



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #68

Updates listed in blue.



May 4, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 385 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 368 Sarasota County residents and 17 non-Florida residents. There have been 47 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 102, with 156 men and 212 women testing positive. There have been 5,166 people tested for COVID-19 with a 7.5 percent positive return rate.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 49% 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 36,897 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

A State COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site opened for Sarasota and Manatee Counties at the Mall at University Town Center for anyone 18 years or older regardless of symptoms, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

DOH Sarasota has scheduled three drive-through testing sites beginning tomorrow:

North Sarasota: Tuesday, May 5, 8 a.m. to Noon – RL Taylor Community Center, 1845 34th Street, Sarasota

South County: Wednesday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Heron Creek Middle School, 6501 W. Price Blvd, North Port

Mid-County: Thursday, May 7, 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 at one of the DOH Sarasota locations.

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.

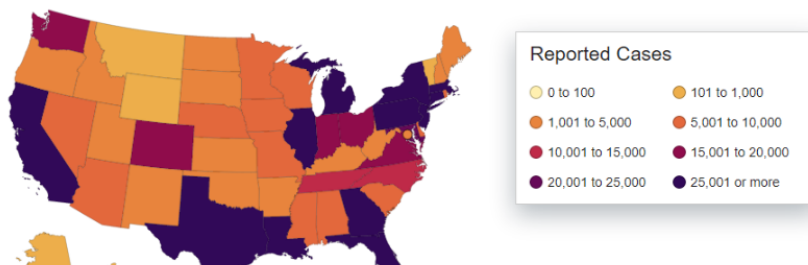
The Florida Department of Health reminds everyone that the elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

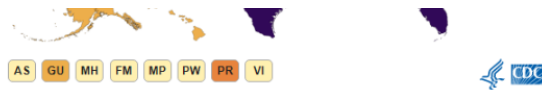
If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

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.

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

20 states report more than 10,000 cases of COVID-19.

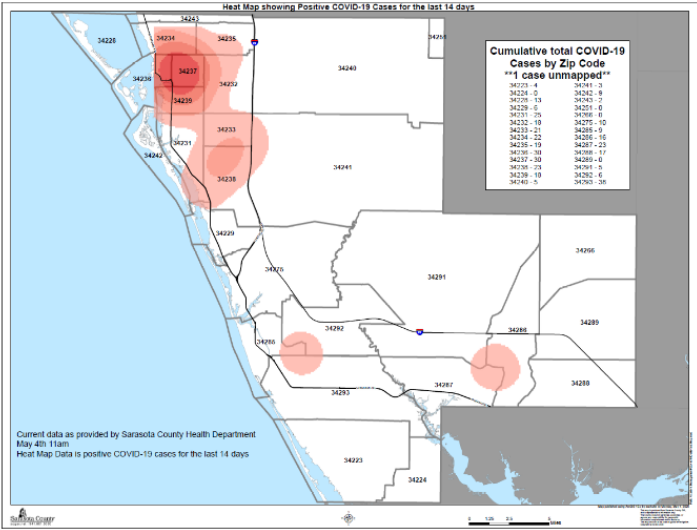




Current data as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
As of May 3rd, 2020

Coronavirus Density Map

Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:
Sarasota County Health Department
May 4th, 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

Parking reopened at county-owned beaches, effective May 4. Chairs, coolers and canopies are also allowed, but social distancing guidelines are still in effect.
Libraries began their curbside service for returning and picking up reserved materials, effective May 4. This service is by appointment.
State-sponsored mobile testing site went live on May 3rd, located east of the UTC mall. Communications staff providing media escort support of the site on May 5th.

Updated EOC staffing and operational period to be Monday through Friday beginning 5/4.

The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through May 7, 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.

Pickleball and tennis courts have reopened effective May 2.

Curbside permitting services are now offered at both 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota and 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.

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

Sarasota County canceled all events, reservations and registrations at county facilities through May 17.

Utilities fees and service shutoffs are suspended through May 31.

Receiving and distribution of state supplies is ongoing.

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.

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

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

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| 35969 Florida Resident Cases | Declared Local State of Emergency | Declared State of Emergency | Declared Federal Emergency | Level 1 State EOC Activation | 1159245 USA Cases |
| 928 Non-Florida Resident Cases | 03/16 - 05/29 Schools Closed | 18573 Currently Monitored | 8552 Text Alert Opt-ins | 880 Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F | 3529408 Global Cases |
| 1399 Florida Deaths | 142 Parks Open | 11 Libraries Closed | 05/07/20 LSE Expiration | 12 seconds Contact Center Wait Time | 444825 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.

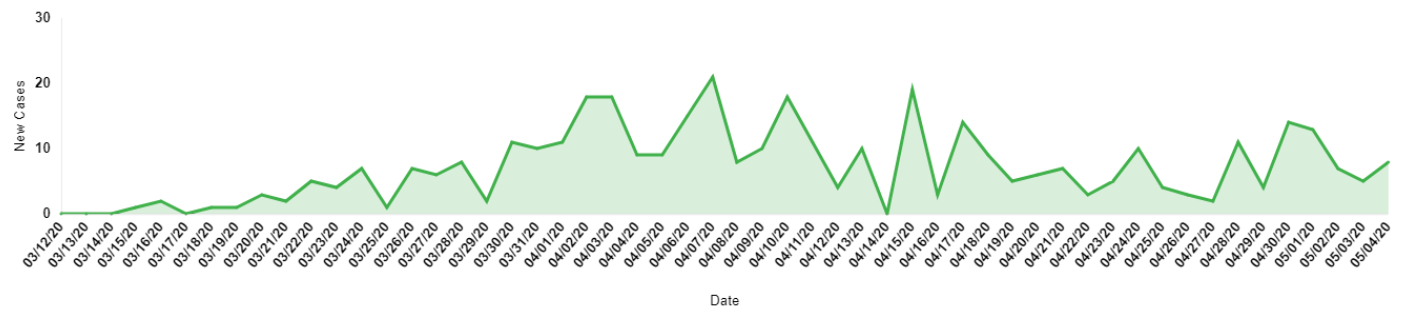
All Agencies and Partners

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

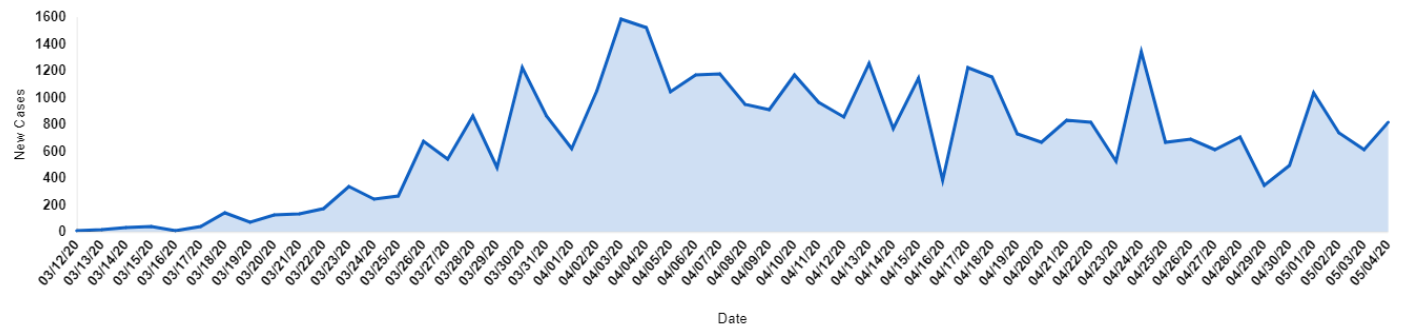
Healthcare providers and other personnel that do not receive e-mail communications are informed of daily updates and are provided the Florida Department of Health and CDC information links to ensure proper protective measures are taken.

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

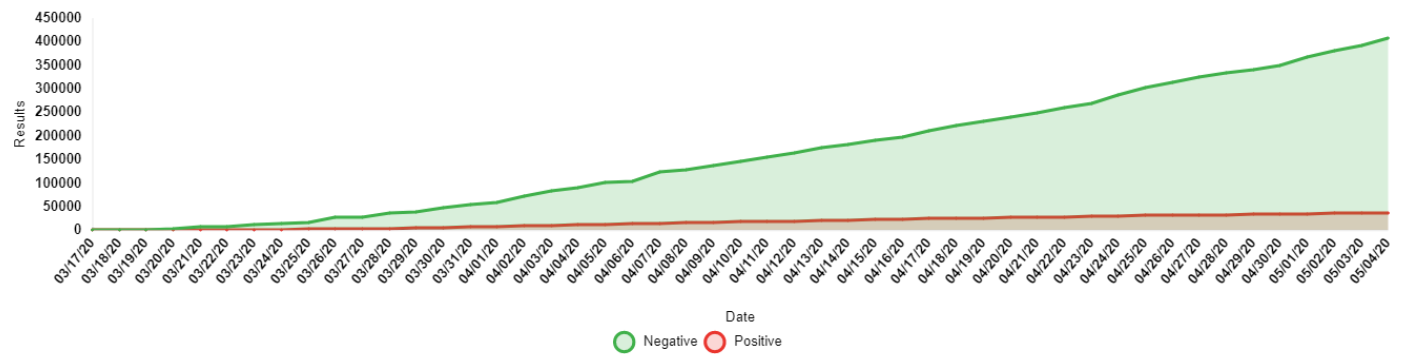
New Cases in Sarasota



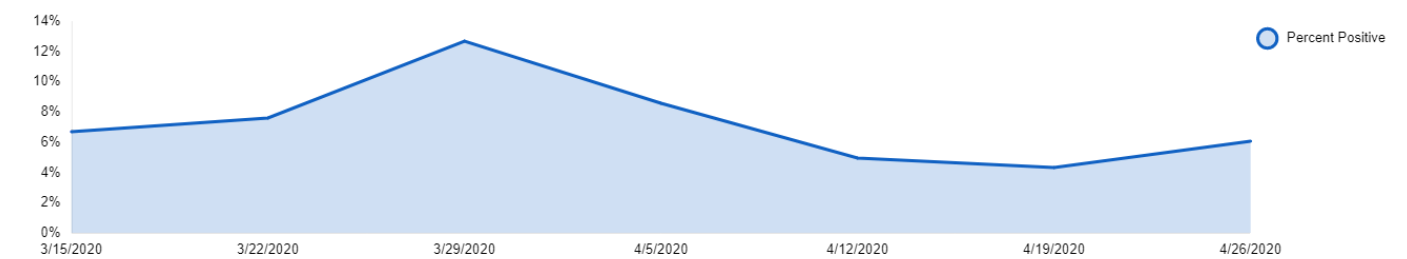
New Cases in State of Florida



Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



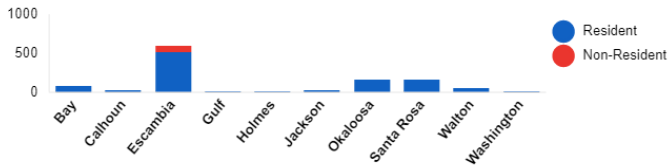
Positivity Rate - Sarasota County



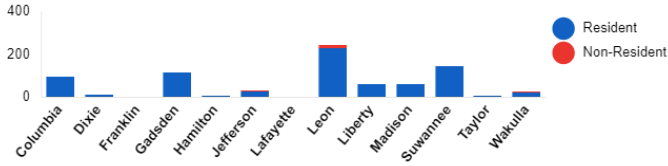
Total Florida Cases by Region

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| 67 Total Counties | 385 Sarasota County | 35969 Florida Residents | 928 Non-Resident | 36897 Total |
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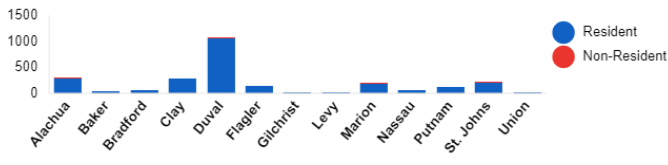
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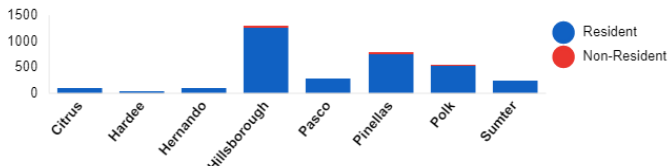
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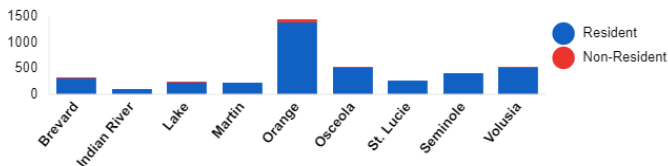
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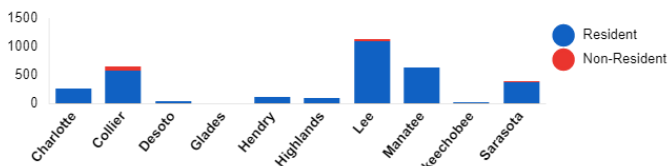
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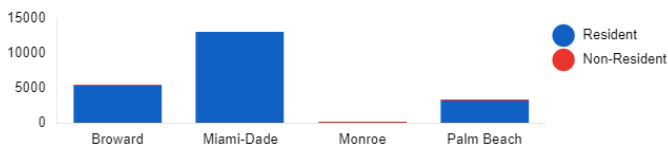
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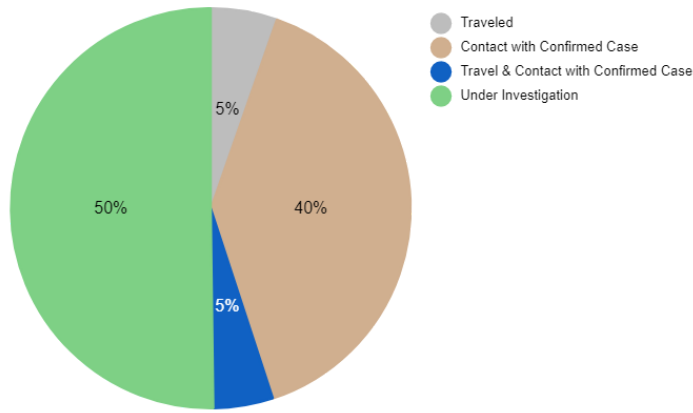
Region 7



Florida Cases by Census

| County | % of cases by Census | Total | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| Liberty | 0.71822% | 60 | 60 | 0 |
| Dade | 0.48187% | 13092 | 12956 | 136 |
| Madison | 0.32985% | 61 | 57 | 4 |
| Suwannee | 0.31745% | 141 | 141 | 0 |
| Broward | 0.27566% | 5383 | 5249 | 134 |
| Hendry | 0.26415% | 111 | 111 | 0 |
| Gadsden | 0.24748% | 113 | 112 | 1 |
| Palm Beach | 0.22121% | 3311 | 3250 | 61 |
| Jefferson | 0.19655% | 28 | 26 | 2 |
| Escambia | 0.18692% | 595 | 515 | 80 |
| Sumter | 0.17596% | 233 | 232 | 1 |
| Bradford | 0.17021% | 48 | 48 | 0 |
| Collier | 0.16965% | 653 | 583 | 70 |
| Putnam | 0.16237% | 121 | 121 | 0 |
| Manatee | 0.15772% | 636 | 632 | 4 |
| Lee | 0.14768% | 1138 | 1097 | 41 |
| Osceola | 0.13732% | 516 | 506 | 10 |
| Charlotte | 0.13604% | 257 | 256 | 1 |
| Columbia | 0.13392% | 96 | 95 | 1 |
| Martin | 0.13354% | 215 | 205 | 10 |
| Clay | 0.12999% | 285 | 283 | 2 |
| Hardee | 0.12251% | 33 | 31 | 2 |
| Flagler | 0.12165% | 140 | 136 | 4 |
| Duval | 0.11193% | 1072 | 1045 | 27 |
| Monroe | 0.10778% | 80 | 72 | 8 |
| Alachua | 0.10742% | 289 | 278 | 11 |
| Calhoun | 0.10635% | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Orange | 0.10320% | 1438 | 1372 | 66 |
| Desoto | 0.10263% | 39 | 39 | 0 |
| Volusia | 0.09290% | 514 | 503 | 11 |
| Sarasota | 0.08876% | 385 | 368 | 17 |
| Hillsborough | 0.08832% | 1300 | 1250 | 50 |
| Santa Rosa | 0.08572% | 158 | 157 | 1 |
| Seminole | 0.08393% | 396 | 390 | 6 |
| Leon | 0.08277% | 243 | 229 | 14 |
| Highlands | 0.08190% | 87 | 86 | 1 |
| Pinellas | 0.08041% | 784 | 743 | 41 |
| St. Johns | 0.07972% | 211 | 202 | 9 |
| St. Lucie | 0.07920% | 260 | 252 | 8 |
| Okaloosa | 0.07592% | 160 | 153 | 7 |
| Baker | 0.07532% | 22 | 22 | 0 |
| Polk | 0.07395% | 536 | 529 | 7 |
| Wakulla | 0.07113% | 24 | 22 | 2 |
| Walton | 0.06750% | 50 | 41 | 9 |
| Nassau | 0.06657% | 59 | 57 | 2 |
| Citrus | 0.06615% | 99 | 99 | 0 |
| Lake | 0.06401% | 235 | 223 | 12 |
| Indian River | 0.06128% | 98 | 87 | 11 |
| Dixie | 0.05943% | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Brevard | 0.05150% | 310 | 301 | 9 |
| Holmes | 0.05098% | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Pasco | 0.05091% | 282 | 273 | 9 |
| Marion | 0.05033% | 184 | 181 | 3 |
| Hernando | 0.04950% | 96 | 90 | 6 |
| Hamilton | 0.04852% | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Levy | 0.04819% | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Washington | 0.04711% | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Bay | 0.04350% | 76 | 75 | 1 |
| Glades | 0.04344% | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Okeechobee | 0.04269% | 18 | 17 | 1 |
| Union | 0.03281% | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Jackson | 0.03232% | 15 | 14 | 1 |
| Gilchrist | 0.03229% | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Lafayette | 0.02375% | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Franklin | 0.01649% | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Taylor | 0.01391% | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Gulf | 0.00733% | 1 | 1 | 0 |

COVID-19 Case Overview in State of Florida



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Traveled

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Contact w. Confirmed

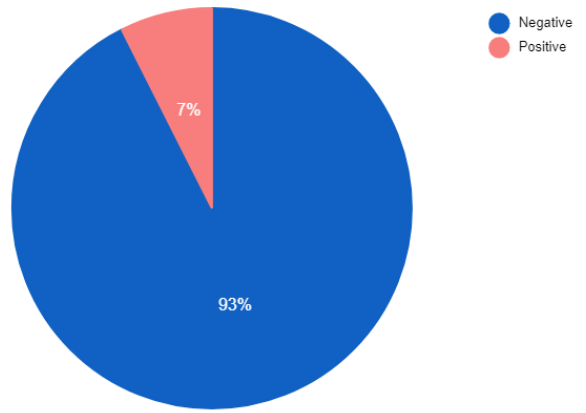
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Travel and Contact w. Confirmed

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Under Investigation

Number of People Tested in Sarasota County



4778

Negative

385

Positive

First Responder



Faith Based



Travel



Higher Education



Healthcare



Homeless Shelters



Correctional Facilities



Schools



Businesses



Mass Gatherings



Retirement Communities



Executive Order



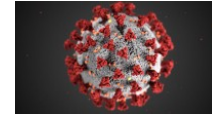
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Public Health Emergency Declaration



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