



# Sarasota County Emergency Management

## Flash Report #78

Updates listed in blue.



May 18, 2020

**Activation Level 2: Partial**

**Event Name: COVID-19**

### Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 508 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 492 Sarasota County residents and 16 non-Florida residents. There have been 58 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 104, with 201 men and 291 women testing positive. There have been 8,957 people tested for COVID-19 with a 5.8 percent positive return rate.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 47% 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 46,442 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota is scheduled to host three by appointment only COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites in Sarasota County this week at the following locations:

North Port: Wednesday, May 20, 8 a.m. to noon – Heron Creek Middle School, 6501 West Price Blvd, North Port.

Venice: Thursday, May 21, 8 a.m. to noon – Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South on the island of Venice.

Englewood: Friday, May 22, 8 a.m. to Noon – Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 South River Road, Englewood.

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.

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.

A State-run, walk-up COVID-19 testing site opened yesterday at the R.L. Taylor Community Center for infants, children and adults regardless of symptoms. The site operates from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week and is the site is expected to remain open for two weeks.

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.

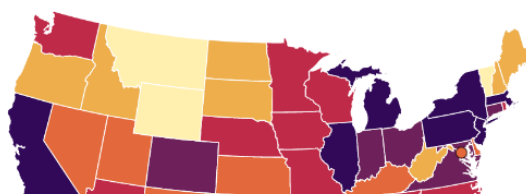
DOH continues to visit all licensed long term care facilities in Sarasota County to ensure proper COVID-19 infection control guidelines as established by the CDC are being used to prevent the spread of the virus.

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.

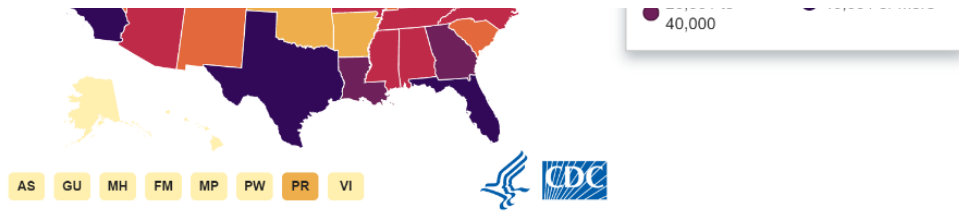
Stay home except to get medical care: You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

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



#### Reported Cases





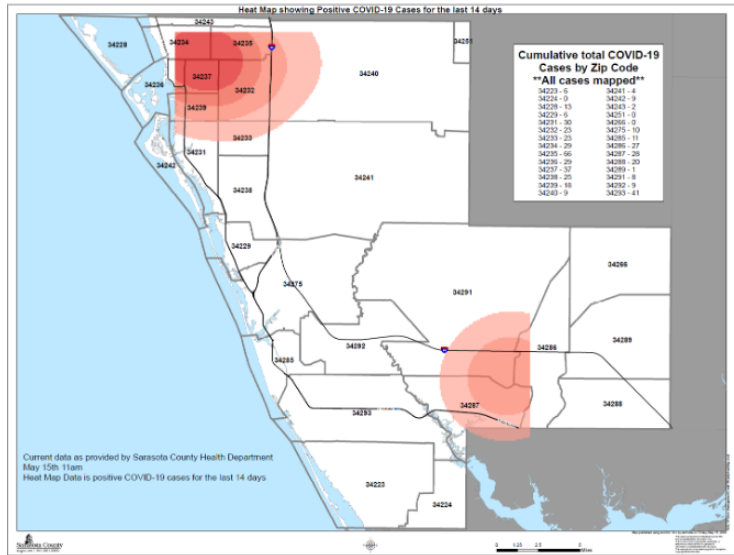
Current data as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

As of May 17th, 2020

## Coronavirus Density Map

Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:

Sarasota County Health Department

May 15th, 11 am (\* As of 3:00 p.m. May 18th the Heat Map has not been updated)

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

**As of May 18 Sarasota County EOC has received and distributed or allocated 50,000 N95 masks, 540,000 surgical masks, 20,000 face shields and 195,000 gloves.**

**Effective May 18 Turtle Beach Campground has reopened at 50% occupancy.**

**Chemical Collection Centers have reopened for disposal by appointment only effective Monday, May 18. The Re-Uz-It Shop will remain closed through the end of May.**

The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through May 22, 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.

Sarasota County issued an additional \$375,000 in Small Business Reliance Loan on May 13.

Continue to provide PIO support for State Drive-Thru Testing Site.

Canceled special events, programs, and reservations at county facilities through May 31.

County owned dog parks have reopened effective May 11.

Siesta Beach concessions have resumed operations effective May 7.

Commercial Recreational Tour Operators will begin to offer rentals only at county kayak launches.

Effective May 6, Rothenbach Park and Pinelands Reserve/Landfill has reopened for Radio Control Flyers (members only).

Libraries began their curbside service for returning and picking up reserved materials, effective May 4. This service is by appointment.

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

**45208**

Florida Resident Cases

**Declared**

Local State of Emergency

**Declared**

State of Emergency

**Declared**

Federal Emergency

**Level 1**

State EOC Activation

**1490195**

USA Cases

**1234**

Non-Florida Resident Cases

**03/16 - 05/29**

Schools Closed

**20945**

Currently Monitored

**8801**

Text Alert Opt-ins

**737**

Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F

**4748356**

Global Cases

**1997**

Florida Deaths

**147**

Parks Open

**11**

Libraries Closed

**05/22/20**

LSE Expiration

**17 seconds**

Contact Center Wait Time

**677701**

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](mailto:communications@scgov.net).

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

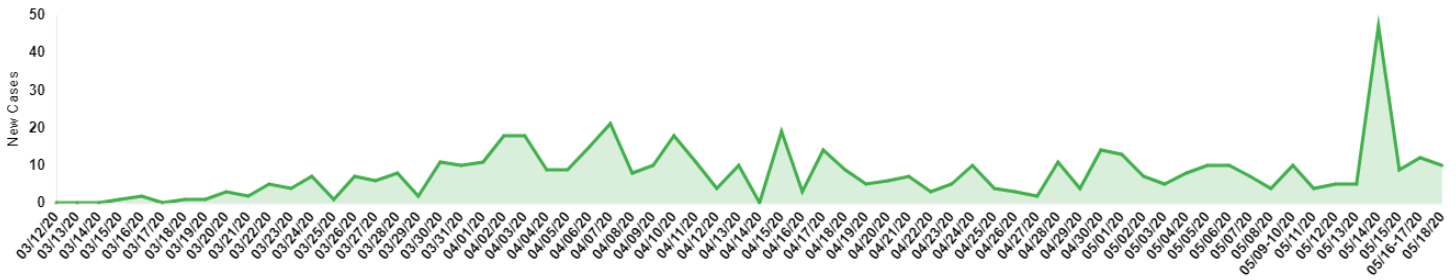
All personnel should ensure staff is situationally aware of the spread of COVID-19 and personal protective measures to reduce or prevent influenza like illnesses. Any information regarding employee communications and messaging coordinate with Sarasota County Human Resources Department. All department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

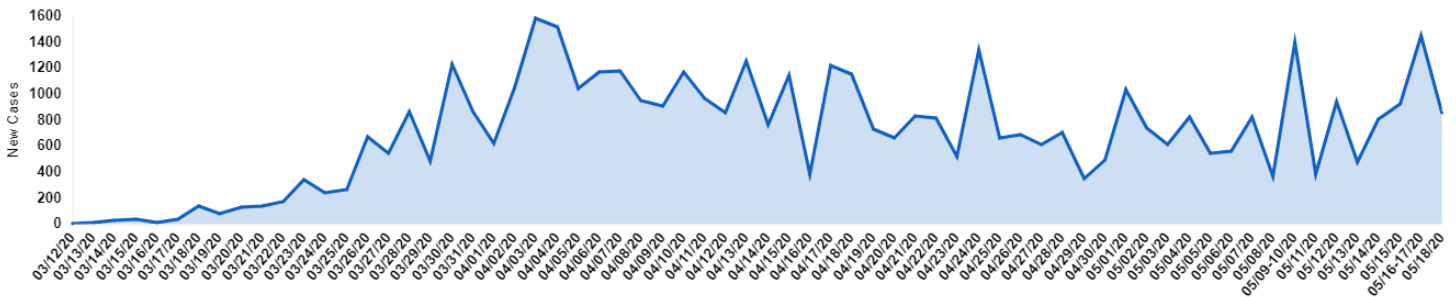
For COVID-19 text updates from Sarasota County Government, text SRQCOVID19 to 888777.

### New Cases in Sarasota



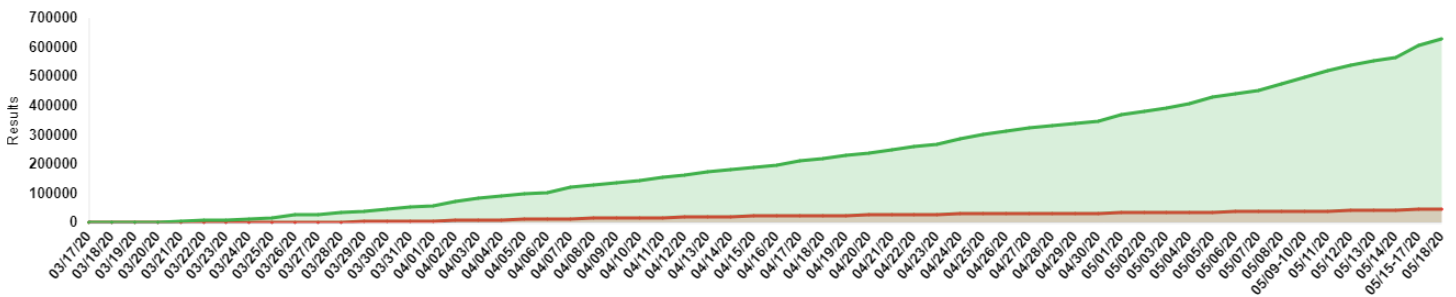
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### New Cases in State of Florida



Date \*Effective 5/9 weekends tracked as one entry

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



Date \*Effective 5/9 weekends tracked as one entry

● Negative ● Positive

### Positivity Rate - Sarasota County





## Total Florida Cases by Region

67

Total Counties

518

Sarasota County

45208

Florida Residents

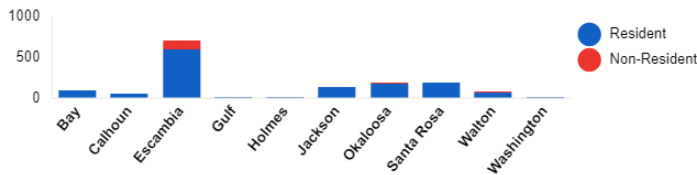
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Non-Resident

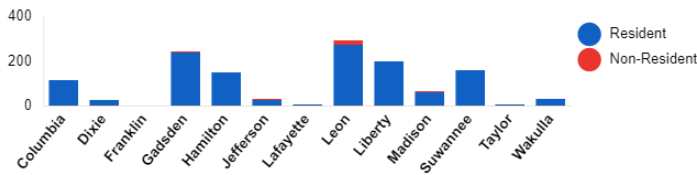
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Total

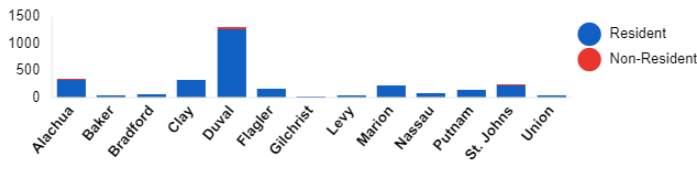
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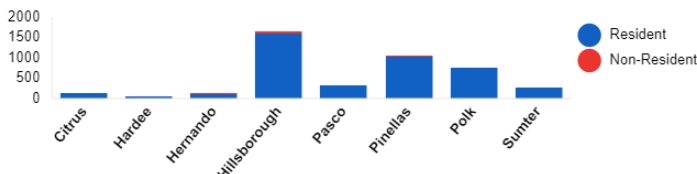
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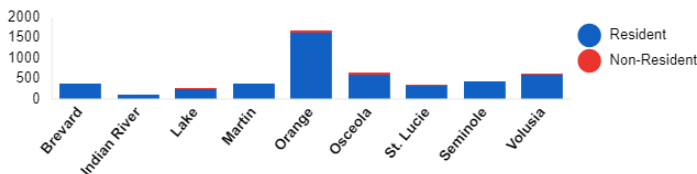
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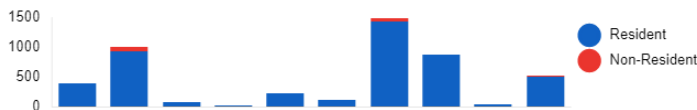
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### Region 5



### Region 6

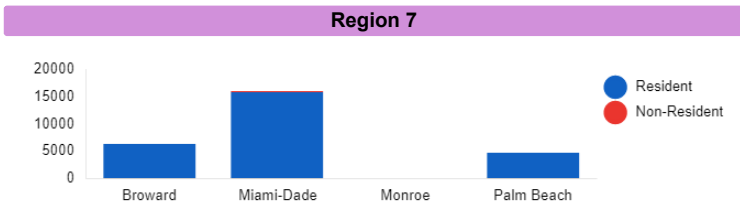


### Florida Cases by Census

County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Liberty	2.38209%	199	199	0
Hamilton	1.01885%	147	146	1
Dade	0.58389%	15864	15688	176
Hendry	0.52829%	222	222	0
Gadsden	0.52562%	240	236	4
Suwannee	0.36022%	160	156	4
Madison	0.34608%	64	60	4
Broward	0.32374%	6322	6167	155
Palm Beach	0.31120%	4658	4572	86
Calhoun	0.29068%	41	41	0
Jackson	0.28224%	131	127	4
Collier	0.26137%	1006	933	73
Martin	0.23043%	371	361	10
Escambia	0.22211%	707	591	116
Manatee	0.21500%	867	863	4
Charlotte	0.20592%	389	388	1
Jefferson	0.19655%	28	26	2
Lee	0.19219%	1481	1433	48
Sumter	0.19030%	252	249	3
Putnam	0.17982%	134	134	0
Desoto	0.17894%	68	68	0
Bradford	0.17375%	49	49	0
Osceola	0.16687%	627	584	43
Union	0.16407%	25	25	0
Columbia	0.15763%	113	112	1
Hardee	0.15592%	42	40	2
Dixie	0.14858%	25	25	0
Clay	0.14595%	320	318	2
Flagler	0.13903%	160	156	4
Duval	0.13573%	1300	1251	49
Monroe	0.13337%	99	91	8
Alachua	0.12526%	337	322	15
Orange	0.12049%	1679	1606	73
Sarasota	0.11943%	518	502	16
Hillsborough	0.11230%	1653	1598	55
Walton	0.10935%	81	68	13
Volusia	0.10935%	605	592	13
Pinellas	0.10780%	1051	1007	44
Polk	0.10293%	746	736	10
Okeechobee	0.10197%	43	42	1
St. Lucie	0.10174%	334	324	10
Santa Rosa	0.10037%	185	183	2
Leon	0.09878%	290	272	18
Highlands	0.09791%	104	103	1
Wakulla	0.09485%	32	30	2
Seminole	0.09220%	435	429	6
Baker	0.08901%	26	26	0
St. Johns	0.08766%	232	222	10
Okaloosa	0.08447%	178	171	7
Citrus	0.07484%	112	112	0
Nassau	0.07447%	66	63	3
Glades	0.07241%	10	10	0
Lafayette	0.07124%	6	6	0
Lake	0.06919%	254	242	12
Indian River	0.06628%	106	95	11
Holmes	0.06447%	42	42	0

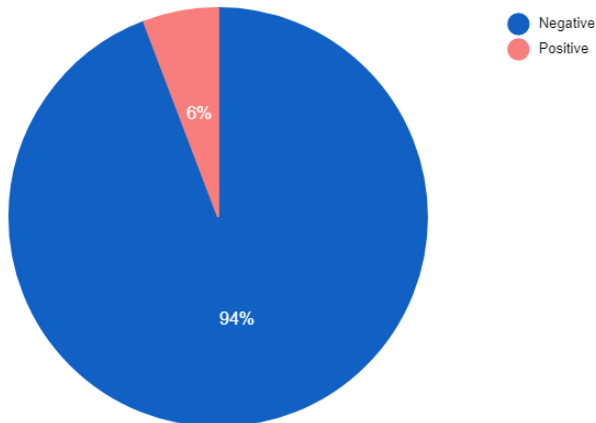
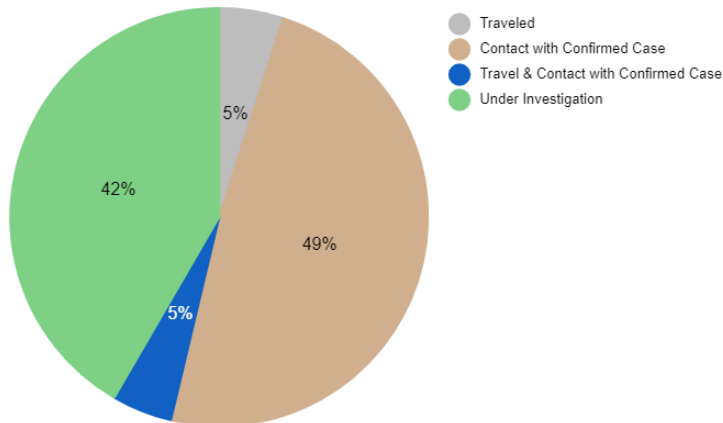
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Holmes	0.00117%	12	12	0
Marion	0.06100%	223	218	5
Brevard	0.06097%	367	356	11
Levy	0.06024%	25	25	0
Pasco	0.05759%	319	309	10
Hernando	0.05672%	110	104	6
Washington	0.05103%	13	13	0
Bay	0.04865%	85	83	2
Gilchrist	0.03767%	7	7	0
Taylor	0.02318%	5	5	0
Franklin	0.01649%	2	1	1
Gulf	0.00733%	1	1	0



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

### Number of People Tested in Sarasota County



**2006** Traveled  
**19646** Contact w. Confirmed  
**1875** Travel and Contact w. Confirmed  
**16779** Under Investigation  
**8435** Negative  
**518** Positive

**First Responder**

**Faith Based**

**Travel**

**Higher Education**

**Healthcare**

**Homeless Shelters**

**Correctional Facilities**

**Schools**

**Businesses**

**Mass Gatherings**

**Retirement Communities**

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