



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #82

Updates listed in blue.



EOC will not be staffed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day

May 22, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 565 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 549 Sarasota County residents and 16 non-Florida residents. There have been 70 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 104, with 225 men and 324 women testing positive. There have been 11,426 people tested for COVID-19 with a 4.9 percent positive return rate.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 46% of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied and 65% of all available beds occupied.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 49,451 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota conducted 121 COVID-19 tests at the Englewood Sports Complex 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.

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.

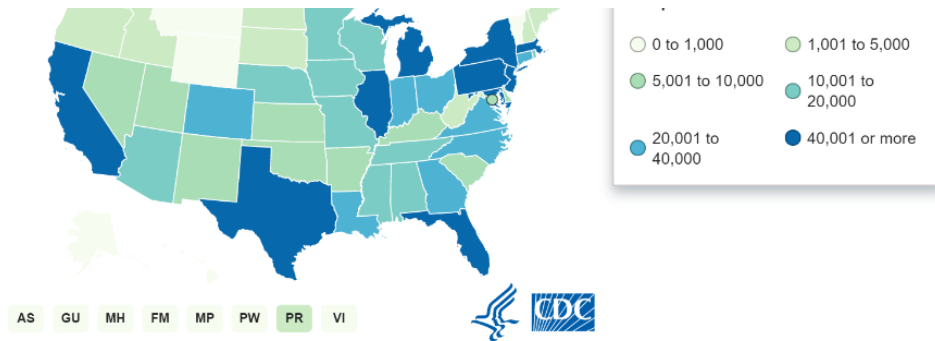
If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

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



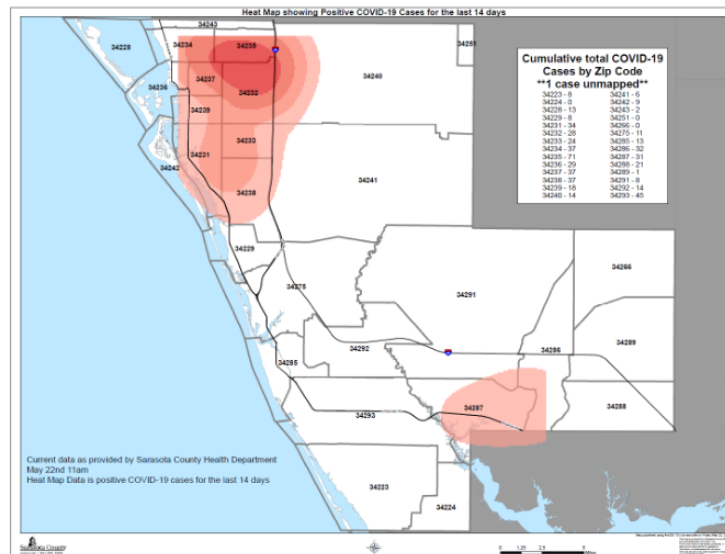
Current data as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

As of May 21st, 2020

Coronavirus Density Map

Double click map to view enlarged version.



Current data as provided by:

Sarasota County Health Department

May 22nd, 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

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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

[Governor approved the plan for legal vacation rentals reopening for Sarasota County.](#)

[Virtual Programming Website for Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources was launched.](#)

[Pop-up Testing Site at Englewood Sports Complex with 121 tests conducted.](#)

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

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

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

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.

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

48150

Florida Resident Cases

Declared

Local State of Emergency

Declared

State of Emergency

Declared

Federal Emergency

Level 1

State EOC Activation

1577758

USA Cases

1301

Non-Florida Resident Cases

03/16 - 05/29

Schools Closed

21936

Currently Monitored

8854

Text Alert Opt-ins

775

Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F

5128492

Global Cases

2190
Florida Deaths

147
Parks Open

11
Libraries Closed

05/22/20
LSE Expiration

64 seconds
Contact Center Wait Time

837151
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.

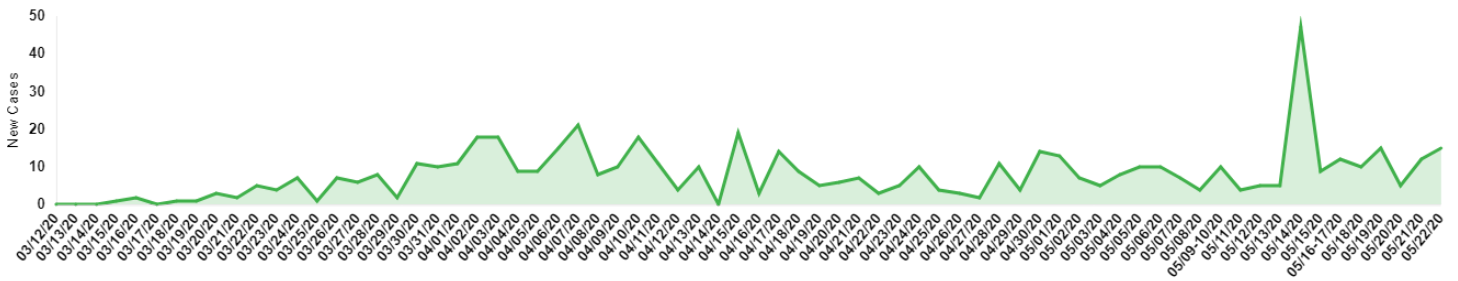
All personnel should ensure staff is situationally aware of the spread of COVID-19 and personal protective measures to reduce or prevent influenza like illnesses. Any information regarding employee communications and messaging coordinate with Sarasota County Human Resources Department. All department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

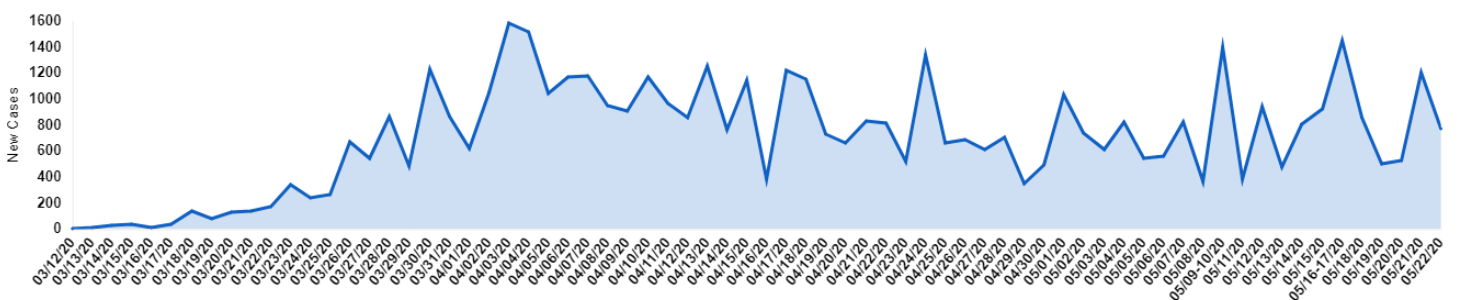
For COVID-19 text updates from Sarasota County Government, text SRQCOVID19 to 888777.

New Cases in Sarasota



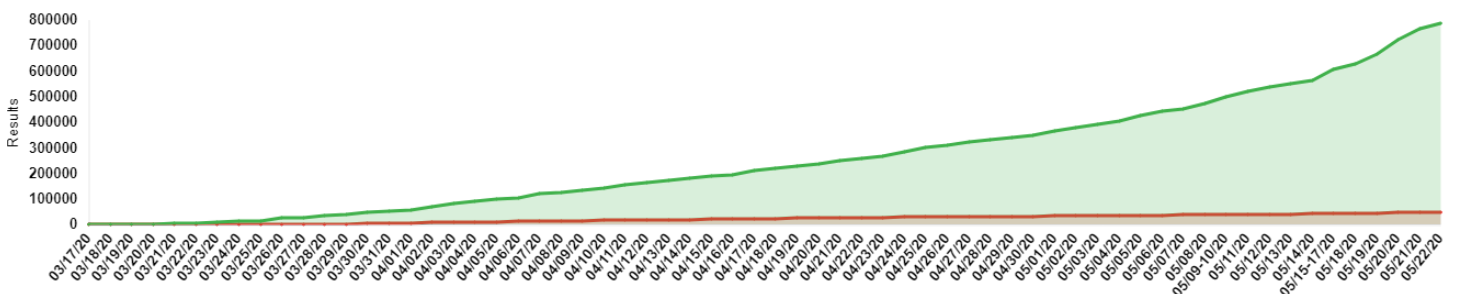
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New Cases in State of Florida



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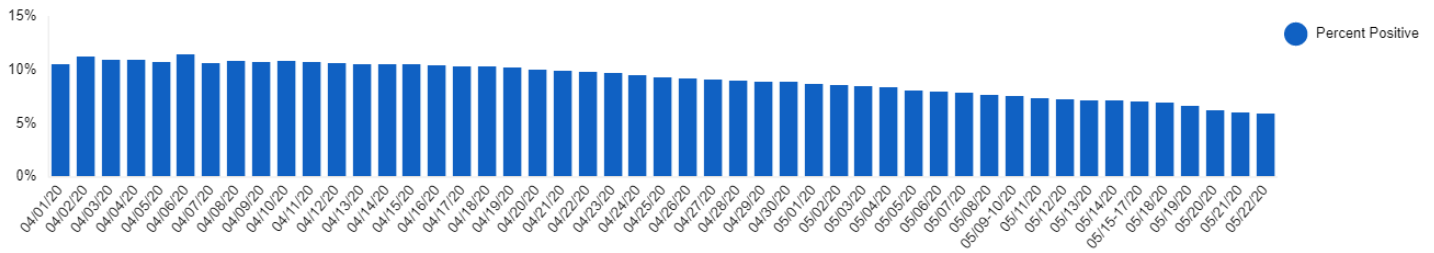
Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



Date *Effective 5/9 weekends tracked as one entry

● Negative ● Positive

Positivity Rate - Florida



Total Florida Cases by Region

67

Total Counties

565

Sarasota County

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Florida Residents

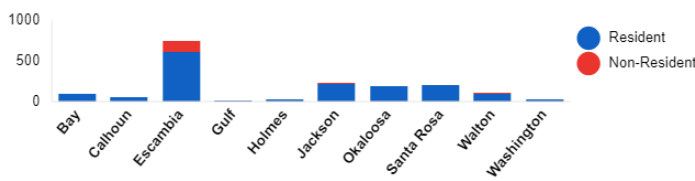
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Non-Resident

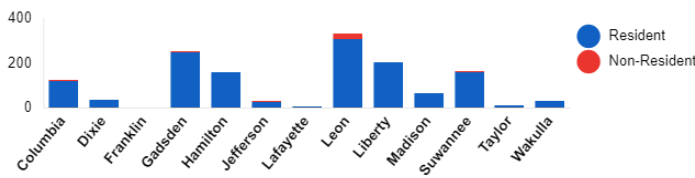
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Total

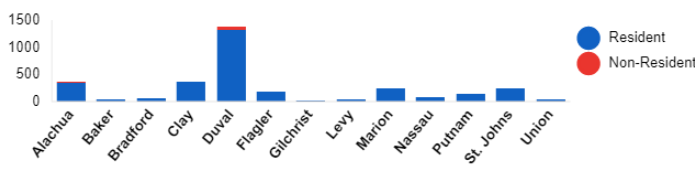
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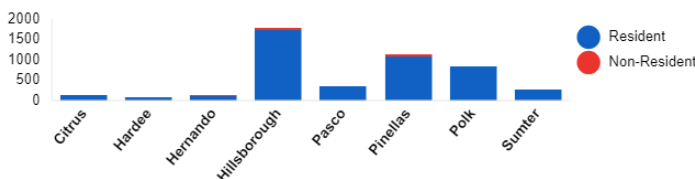
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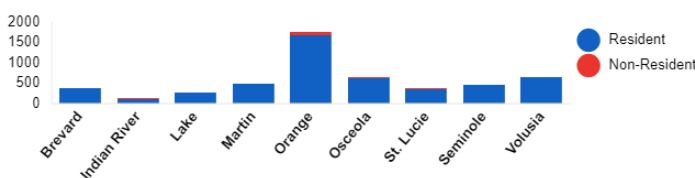
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Region 4



Region 5

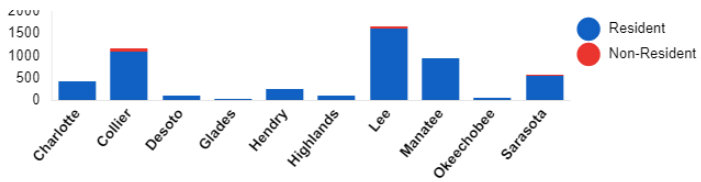


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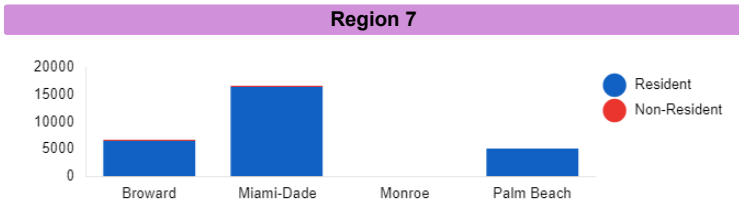


Florida Cases by Census

County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Liberty	2.44194%	204	204	0
Hamilton	1.10202%	159	158	1
Dade	0.60811%	16522	16344	178
Hendry	0.59493%	250	250	0
Gadsden	0.55191%	252	248	4
Jackson	0.47184%	219	214	5
Suwannee	0.36923%	164	159	5
Calhoun	0.36866%	52	52	0
Madison	0.35689%	66	62	4
Palm Beach	0.33886%	5072	4979	93
Broward	0.33696%	6580	6418	162
Collier	0.30138%	1160	1086	74
Martin	0.29565%	476	465	11
Desoto	0.25526%	97	97	0
Manatee	0.23459%	946	940	6
Escambia	0.23247%	740	610	130
Hardee	0.22274%	60	58	2
Charlotte	0.21809%	412	411	1
Lee	0.21620%	1666	1613	53
Jefferson	0.20357%	29	27	2
Dixie	0.19613%	33	33	0
Sumter	0.19030%	252	251	1
Putnam	0.18518%	138	138	0
Union	0.18376%	28	28	0
Bradford	0.17730%	50	50	0
Osceola	0.17139%	644	600	44
Columbia	0.16879%	121	120	1
Clay	0.16146%	354	352	2
Flagler	0.15033%	173	168	5
Duval	0.14367%	1376	1322	54
Glades	0.13757%	19	19	0
Monroe	0.13607%	101	92	9
Walton	0.13501%	100	86	14
Alachua	0.13158%	354	336	18
Okeechobee	0.13043%	55	54	1
Sarasota	0.13026%	565	549	16
Orange	0.12516%	1744	1668	76
Hillsborough	0.12161%	1790	1731	59
Polk	0.11590%	840	830	10
Volusia	0.11567%	640	626	14
Pinellas	0.11446%	1116	1072	44
Leon	0.11206%	329	308	21
St. Lucie	0.11057%	363	353	10
Santa Rosa	0.10960%	202	199	3
Highlands	0.10450%	111	110	1
Seminole	0.09516%	449	443	6
Wakulla	0.09485%	32	30	2
Washington	0.09422%	24	24	0
St. Johns	0.08917%	236	226	10

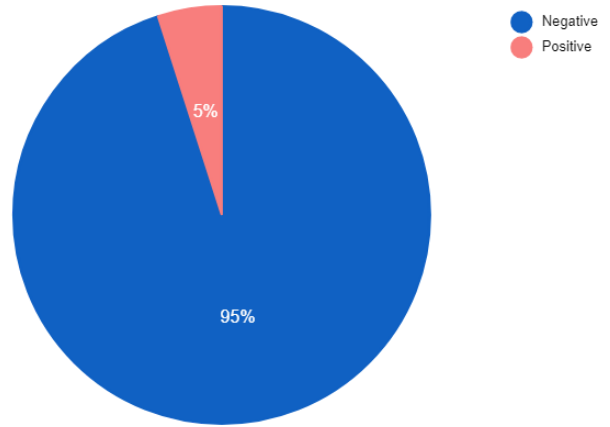
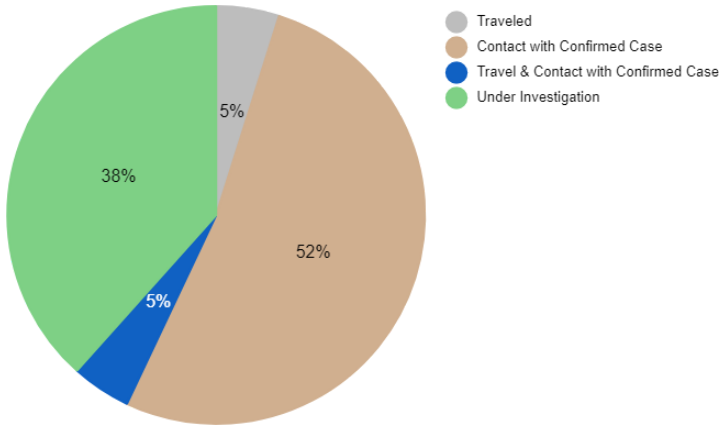


Baker	0.08901%	26	26	0
Okaloosa	0.08779%	185	177	8
Lafayette	0.08312%	7	7	0
Holmes	0.08156%	16	16	0
Citrus	0.07885%	118	118	0
Nassau	0.07786%	69	64	5
Lake	0.07246%	266	254	12
Indian River	0.07003%	112	101	11
Levy	0.06506%	27	27	0
Marion	0.06373%	233	228	5
Brevard	0.06313%	380	369	11
Pasco	0.06102%	338	328	10
Hernando	0.05672%	110	106	4
Gilchrist	0.05382%	10	10	0
Bay	0.05266%	92	90	2
Taylor	0.04636%	10	10	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



2075 Traveled	22171 Contact w. Confirmed	1950 Travel and Contact w. Confirmed	16316 Under Investigation	10854 Negative	565 Positive
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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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