



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #81

Updates listed in blue.



May 21, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 550 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 534 Sarasota County residents and 16 non-Florida residents. There have been 67 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 104, with 219 men and 315 women testing positive. There have been 11,157 people tested for COVID-19 with a 4.9 percent positive return rate.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 51% of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied and 66% of all available beds occupied.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 48,675 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota conducted 102 COVID-19 tests at Venice Community Center today. DOH Sarasota will host by appointment only COVID-19 drive-thru testing at the following locations next week.

Venice: Wednesday, May 27, 8 a.m. to noon – Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South on the island of Venice.

Venice: Thursday, May 28, 8 a.m. to noon – Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue South on the island of Venice.

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 at the R.L. Taylor Community Center for anyone regardless of symptoms. The site operates from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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.

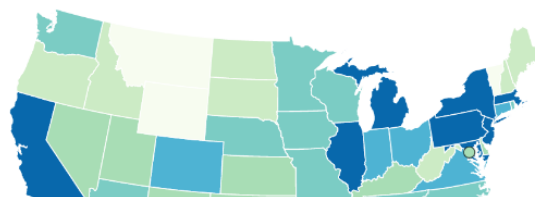
DOH continues to visit all licensed long term care facilities in Sarasota County to ensure proper COVID-19 infection control guidelines as established by the CDC are being used to prevent the spread of the virus.

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





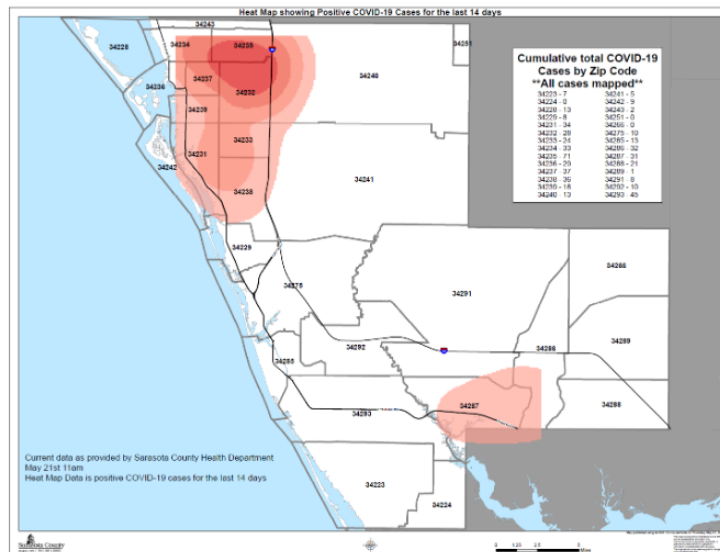
Current data as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

As of May 20th, 2020

Coronavirus Density Map

Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:

Sarasota County Health Department

May 21st, 11am

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

Effective May 20, online training for virtual meetings for county staff was launched.

Facilitated delivery of state received PPE to 8 elder care facilities on May 19.

Lido and North Lido Beaches have reopened per City of Sarasota request.

Finalized the modified groundbreaking and ribbon cutting procedures in COVID environment.

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.

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

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Florida Resident Cases

Declared

Local State of Emergency

Declared

State of Emergency

Declared

Federal Emergency

Level 1

State EOC Activation

1555537

USA Cases

1274

Non-Florida Resident Cases

03/16 - 05/29

Schools Closed

21571

Currently Monitored

8854

Text Alert Opt-ins

834

Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F

5034458

Global Cases

2096

Florida Deaths

147

Parks Open

11

Libraries Closed

05/22/20

LSE Expiration

26 seconds

Contact Center Wait Time

815250

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

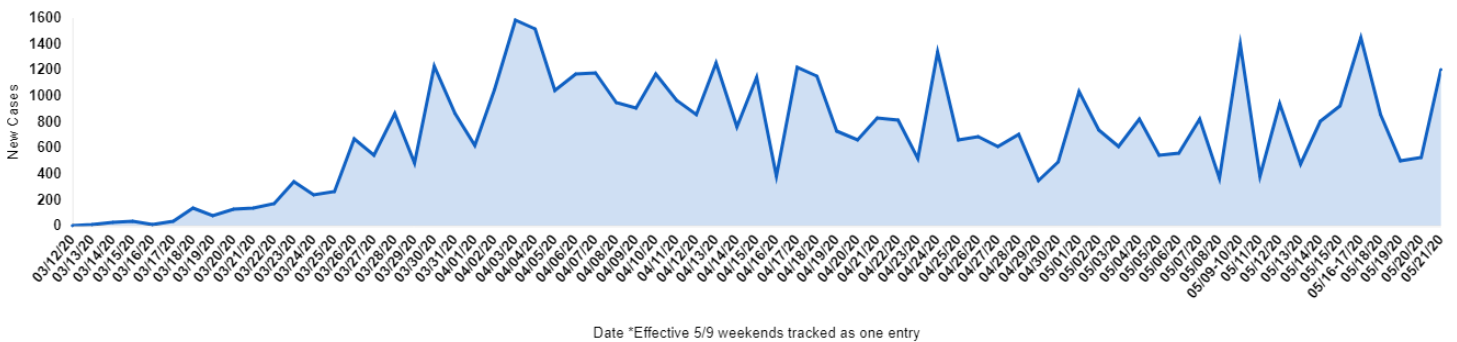
Please ensure that all field personnel that do not receive e-mail communications are informed of daily updates and are provided the Florida Department of Health and CDC information links to ensure proper protective measures are taken.

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

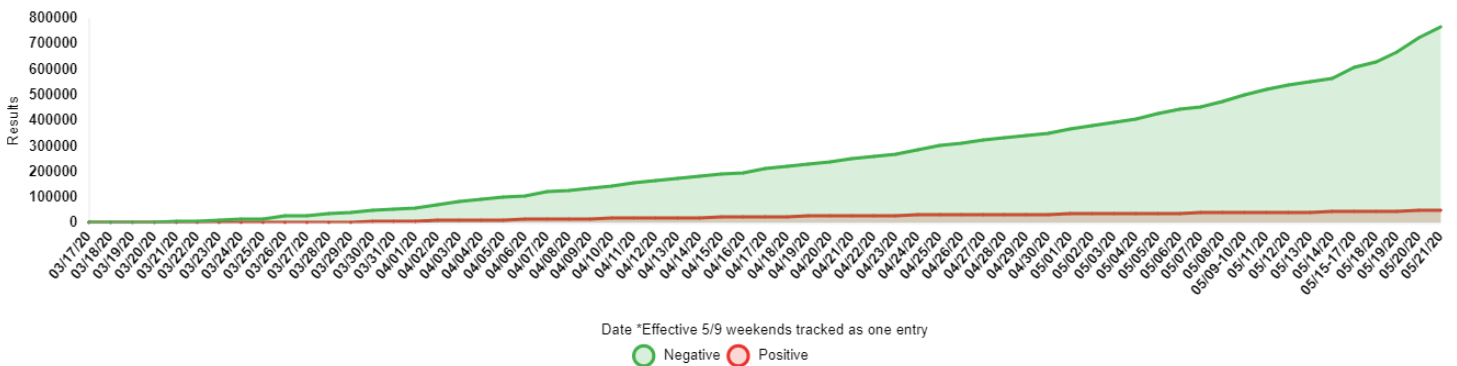
New Cases in Sarasota



New Cases in State of Florida



Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



Positivity Rate - Sarasota County





Total Florida Cases by Region

67

Total Counties

550

Sarasota County

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Florida Residents

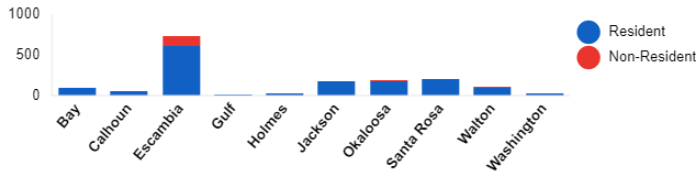
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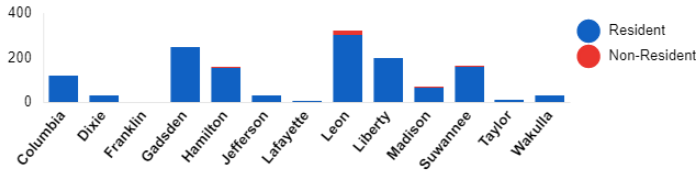
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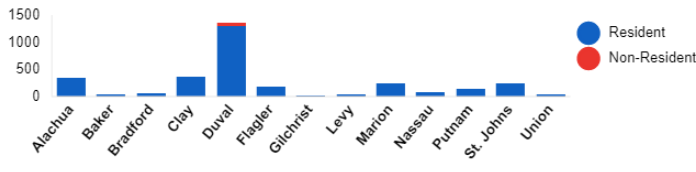
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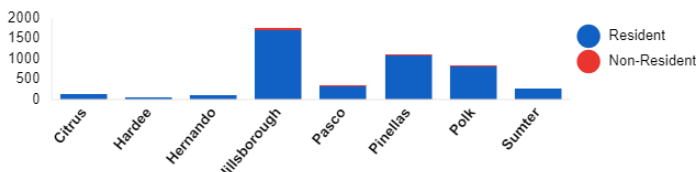
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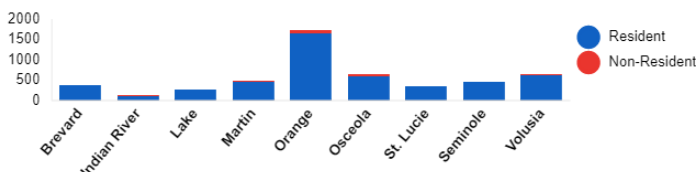
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Region 5



Region 6

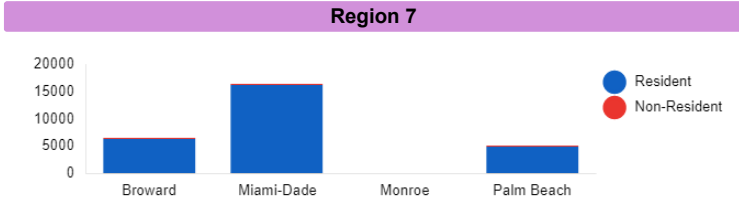


Florida Cases by Census

County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Liberty	2.38209%	199	199	0
Hamilton	1.08123%	156	155	1
Dade	0.60241%	16367	16190	177
Hendry	0.57113%	240	240	0
Gadsden	0.54534%	249	245	4
Jackson	0.37273%	173	168	5
Suwannee	0.36247%	161	157	4
Madison	0.36230%	67	63	4
Broward	0.33358%	6514	6352	162
Palm Beach	0.33191%	4968	4877	91
Martin	0.29317%	472	461	11
Calhoun	0.29068%	41	41	0
Collier	0.28890%	1112	1038	74
Desoto	0.24736%	94	94	0
Manatee	0.23137%	933	927	6
Escambia	0.23059%	734	606	128
Charlotte	0.21703%	410	409	1
Jefferson	0.21059%	30	28	2
Lee	0.20569%	1585	1531	54
Hardee	0.20047%	54	52	2
Sumter	0.19181%	254	251	3
Dixie	0.18424%	31	31	0
Union	0.18376%	28	28	0
Putnam	0.18250%	136	136	0
Bradford	0.17730%	50	50	0
Osceola	0.17033%	640	596	44
Columbia	0.16600%	119	118	1
Clay	0.16009%	351	349	2
Flagler	0.14946%	172	167	5
Duval	0.14148%	1355	1302	53
Glades	0.13757%	19	19	0
Monroe	0.13472%	100	91	9
Walton	0.13096%	97	83	14
Alachua	0.12860%	346	330	16
Sarasota	0.12680%	550	534	16
Orange	0.12387%	1726	1651	75
Okeechobee	0.12094%	51	50	1
Hillsborough	0.12004%	1767	1708	59
Volusia	0.11387%	630	616	14
Pinellas	0.11374%	1109	1065	44
Polk	0.11341%	822	812	10
Leon	0.10900%	320	299	21
Santa Rosa	0.10743%	198	195	3
St. Lucie	0.10631%	349	339	10
Highlands	0.10356%	110	109	1
Wakulla	0.09485%	32	30	2
Seminole	0.09431%	445	439	6
Baker	0.08901%	26	26	0
St. Johns	0.08879%	235	225	10
Okaloosa	0.08731%	184	176	8
Nassau	0.07786%	69	64	5
Citrus	0.07684%	115	115	0
Washington	0.07459%	19	19	0
Lake	0.07191%	264	252	12
Holmes	0.07137%	14	14	0

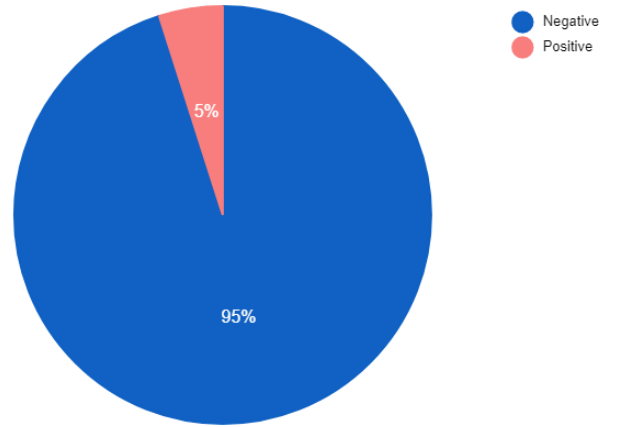
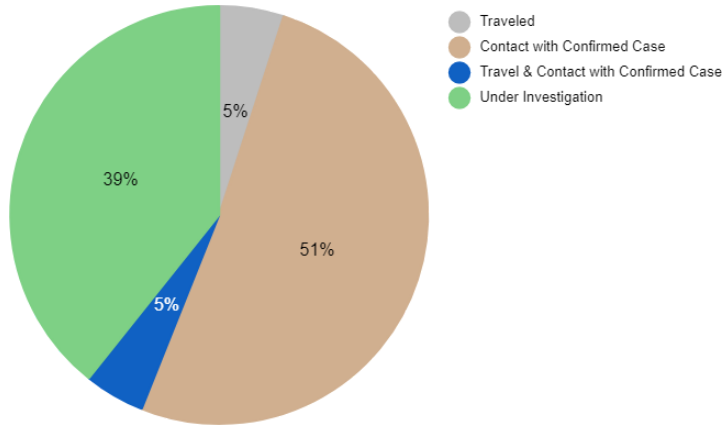
Charlotte Collier Desoto Glades Hendry Highlands Lee Manatee Oklawaha Sarasota

Larayette	0.07124%	6	6	0
Indian River	0.06878%	110	99	11
Levy	0.06506%	27	27	0
Marion	0.06373%	233	228	5
Brevard	0.06246%	376	365	11
Pasco	0.06048%	335	325	10
Hernando	0.05569%	108	104	4
Bay	0.04980%	87	85	2
Gilchrist	0.04305%	8	8	0
Taylor	0.03709%	8	8	0
Franklin	0.01649%	2	1	1
Gulf	0.00733%	1	1	0



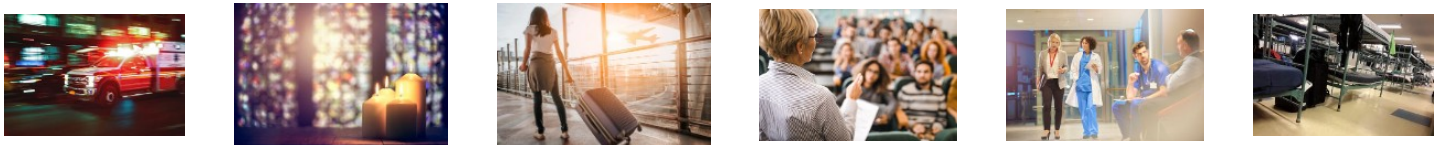
COVID-19 Case Overview in State of Florida

Number of People Tested in Sarasota County



2045 Traveled **20886** Contact w. Confirmed **1911** Travel and Contact w. Confirmed **16066** Under Investigation **10600** Negative **550** Positive

First Responder **Faith Based** **Travel** **Higher Education** **Healthcare** **Homeless Shelters**



Correctional Facilities **Schools** **Businesses** **Mass Gatherings** **Retirement Communities**



Executive Order **Emergency Declaration** **Emergency Order** **Public Health Emergency Declaration**



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