



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #75

Updates listed in blue.



May 13, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 440 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 424 Sarasota County residents and 16 non-Florida residents. There have been 57 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 102, with 174 men and 250 women testing positive. There have been 7,638 people tested for COVID-19 with a 5.8 percent positive return rate.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 59% of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied and 69% of all available beds occupied.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 42,404 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota tested 89 people this morning at Heron Creek Middle School in North Port. DOH Sarasota is scheduled to host additional COVID-19 drive-thru test sites tomorrow and Friday at the following locations:

Mid-County: Thursday, May 14, 8 a.m. to Noon – Laurel Civic Association, 509 Collins Road, Laurel

North County: Friday, May 15, 8 a.m. to noon - Bethlehem Bible Church located at 1680 18th Street, Sarasota

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. All patients must have an appointment to be tested.

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.

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 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.

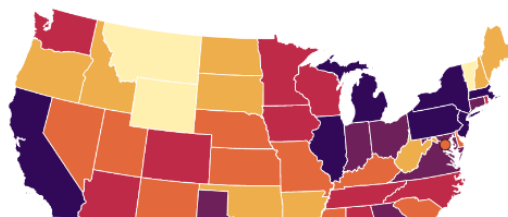
DOH continues to visit all licensed long term care facilities in Sarasota County to ensure proper COVID-19 infection control guidelines as established by the CDC are being used to prevent the spread of the virus.

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.

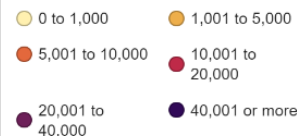
If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

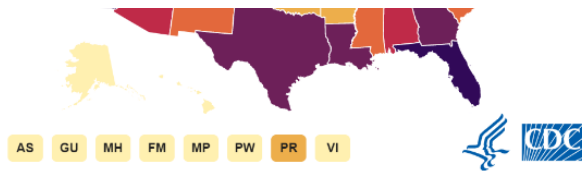
Stay home except to get medical care: You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

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



Reported Cases





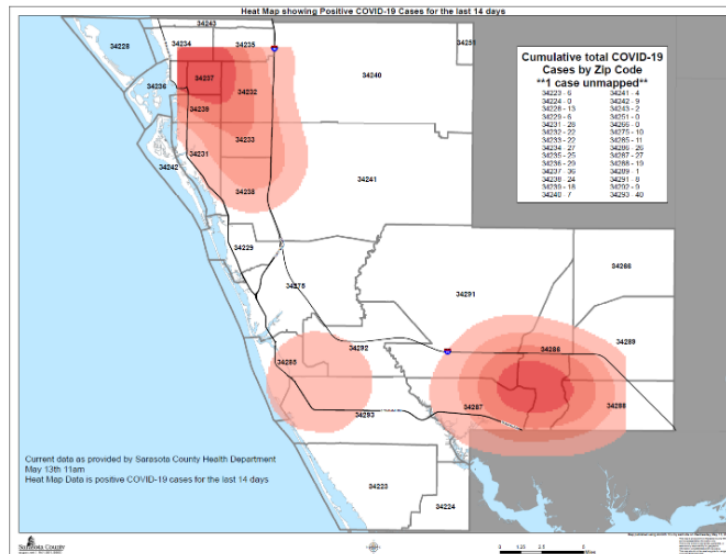
Current data as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

As of May 12th, 2020

Coronavirus Density Map

Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:

Sarasota County Health Department

May 13th, 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

Cruise Ship Travel

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.

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

- Canceled special events, programs, and reservations at county facilities through May 31.
- Chemical Collection Centers will be reopening for disposal by appointment only on Monday, May 18. The Re-Uz-It Shop will remain closed through the end of May.
- Continued PIO support at State Testing site.
- County owned dog parks have reopened effective May 11.
- Effective May 18 Turtle Beach Campground will reopen at 50% occupancy.
- Siesta Beach concessions have resumed operations effective May 7.
- Commercial Recreational Tour Operators will begin to offer rentals only at county kayak launches.
- On May 6, the Board approved a resolution regarding Restaurants and Retail streamlining permitting and fee waiver.
- Effective May 6, Rothenbach Park and Pinelands Reserve/Landfill has reopened for Radio Control Flyers (members only).
- 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.
- The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through May 15, 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.
- Utilities fees and service shutoffs are suspended through May 31.
- 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.
- 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

40804 Florida Resident Cases	Declared Local State of Emergency	Declared State of Emergency	Declared Federal Emergency	Level 1 State EOC Activation	1375949 USA Cases
1166 Non-Florida Resident Cases	03/16 - 05/29 Schools Closed	19761 Currently Monitored	8700 Text Alert Opt-ins	832 Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F	4308055 Global Cases
1827 Florida Deaths	144 Parks Open	11 Libraries Closed	05/15/20 LSE Expiration	12 seconds Contact Center Wait Time	638564 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

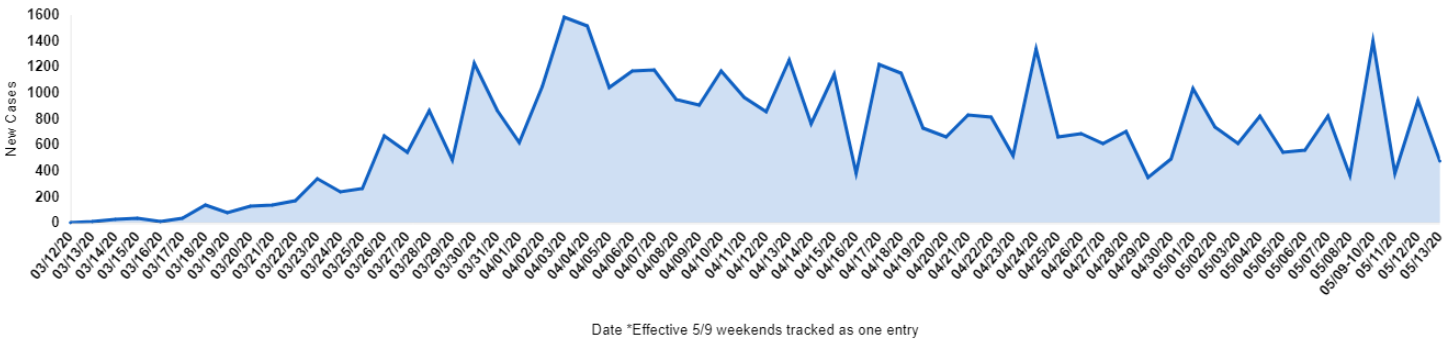
Please ensure that all field personnel that do not receive e-mail communications are informed of daily updates and are provided the Florida Department of Health and CDC information links to ensure proper protective measures are taken.

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

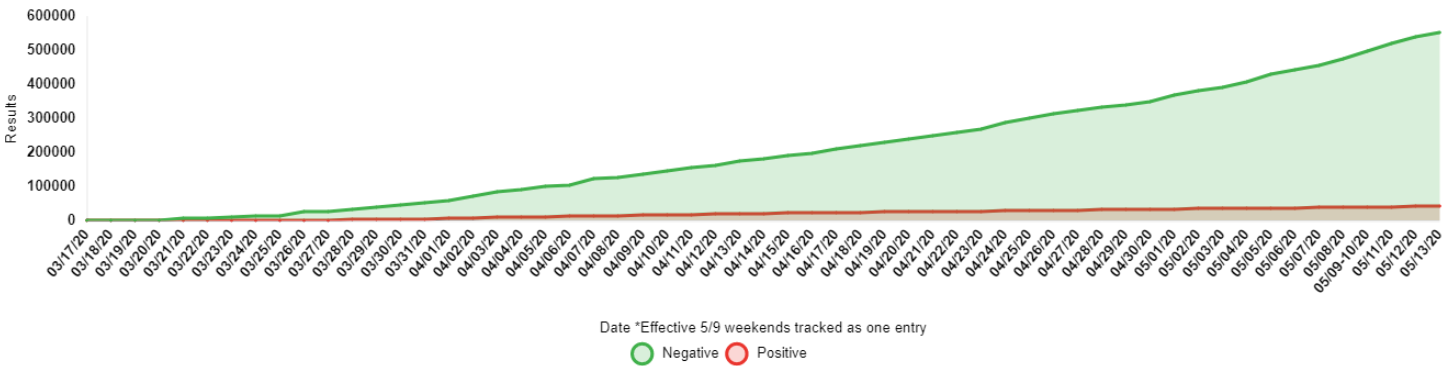
New Cases in Sarasota



New Cases in State of Florida

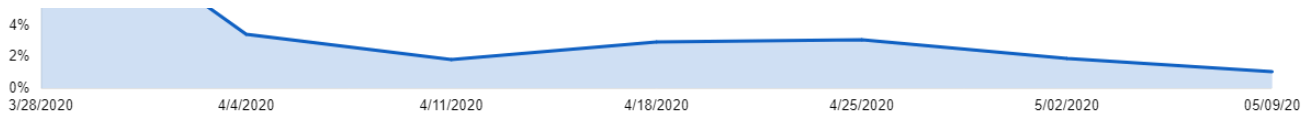


Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



Positivity Rate - Sarasota County





Total Florida Cases by Region

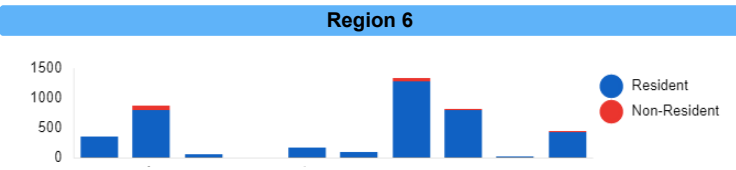
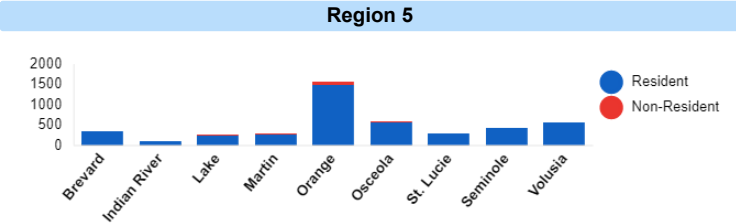
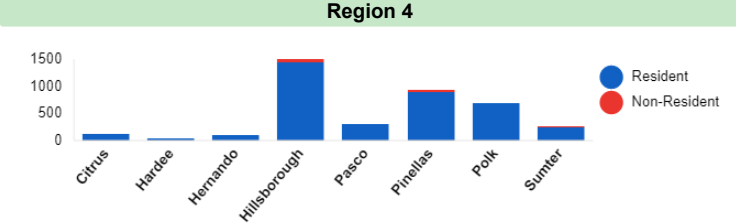
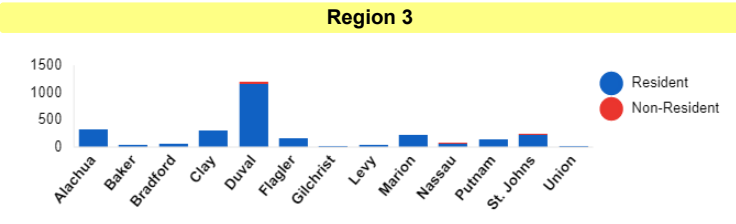
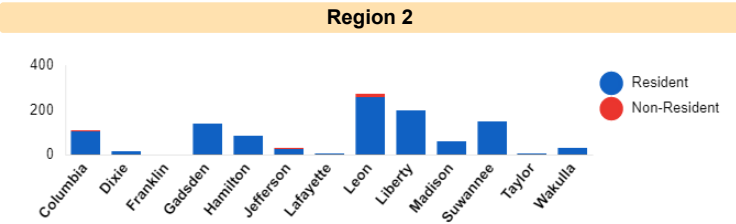
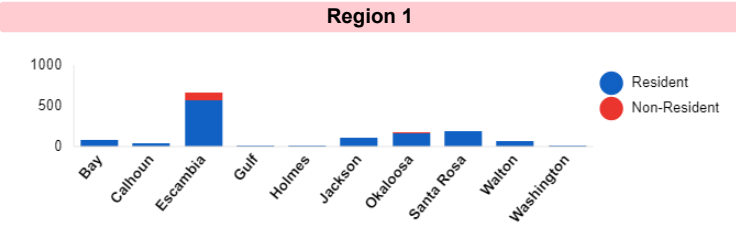
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Total Counties

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Sarasota County

40804
Florida Residents

1166
Non-Resident

42402
Total

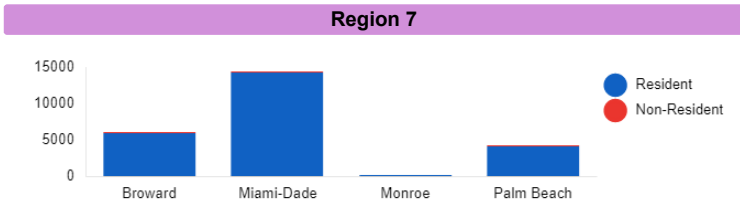


Florida Cases by Census

County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Liberty	2.37012%	198	198	0
Hamilton	0.59606%	86	85	1
Dade	0.53251%	14468	14298	170
Hendry	0.39265%	165	165	0
Suwannee	0.33546%	149	149	0
Madison	0.32985%	61	57	4
Broward	0.30715%	5998	5851	147
Gadsden	0.30442%	139	138	1
Palm Beach	0.27900%	4176	4098	78
Jackson	0.22838%	106	100	6
Collier	0.22447%	864	793	71
Calhoun	0.21978%	31	31	0
Escambia	0.20891%	665	567	98
Manatee	0.19987%	806	802	4
Jefferson	0.19655%	28	26	2
Charlotte	0.18527%	350	349	1
Sumter	0.18502%	245	242	3
Lee	0.17286%	1332	1286	46
Martin	0.17081%	275	265	10
Putnam	0.17042%	127	127	0
Bradford	0.17021%	48	48	0
Osceola	0.15595%	586	549	37
Columbia	0.14926%	107	106	1
Clay	0.13820%	303	301	2
Hardee	0.13736%	37	35	2
Desoto	0.13684%	52	52	0
Monroe	0.12933%	96	88	8
Flagler	0.12861%	148	144	4
Duval	0.12519%	1199	1159	40
Alachua	0.12117%	326	311	15
Orange	0.11145%	1553	1484	69
Volusia	0.10230%	566	554	12
Hillsborough	0.10150%	1494	1441	53
Sarasota	0.10144%	440	424	16
Santa Rosa	0.09712%	179	177	2
Polk	0.09479%	687	677	10
Pinellas	0.09467%	923	880	43
Highlands	0.09414%	100	99	1
Leon	0.09231%	271	256	15
Wakulla	0.09188%	31	29	2
Walton	0.09180%	68	55	13
St. Lucie	0.09108%	299	290	9
Seminole	0.08944%	422	416	6
Dixie	0.08915%	15	15	0
Baker	0.08901%	26	26	0
St. Johns	0.08652%	229	219	10
Okaloosa	0.08067%	170	163	7
Citrus	0.07283%	109	109	0
Nassau	0.06996%	62	60	2
Lake	0.06728%	247	235	12
Union	0.06563%	10	10	0
Indian River	0.06378%	102	91	11
Lafayette	0.05937%	5	5	0
Marion	0.05936%	217	212	5
Okeechobee	0.05929%	25	24	1

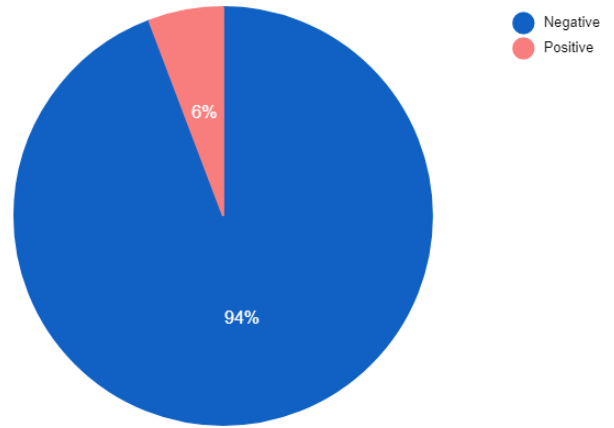
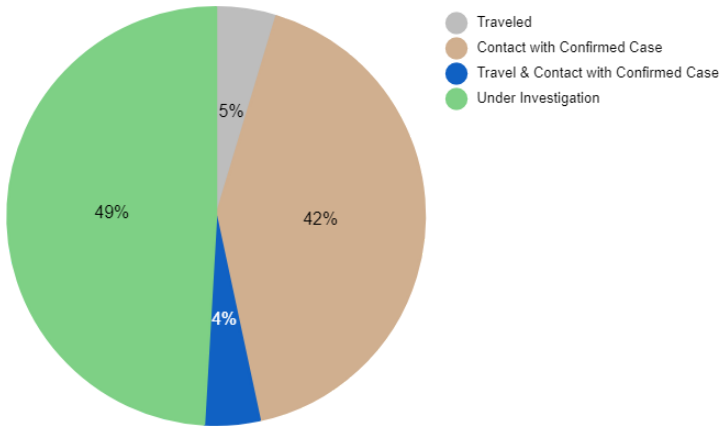
Charlotte Collier Desoto Glades Hendry Highlands Lee Manatee Okaloosa Sarasota

Glades	0.05792%	8	8	0
Brevard	0.05715%	344	333	11
Pasco	0.05524%	306	296	10
Levy	0.05301%	22	22	0
Hernando	0.05208%	101	95	6
Holmes	0.05098%	10	10	0
Washington	0.04711%	12	12	0
Bay	0.04407%	77	76	1
Gilchrist	0.03767%	7	7	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

Number of People Tested in Sarasota County



First Responder

Faith Based

Travel

Higher Education

Healthcare

Homeless Shelters

Correctional Facilities

Schools

Businesses

Mass Gatherings

Retirement Communities

Executive Order

Emergency Declaration

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Public Health Emergency Declaration



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