%	6	6	0
Gulf	0.02200%	3	3	0
Okeechobee	0.01660%	7	6	1
Union	0.01313%	2	2	0
Desoto	0.01053%	4	4	0
Taylor	0.00927%	2	2	0
Gadsden	0.00876%	4	4	0
Glades	0.00724%	1	1	0
Jefferson	0.00702%	1	1	0
Indian River	0.00563%	9	8	1
Levy	0.00482%	2	2	0
Leon	0.00443%	13	13	0
Flagler	0.00174%	2	1	1
Dade	0.00088%	24	24	0
Hillsborough	0.00041%	6	6	0

### COVID-19 Case Overview in State of Florida



### Number of People Tested in Sarasota County





**1594** Traveled  
**7070** Contact w. Confirmed  
**1322** Travel and Contact w. Confirmed  
**15956** Under Investigation  
**3** Awaiting Testing  
**3216** Negative  
**289** Positive



**Emergency Declaration**    **Emergency Order**    **Public Health Emergency Declaration**    **Executive Order**



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