



# Sarasota County Emergency Management

## Flash Report #60

Updates listed in blue.



April 26, 2020

**Activation Level 2: Partial**

**Event Name: COVID-19**

### Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 321 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 305 Sarasota County residents and 16 non-Florida residents. There have been 32 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 102, with 133 men and 172 women testing positive. There have been 4,243 people tested for COVID-19 with a 7.6 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 50% of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied and 58% of all available beds occupied.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 31,528 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota has scheduled a second round of pop-up by appointment only COVID-19 drive-thru testing for next week at the following locations:

North Sarasota: Tuesday, 4/28, 8 a.m. to Noon – RL Taylor Community Center, 1845 34th Street, Sarasota

South County: Wednesday, 4/29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Heron Creek Middle School, 6501 W. Price Blvd, North Port

Mid-County: Thursday, 4/30, 8 a.m. to Noon – Laurel Civic Association, 509 Collins Road, Laurel

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. 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.

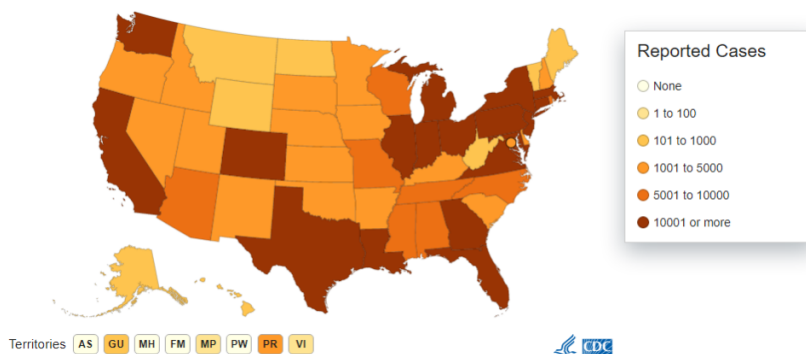
DOH Sarasota is monitoring community health trends on a daily basis to help identify any possible cases of COVID-19. Additionally, the department is serving as an expert resource for health care providers and the public, and working to make sure that health care providers know what to look for and what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

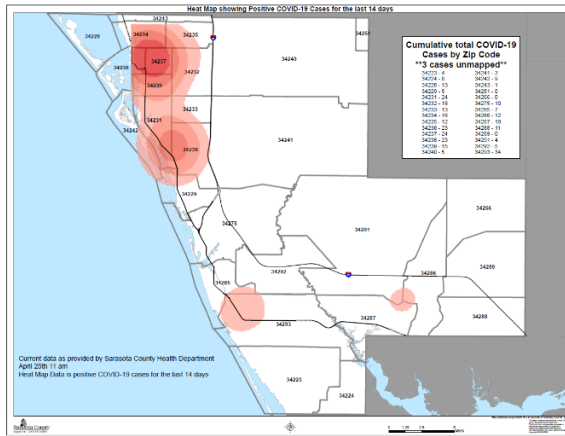
The Florida Department of Health reminds everyone that the elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

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.



Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:

Sarasota County Health Department

April 25th, 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

The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through May 1, 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.

Public Works and Parks preparing signs and beach locations for reactivation on Monday April 27, 2020.

Developed internal process for loan approval and payment of Small Business Loan Program.

Federal VA team is in Sarasota to augment patient care in the long term care facilities while concurrently providing on the job training and coaching on improved infection control practices and proper use of PPE.

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

SCAT has suspended service of Routes 4, 11, and 18 and has begun 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.

### 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**

<b>30680</b> Florida Resident Cases	<b>Declared</b> Local State of Emergency	<b>Declared</b> State of Emergency	<b>Declared</b> Federal Emergency	<b>Level 1</b> State EOC Activation	<b>941628</b> USA Cases
<b>848</b> Non-Florida Resident Cases	<b>03/16 - 05/29</b> Schools Closed	<b>17576</b> Currently Monitored	<b>8246</b> Text Alert Opt-ins	<b>525</b> Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F	<b>4 seconds</b> Contact Center Wait Time
<b>1074</b> Florida Deaths	<b>115</b> Parks Open	<b>11</b> Libraries Closed	<b>04/26/20</b> LSE Expiration	<b>2920660</b> Global Cases	<b>346365</b> Number of People Tested (FL)
<b>Activated</b> Fire - DOC	<b>Activated</b> Health Department - DOC	<b>Partial</b> Parks - DOC	<b>Partial</b> Libraries - DOC	<b>Partial</b> Public Utilities - DOC	

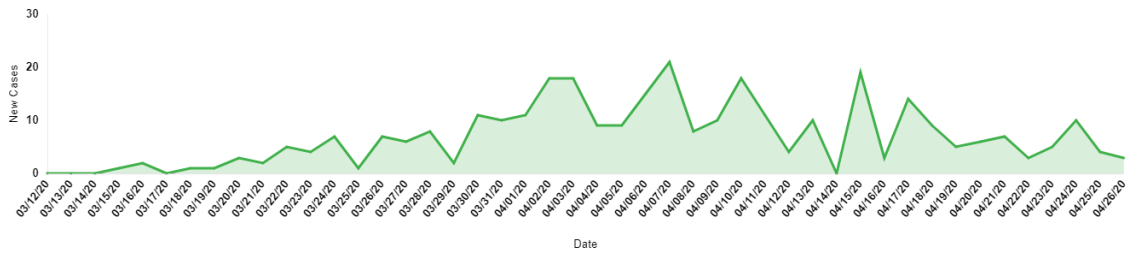
**Directors**

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.

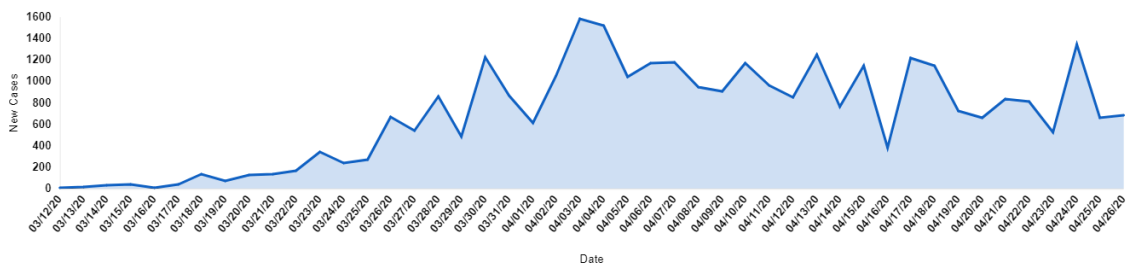
**All Agencies and Partners**

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.

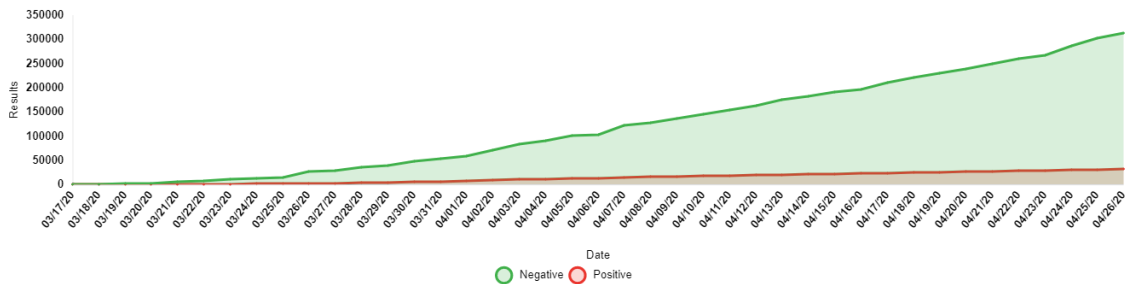
**New Cases in Sarasota**



**New Cases in State of Florida**



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



**Total Florida Cases by Region**

**30680**  
Florida Residents

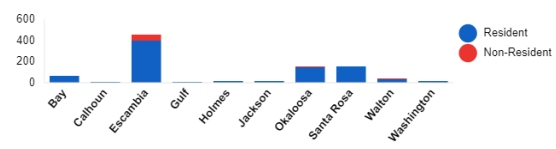
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Non-Resident

**321**  
Sarasota County

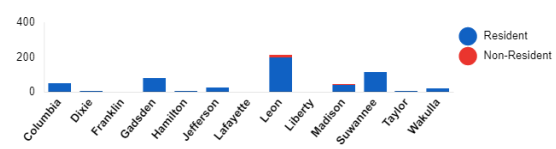
**31528**  
Total

**66**  
Total Counties

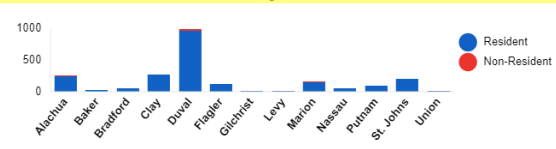
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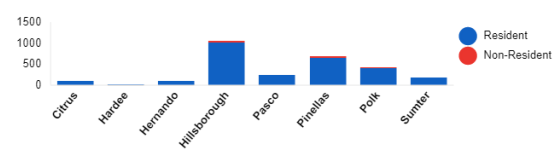
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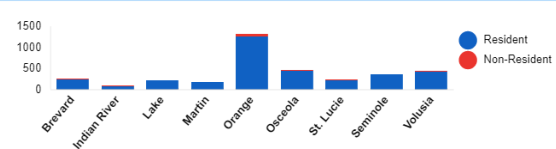
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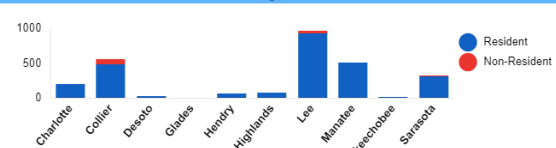
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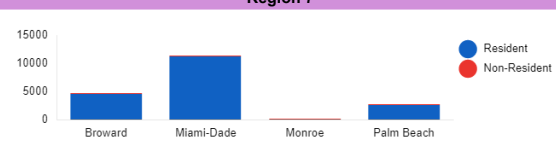
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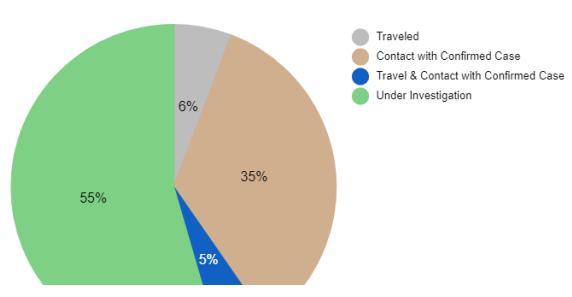
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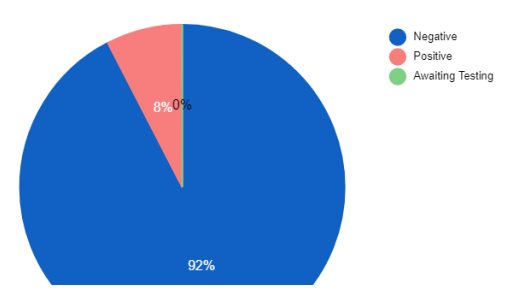
**Florida Cases by Census**

County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Dade	0.41779%	11351	11215	136
Suwannee	0.26116%	116	116	0
Broward	0.24217%	4729	4605	124
Madison	0.23252%	43	41	2
Jefferson	0.18953%	27	25	2
Palm Beach	0.18019%	2697	2639	58
Gadsden	0.17740%	81	80	1
Hendry	0.15468%	65	65	0
Bradford	0.15248%	43	43	0
Escambia	0.14357%	457	399	58
Collier	0.14341%	552	485	67
Sumter	0.12913%	171	171	0
Manatee	0.12598%	508	506	2
Lee	0.12471%	961	927	34
Osceola	0.12322%	463	446	17
Clay	0.12178%	267	265	2
Putnam	0.11675%	87	87	0
Martin	0.10807%	174	165	9
Charlotte	0.10746%	203	202	1
Flagler	0.10514%	121	117	4
Monroe	0.10508%	78	70	8
Duval	0.10274%	984	960	24
Orange	0.09487%	1322	1260	62
Alachua	0.09329%	251	240	11
Santa Rosa	0.08084%	149	148	1
Volusia	0.07844%	434	424	10
St. Johns	0.07708%	204	196	8
Seminole	0.07566%	357	351	6
Sarasota	0.07401%	321	305	16
Highlands	0.07155%	76	75	1
Leon	0.07153%	210	196	14
Hillsborough	0.07120%	1048	1001	47
Okaloosa	0.07070%	149	142	7
Pinellas	0.07046%	687	646	41
St. Lucie	0.06945%	228	222	6
Baker	0.06847%	20	20	0
Columbia	0.06835%	49	48	1
Citrus	0.06481%	97	97	0
Desoto	0.06316%	24	24	0
Wakulla	0.06224%	21	20	1
Lake	0.06047%	222	210	12
Nassau	0.05980%	53	51	2
Polk	0.05657%	410	404	6
Indian River	0.05565%	89	80	9
Walton	0.04725%	35	27	8
Washington	0.04711%	12	12	0
Holmes	0.04588%	9	9	0
Hernando	0.04538%	88	82	6
Glades	0.04344%	6	6	0
Calhoun	0.04254%	6	6	0
Pasco	0.04188%	232	225	7
Brevard	0.04186%	252	244	8
Hamilton	0.04159%	6	6	0
Marion	0.04130%	151	148	3
Bay	0.03721%	65	64	1
Hardee	0.03712%	10	8	2
Levy	0.03132%	13	13	0
Dixie	0.02972%	5	5	0
Jackson	0.02801%	13	12	1
Union	0.02625%	4	4	0
Liberty	0.02394%	2	2	0
Gilchrist	0.02153%	4	4	0
Okeechobee	0.02134%	9	8	1
Franklin	0.01649%	2	1	1
Taylor	0.01391%	3	3	0
Lafayette	0.01187%	1	1	0
Gulf	0.00733%	1	1	0

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



**Number of People Tested in Sarasota County**





**1689**  
Traveled

**10037**  
Contact w.  
Confirmed

**1502**  
Travel and Contact  
w. Confirmed

**15850**  
Under Investigation

**1**  
Awaiting Testing

**3920**  
Negative

**321**  
Positive

**Faith Based**

**Travel**

**Higher Education**

**Healthcare**

**Homeless Shelters**

**First Responder**



**Schools**

**Businesses**

**Mass Gatherings**

**Retirement Communities**

**Correctional Facilities**

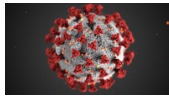


**Emergency Declaration**

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**FAQ**



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