



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #61

Updates listed in blue.



April 27, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 323 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 307 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 132 men and 173 women testing positive. There have been 4,347 people tested for COVID-19 with a 7.4 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 58% of all available beds occupied.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 32,138 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 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.

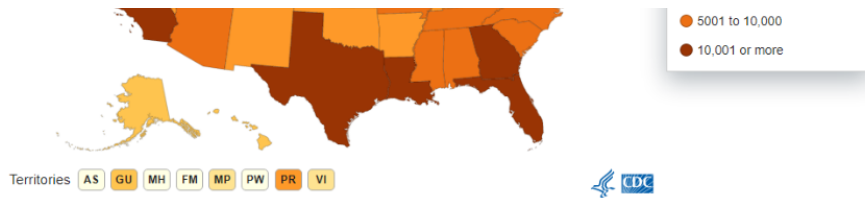
The Florida Department of Health reminds everyone that the elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

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.

Number of COVID-19 Cases in the U.S.

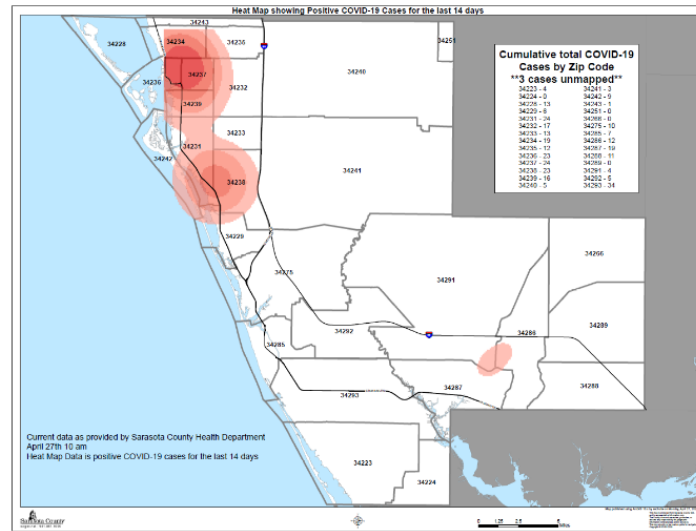




Current data as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
As of April 25, 2020

Coronavirus Density Map

Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:
Sarasota County Health Department
April 27th, 10 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

Beaches open for limited use and essential activities only, effective April 27.

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.

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 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.

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

31290

Florida Resident Cases

Declared

Local State of Emergency

Declared

State of Emergency

Declared

Federal Emergency

Level 1

State EOC Activation

967585

USA Cases

848

Non-Florida Resident Cases

03/16 - 05/29

Schools Closed

17667

Currently Monitored

8246

Text Alert Opt-ins

525

Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F

4 seconds

Contact Center Wait Time

1088

Florida Deaths

116

Parks Open

11

Libraries Closed

04/30/20

LSE Expiration

2992970

Global Cases

345182

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.

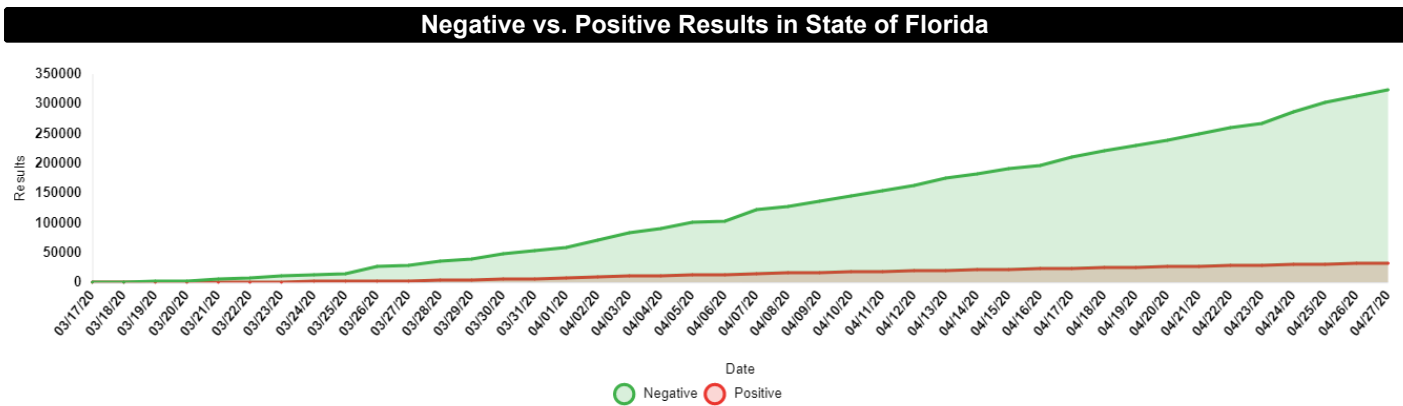
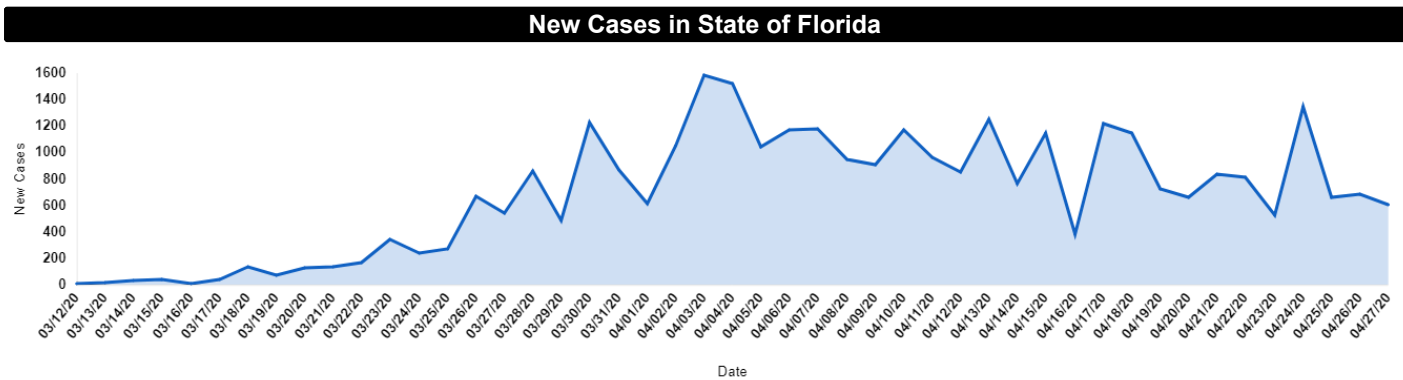
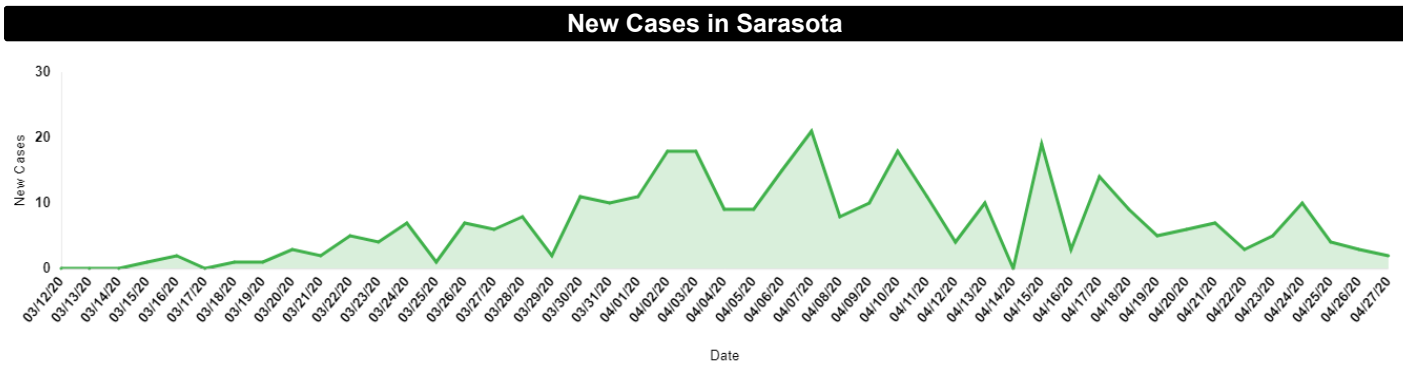
Reminder for all departments to send any communications through communications@scgov.net.

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

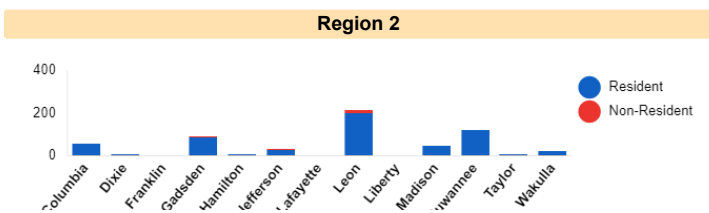
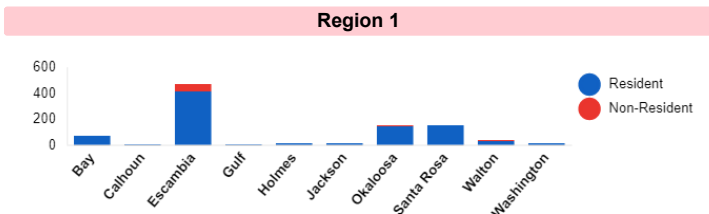
All personnel should ensure staff is situationally aware of the spread of COVID-19 and personal protective measures to reduce or prevent influenza like illnesses. Any information regarding employee communications and messaging coordinate with Sarasota County Human Resources Department. All department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

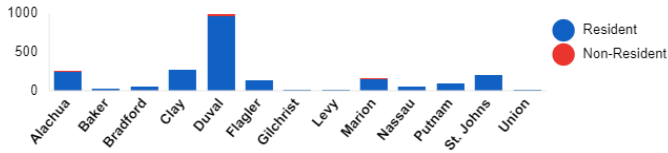


Total Florida Cases by Region

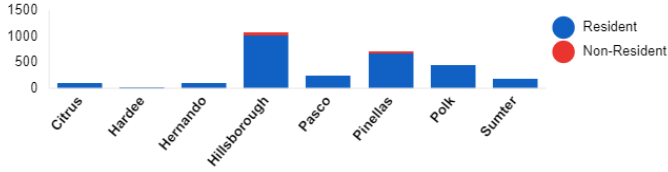


Florida Cases by Census				
County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Dade	0.42585%	11570	11440	130
Suwannee	0.26566%	118	118	0
Broward	0.24550%	4794	4670	124
Madison	0.23793%	44	42	2
Jefferson	0.19655%	28	26	2
Gadsden	0.19054%	87	86	1
Palm Beach	0.18460%	2763	2705	58
Hendry	0.16182%	68	68	0
Bradford	0.15602%	44	44	0
Escambia	0.14765%	470	410	60
Collier	0.14601%	562	495	67
Manatee	0.13218%	533	531	2
Sumter	0.13064%	173	173	0
Lee	0.12601%	971	935	36
Osceola	0.12508%	470	453	17

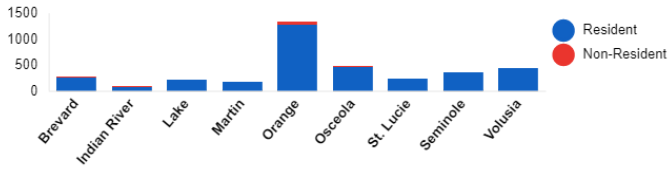
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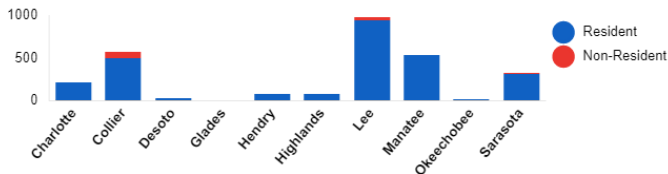
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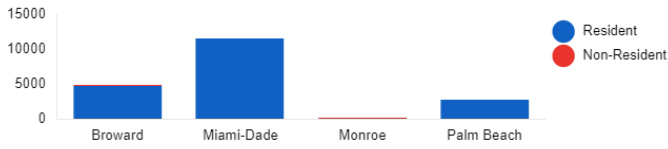
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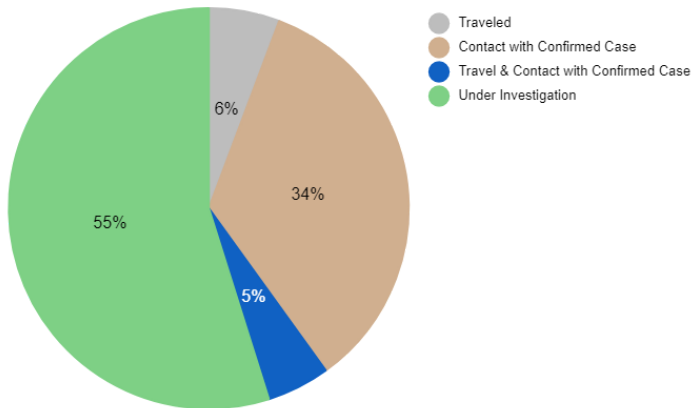


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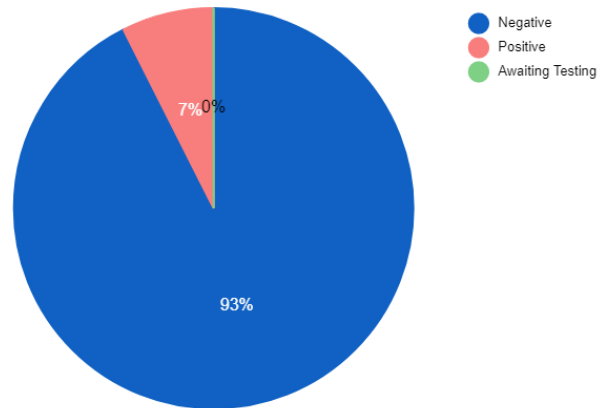


Clay	0.12360%	271	269	2
Putnam	0.11675%	87	87	0
Martin	0.11366%	183	174	9
Charlotte	0.11169%	211	210	1
Flagler	0.11036%	127	123	4
Monroe	0.10643%	79	71	8
Duval	0.10337%	990	965	25
Orange	0.09609%	1339	1276	63
Alachua	0.09441%	254	243	11
Santa Rosa	0.08138%	150	149	1
Volusia	0.07953%	440	430	10
Seminole	0.07778%	367	361	6
St. Johns	0.07708%	204	196	8
Highlands	0.07531%	80	79	1
Sarasota	0.07447%	323	307	16
Columbia	0.07393%	53	52	1
Leon	0.07221%	212	199	13
Hillsborough	0.07215%	1062	1015	47
St. Lucie	0.07189%	236	230	6
Pinellas	0.07159%	698	657	41
Okaloosa	0.07070%	149	142	7
Baker	0.06847%	20	20	0
Desoto	0.06579%	25	25	0
Wakulla	0.06521%	22	21	1
Citrus	0.06481%	97	97	0
Polk	0.06085%	441	435	6
Lake	0.06074%	223	211	12
Nassau	0.05980%	53	51	2
Indian River	0.05628%	90	81	9
Hardee	0.04826%	13	11	2
Walton	0.04725%	35	27	8
Washington	0.04711%	12	12	0
Hernando	0.04590%	89	83	6
Holmes	0.04588%	9	9	0
Brevard	0.04419%	266	258	8
Glades	0.04344%	6	6	0
Pasco	0.04278%	237	230	7
Calhoun	0.04254%	6	6	0
Hamilton	0.04159%	6	6	0
Marion	0.04130%	151	148	3
Bay	0.03892%	68	67	1
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
Okeechobee	0.02371%	10	9	1
Gilchrist	0.02153%	4	4	0
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



1700 Traveled	10179 Contact w. Confirmed	1511 Travel and Contact w. Confirmed	16273 Under Investigation	1 Awaiting Testing	4022 Negative	323 Positive
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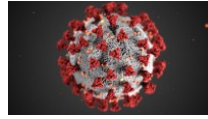
Faith Based	Travel	Higher Education	Healthcare	Homeless Shelters	First Responder
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Schools	Businesses	Mass Gatherings	Retirement Communities	Correctional Facilities
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Emergency Declaration	Emergency Order	Public Health Emergency Declaration	Executive Order
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