



Sarasota County Emergency Management

Flash Report #85

Updates listed in blue.



May 28, 2020

Activation Level 2: Partial

Event Name: COVID-19

Situation

As of noon today, Sarasota County is reporting 611 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 594 Sarasota County residents and 17 non-Florida residents. There have been 77 deaths reported in Sarasota County to date. Confirmed cases range in age from 0 to 104, with 248 men and 346 women testing positive. There have been 14,404 people tested for COVID-19 with a 4.2 percent positive return rate.

Sarasota county area hospitals are reporting 47% of intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied and 60% of all available beds occupied.

The Florida Department of Health is currently reporting a total of 553,285 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Florida.

DOH Sarasota had 75 people scheduled for testing this morning at the Venice Community Center.

DOH Sarasota has scheduled the following COVID-19 testing opportunities next week:

Mid-County: Tuesday, June 2, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Laurel Civic Association, 509 Collins Road, Laurel

South County: Wednesday, June 3, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Heron Creek Middle School, 6501 W. Price Blvd., North Port

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-run, walk-up COVID-19 testing site at the R.L. Taylor Community Center is for anyone regardless of symptoms, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

A State COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site at the Mall at University Town Center is 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.



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

Distributed 3,500 N95, 1000 KN95s, 380 face shields, 2,070 gowns, 700 gloves and 30 gallons of hand sanitizer to over 30 assisted living facilities.

Sarasota County began accepting reservations on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 for athletic fields which are tentatively planned fields to re-open on June 1, 2020 for local, ongoing league play. Tournament play may resume after June 14 pending supporting safety plans.

Registration for Day and Specialty Camps will begin on June 8 with camp beginning on June 29.

Indoor facility reservations with Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources are cancelled until June 15th. Indoor reservations at Laurel Park, Longwood Park and Bee Ridge park are cancelled through August 9 and indoor reservations at Colonial Oaks Park and Woodmere Park are cancelled through August 16.

The County Administrator extended the emergency declaration through May 29, 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.

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 Venice Community Center with 75 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.

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.

County owned dog parks have reopened effective May 11.

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

1702911

USA Cases

1367

Non-Florida Resident Cases

03/16 - 05/29

Schools Closed

23218

Currently Monitored

8958

Text Alert Opt-ins

902

Contact Center Calls Answered Daily Total M-F

5727629

Global Cases

2364

Florida Deaths

147

Parks Open

11

Libraries Closed

05/29/20

LSE Expiration

113 seconds

Contact Center Wait Time

953316

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.

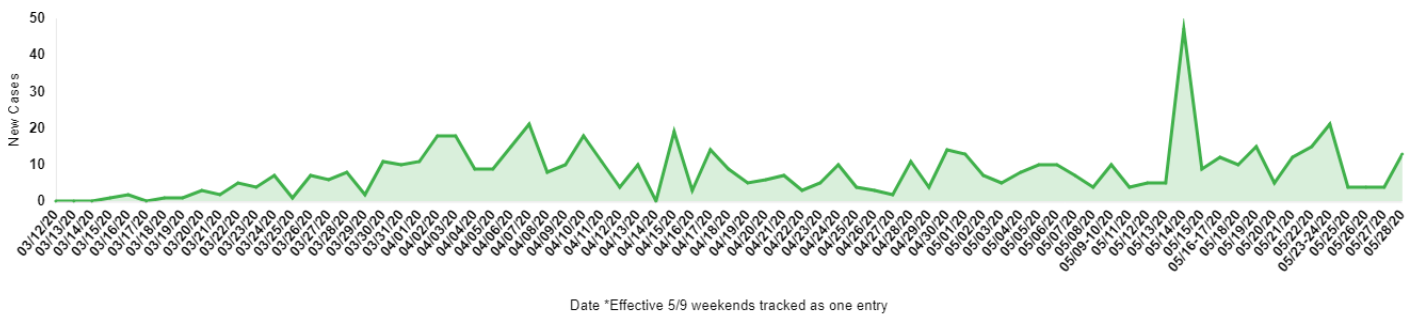
All personnel should ensure staff is situationally aware of the spread of COVID-19 and personal protective measures to reduce or prevent influenza like illnesses. Any information regarding employee communications and messaging coordinate with Sarasota County Human Resources Department. All department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

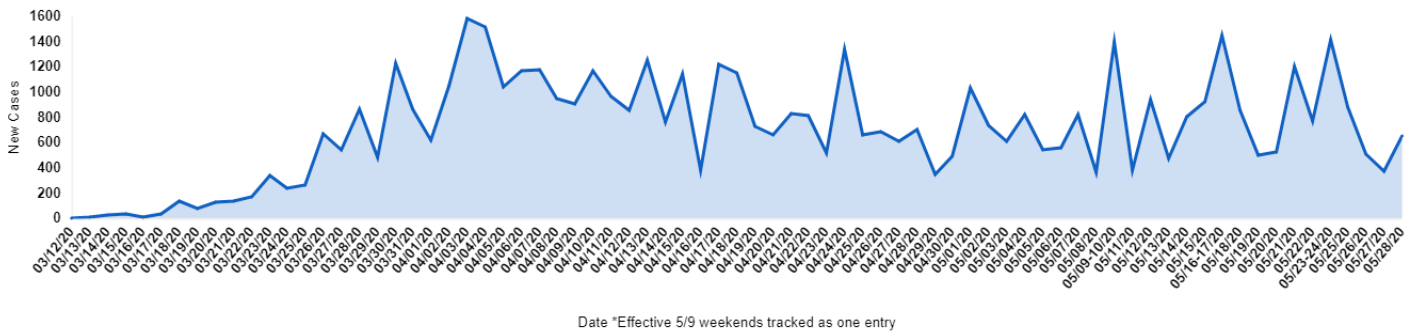
Please ensure that all field personnel that do not receive e-mail communications are informed of daily updates and are provided the Florida Department of Health and CDC information links to ensure proper protective measures are taken.

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

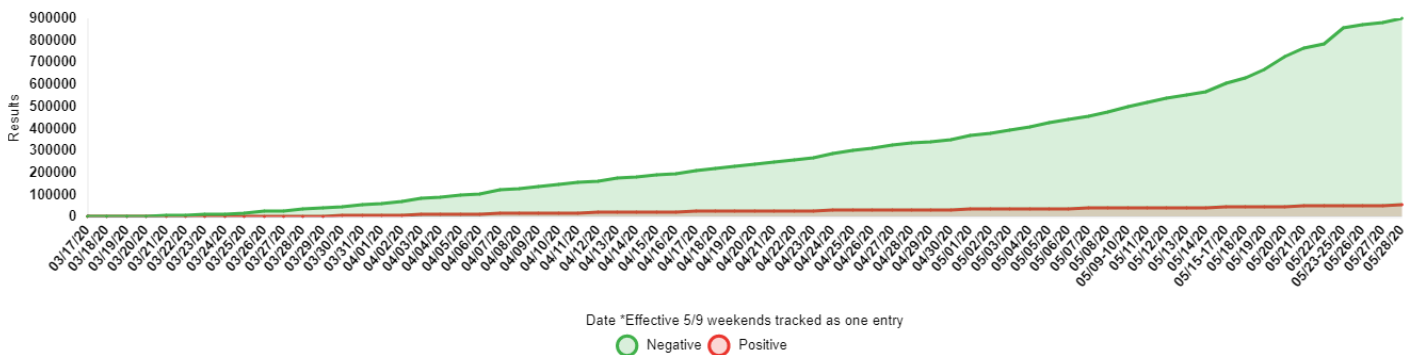
New Cases in Sarasota



New Cases in State of Florida

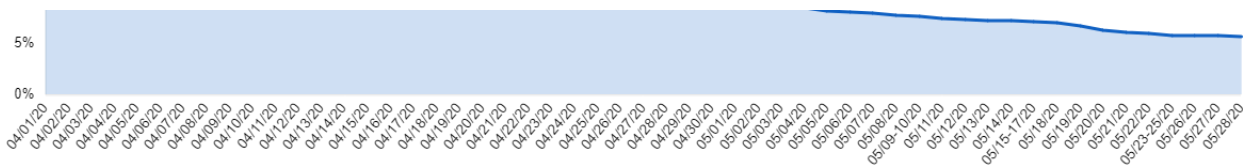


Negative vs. Positive Results in State of Florida



Positivity Rate - Florida





Total Florida Cases by Region

67
Total Counties

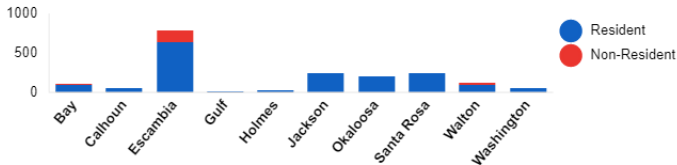
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Sarasota County

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Florida Residents

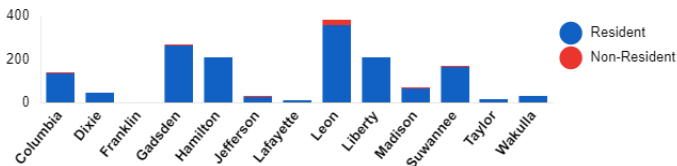
1367
Non-Resident

53285
Total

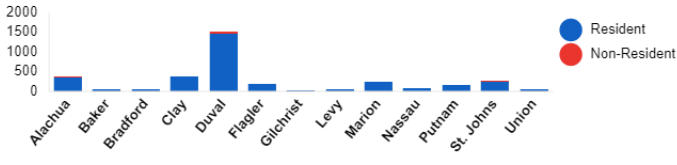
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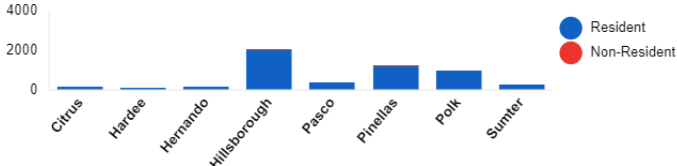
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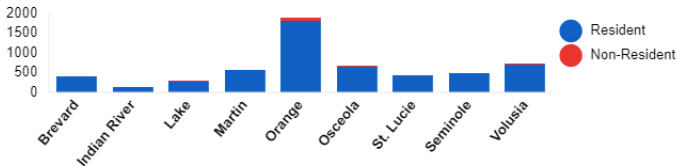
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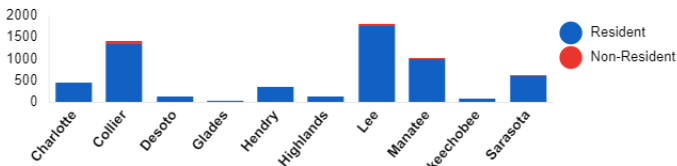
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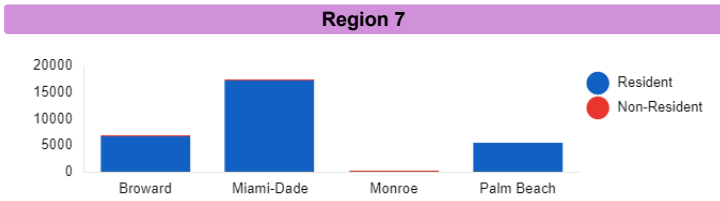


Region 6



Florida Cases by Census

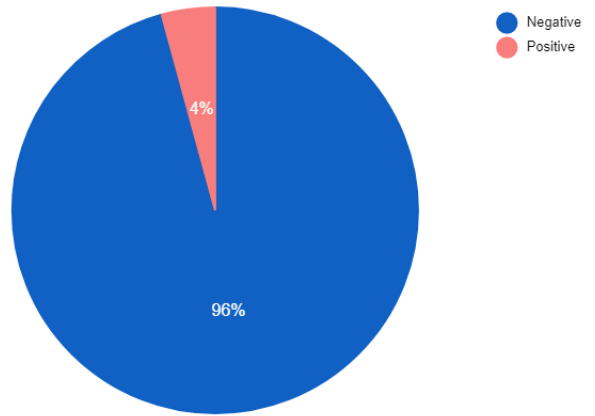
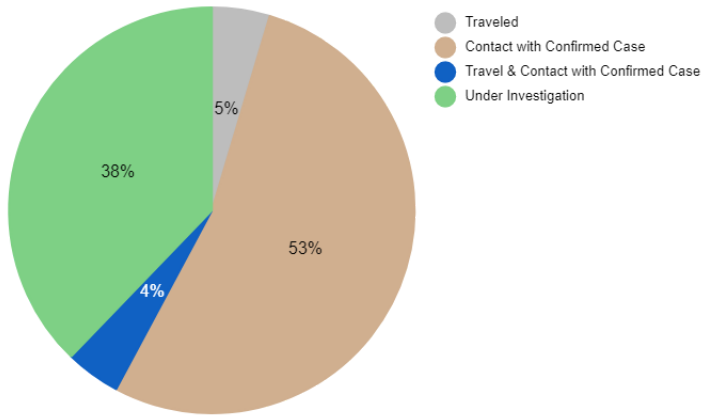
County	% of cases by Census	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Liberty	2.50180%	209	209	0
Hamilton	1.44857%	209	208	1
Hendry	0.84242%	354	354	0
Dade	0.64028%	17396	17209	187
Gadsden	0.58695%	268	264	4
Jackson	0.51924%	241	236	5
Suwannee	0.37373%	166	161	5
Madison	0.37311%	69	65	4
Palm Beach	0.37020%	5541	5450	91
Calhoun	0.36866%	52	52	0
Collier	0.36399%	1401	1327	74
Broward	0.35181%	6870	6703	167
Desoto	0.34736%	132	132	0
Martin	0.34596%	557	546	11
Hardee	0.32669%	88	86	2
Dixie	0.27339%	46	46	0
Manatee	0.24972%	1007	1000	7
Escambia	0.24630%	784	639	145
Lee	0.23385%	1802	1745	57
Charlotte	0.23186%	438	436	2
Jefferson	0.20357%	29	27	2
Union	0.20345%	31	31	0
Washington	0.20021%	51	51	0
Putnam	0.19994%	149	149	0
Sumter	0.19106%	253	252	1
Columbia	0.18972%	136	135	1
Bradford	0.18084%	51	51	0
Osceola	0.17937%	674	630	44
Glades	0.17377%	24	24	0
Clay	0.16830%	369	366	3
Okeechobee	0.16126%	68	67	1
Duval	0.15902%	1523	1466	57
Flagler	0.15554%	179	174	5
Walton	0.14716%	109	94	15
Monroe	0.14415%	107	96	11
Sarasota	0.14087%	611	594	17
Alachua	0.13827%	372	353	19
Hillsborough	0.13716%	2019	1960	59
Orange	0.13650%	1902	1821	81
Polk	0.12956%	939	928	11
St. Lucie	0.12915%	424	414	10
Leon	0.12910%	379	354	25
Santa Rosa	0.12859%	237	234	3
Volusia	0.12814%	709	695	14
Pinellas	0.12492%	1218	1168	50
Highlands	0.11203%	119	117	2
Seminole	0.10046%	474	468	6
Baker	0.09586%	28	28	0
Lafayette	0.09499%	8	8	0
Wakulla	0.09485%	32	30	2
Okaloosa	0.09443%	199	191	8
St. Johns	0.09332%	247	236	11
Holmes	0.09176%	18	18	0
Nassau	0.08350%	74	67	7
Citrus	0.07952%	119	119	0
Lake	0.07627%	280	266	14



Indian River	0.07504%	120	109	11
Taylor	0.07418%	16	16	0
Levy	0.07228%	30	30	0
Pasco	0.06770%	375	365	10
Brevard	0.06662%	401	390	11
Marion	0.06592%	241	236	5
Gilchrist	0.06458%	12	12	0
Hernando	0.05827%	113	109	4
Bay	0.05552%	97	95	2
Franklin	0.01649%	2	1	1
Gulf	0.00733%	1	1	0

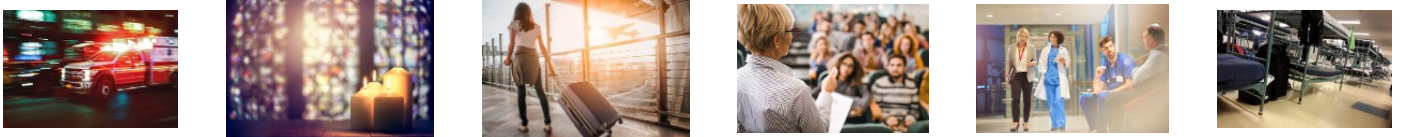
COVID-19 Case Overview in State of Florida

Number of People Tested in Sarasota County



2107 Traveled	24294 Contact w. Confirmed	1994 Travel and Contact w. Confirmed	17257 Under Investigation	13784 Negative	611 Positive
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First Responder	Faith Based	Travel	Higher Education	Healthcare	Homeless Shelters
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Correctional Facilities	Schools	Businesses	Mass Gatherings	Retirement Communities
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Executive Order	Emergency Declaration	Emergency Order	Public Health Emergency Declaration
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FDOH COVID-19	FAQ	CDC COVID-19	Flash Reports
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