



**Brevard County
Emergency Operations Center
Community Report # 20-022
April 6, 2020, 7:30 PM**

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Incident Name
COVID-19

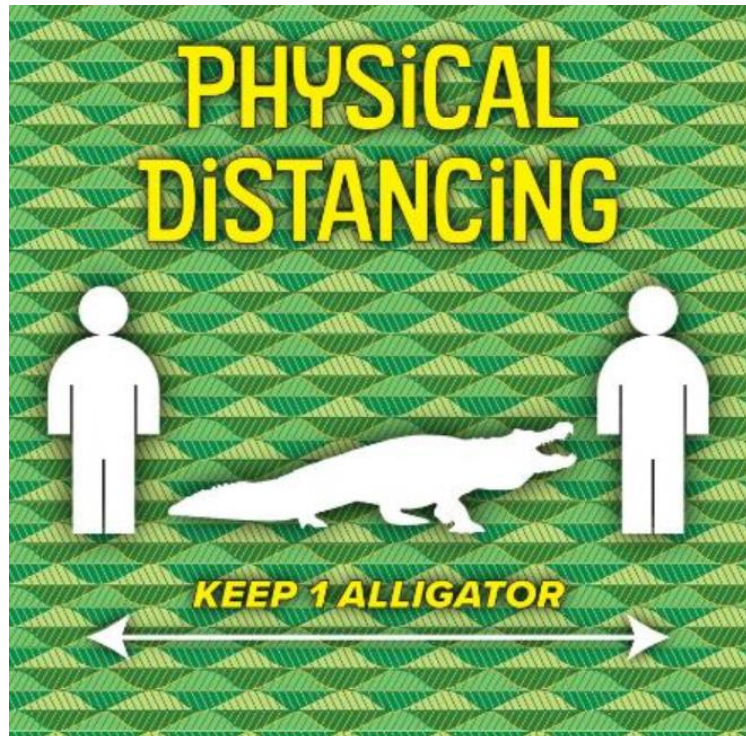
Brevard County EOC Status
Level 1 – Full Activation

State of Florida EOC Status
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Current Event Status

Event Overview

- The pandemic currently affects over 184 countries, with more than 1,337,749 cases worldwide, including 362,759 cases in the United States
- Residents may call 2-1-1 for up-to-date information between 8 AM and 6 PM daily
- The FDOH COVID-19 call center is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day at 1-866-779-6121, but is experiencing a large volume of calls. Another option is to email COVID-19@flhealth.gov



Local Considerations

- **Career Source Brevard:**
 - **Reemployment Assistance Announcement** --Paper applications are now available online at the state's improved Reemployment Assistance resource page: www.Floridajobsresources.com
 - **Paper applications are also available at all three career centers.**
Career Centers remain closed, but applications are available near each entrance Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 6 PM and Friday 8 AM to noon
 - **CareerSource Brevard - Palm Bay:** 5275 Babcock Street, NE, Suite 8B, Palm Bay
CareerSource Brevard - Rockledge: 295 Barnes Boulevard, Rockledge
CareerSource Brevard - Titusville: 3880 S Washington Avenue, Ste. 214, Titusville

- Brevard County COVID-19 drive-through testing locations and criteria:
 - Florida Department of Health: north, central & south Brevard locations
 - Symptoms are fever of 100.4+, cough, and shortness of breath
 - Must be symptomatic and meet ONE of the following criteria: age 65 or older, have underlying health conditions, be a first responder, or have a prescription from a medical doctor
 - To schedule an appointment, call 321-454-7141
 - OMNI Healthcare: Melbourne location
 - Must meet ONE of the following criteria: first responder, over 45 with one chronic illness, over 60 years old, healthcare worker, Publix or Winn Dixie employee, low grade fever or cough
 - To schedule an appointment, call 321-802-5515 or 321-727-1973 or visit www.covid19testbrevard.com
 - Insurances will be billed for testing
- **Brevard County Utility Services:**
 - **North Brevard/Mims area residents should reduce water usage for non-essential activities, such as washing cars and watering grass until further notice.**
 - **The water is safe to drink**
- Brevard County issued an order to limit tourism and lodging:
 - Brevard County is closed to tourists and leisure visitors.
 - Effective April 3, all hotels, motels, campgrounds, short-term (less than 28 days) vacation rentals, and other transient rentals, to include marinas, recreational vehicle parks, and timeshares, shall cease renting to tourists for 30 days.
 - The order does not apply to rentals to transitory military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, construction workers actively engaged in projects in Brevard County, and others working or engaged in formal business in Brevard County. A letter from the lodger's employer must indicate the purpose of the stay and must be presented at rental or lodging facility upon arrival.
- (Not COVID-related) A burn ban is in effect countywide due to the Keetch-Byram Drought Index exceeding 500. All of east central Florida now in moderate drought conditions, and the peak of Florida brushfire season is fast approaching.
- Retailers' announced hours dedicated for first responders and healthcare workers:
 - Winn-Dixie stores and pharmacies: Monday and Tuesday, 8 – 9 PM
- Retailers' announced hours dedicated for seniors:
 - Winn-Dixie stores and pharmacies: Monday – Friday, 8 – 9 AM
 - Publix stores and pharmacies: Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 – 8 AM
 - Walmart stores/pharmacies/vision centers: Tuesday, 6 – 7 AM
 - Walgreens: Tuesday, 8 – 9 AM, senior discounts offered all day
 - Target: Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8 – 9 AM
- BJ's Wholesale Club has announced new initiatives: employee temperature check upon shift entry; mask and glove availability to staff; \$2 hourly wage increase to staff; stores will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 12, to allow staff to rest and recharge; and overhead audio announcements to remind customers of social distancing instruction. BJ's now limits the

number of members allowed inside clubs at one time. The number of members allowed in clubs varies by location based on the square footage of each club. No more than 20% of a club's total capacity will be allowed in the building at any given time.

- Space Coast Area Transit has waived all fares through April 30
- Eastern Florida State College:
 - All four EFSC campuses will remain closed for the rest of the spring term.
 - Special considerations are being made for a limited number of programs and labs. In those cases, strict social distancing guidelines shall be followed.
 - Student Services are available remotely, including virtual one-on-one student meetings that may be necessary. [View our Student Services guide for details.](#)
 - Also read [updated Frequently Asked Questions](#) for important information.
 - Suspended in-person classes resumed March 30 in an online format for the rest of the Spring term.
- Brevard County Public Schools:
 - Food distribution sites were open weekdays from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at 27 schools last week, serving 205,156 meals to children ages 18 and younger. Click for [locations.](#)
 - Distance learning will remain in effect until May 4.
 - Friday, April 10th is a planned student/teacher holiday and as such, the feeding distribution sites will not be open.
- United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource guide can be found at <https://online.uwbrevard.org/servlet/eAndar.article/685/-19-COVIDCommunity-Resources>
- City of Cape Canaveral:
 - Notices are posted at public beach access points to advise residents that beach activities are limited to participating in recreational activities (consistent with social distancing guidelines) such as walking, biking, hiking, fishing, running, or swimming. Beaches are closed to activities which violate the CDC social gathering and social distancing guidelines.
 - Additional information, click [here](#)
- City of Cocoa:
 - All City of Cocoa facilities closed to the public until further notice; select services are available on an appointment basis.
 - Additional information, click [here](#)
- City of Cocoa Beach
 - Fire Dept assisted Police Dept Ag Marine unit in Banana River for speeding boaters and congregated groups on islands in the Thousand Islands area.
 - Police Dept patrolling City beaches
- Town of Grant-Valkaria:
 - Town Hall is closed to the general public; essential services will continue; in-person meetings and services are discontinued until further notice.
- Town of Indialantic
 - Beaches are closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing, and swimming through April 30. Activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs,

- organized sports or lying on blankets and grouping of persons is not permitted. People will not be allowed to congregate on boardwalks and access areas. Compliance with the CDC recommendations regarding social distancing shall apply.
- Beach parking and beach access parking will remain closed.
 - Town Hall, police, and fire departments remain closed to the public. Customer service continues by telephone or electronically.
- City of Indian Harbour Beach:
 - All exercise and playground equipment in City parks are closed.
 - All beach parking is restricted.
 - Building permit applications can be submitted through e-mail at building@indianharbour.org
 - Business Tax Receipt applications, fire inspections, alarm permits should be submitted electronically to the City Clerk, Sue Frank at sfrank@indianharbour.org
 - Town of Malabar:
 - **Town Hall is closed to the general public. Essential services will continue operating via e-mail and phone calls.**
 - **The playground equipment and park restrooms are closed until further notice.**
 - **Public meetings through April 19 have been canceled.**
 - **For any further information, please call Town Hall at 321-727-7764 or visit www.townofmalabar.org**
 - City of Melbourne:
 - Information can be found on our dedicated web page: <https://www.melbourneflorida.org/about/covid-19>
 - Town of Melbourne Beach
 - Municipal Emergency Executive Order 2020-04 pertaining to beach restrictions was signed into effect. This order supersedes previous beach closure order (2020-03).
 - Public beaches in the Town of Melbourne Beach are now closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing and swimming. Activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs, organized sports or lying on blankets and grouping of persons is not permitted. People will not be allowed to congregate on boardwalks and access areas. Social distancing shall apply. When your activity is complete, you will be required to leave the beach area. This follows State of Florida Executive Order 20-91, Safer at Home, specifically Essential Activities and will apply until further notice. Beach parking and beach access parking will remain closed. Failure to comply with the Order may result in further restrictions being applied.
 - All annual fire inspections have been postponed until further notice.
 - All building inspections continue at the discretion of the Building Official on a case-by-case basis.
 - Police department lobby is closed; for non-emergency, dial (321) 723-4343.
 - Town Hall lobby remains closed to the public; all business must be conducted via phone (321) 724-5860 or click [here](#)

- Town of Melbourne Village
 - Town Hall is closed to the public; essential services will continue through drop box at Town Hall door, phone (321) 723-8300, or email town@melbournevillage.org; in-person meetings and services are discontinued until further notice
- **City of Palm Bay:**
 - **City Council extended the local state of emergency on April 1.**
 - **City facilities remain closed to the public; essential City services and COVID-19 updates available at www.pbfl.org/COVID19**
 - **Palm Bay Utilities Department will continue to waive late fees and continue to suspend shutoffs due to non-payment through April 30 to coincide with the Governor's Executive Order.**
- Town of Palm Shores
 - Shoreside Park is closed indefinitely.
 - Town Hall is closed to the public and requests for permits and inspections should be called to 321-242-4555 to schedule an appointment.
- City of Rockledge
 - All city facilities have limited access to the public; building department is using a drop-box system.
 - All city events canceled until May 31
- City of Satellite Beach:
 - Satellite Beaches are closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing, and swimming, through April 30. No congregating on boardwalks or accesses will be permitted.
 - All Satellite Beach recreation facilities are closed until further notice. This includes the dog park, skate park, tennis courts, racquetball courts and all athletic fields. All indoor recreation facilities, playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, and beach parks are closed.
 - All walking paths through the DeSoto stormwater park, sports and recreation park are accessible by foot only; no parking is permitted.
- City of Titusville
 - Declared Local State of Emergency on March 18.
- City of West Melbourne
 - The city continues to serve the public primarily through telephone (321-727-7700), email info@westmelbourne.org
 - The skatepark at West Melbourne Community Park closed; so that City Recreation employees are able to be Safer at Home starting April 3.
 - Parking at the park is closed. The park is available for walking and running, provided persons abide by social distancing requirements

Rumor Control

- **The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies.**
- **The City of Palm Bay has not mailed letters to residents regarding a curfew order.**
- FWC is not issuing citations to boaters for recreational boating.

- Homeland Security is not preparing to mobilize the National Guard to announce a nationwide two-week quarantine for all citizens.
- The causeways are not closing.

Central Florida Highlights

- Orange County regional temporary drive-through testing site no longer has an age requirement. New requirements include: a fever of 99.6 or higher AND be experiencing respiratory symptoms OR have a preexisting condition, including: cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, chronic lung disease, cancer, chronic kidney disease. In addition, healthcare workers and first responders may be tested, regardless of symptoms.
- The Department of Children and Families will waive work requirements for individuals participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; additional information can be accessed by calling 850-300-4DCF or click [here](#)
- Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court COVID-19 information can be viewed [here](#)

Central Florida Status as of 4/6 – 6:00 PM (most recent update of FDOH website)	
County	Total Cases
Brevard	92
Indian River	60
Lake	107
Martin	85
Orange	754
Osceola	241
Seminole	195
St. Lucie	107
Volusia	153
Total	1,794

State/National Highlights

- FPL has resources for customers experiencing hardships as a result of COVID-19, additional information, click [here](#)
- DEM Executive Order 20-95:
 - The assessment and collection of taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, is suspended for all notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act.
- The Agency for Health Care Administration created new temporary Personal Care Attendant program to give long-term care facilities an avenue to fill staffing shortages. The program provides an 8-hour training of required skills to assist in direct care so that personal care attendants can temporarily perform additional duties.
- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation has updated the dedicated webpage for filing complaints related to compliance with executive orders. The page, available at <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/eo-complaints/> now provides a field

for reporting compliance concerns related to vacation rentals as restricted by Executive Order 20-87.

- **Governor DeSantis waived the work search and work registration requirements for individuals requesting Reemployment Assistance benefits. Individuals filing an application in CONNECT, the online Reemployment Assistance application, for benefits from March 15 until May 2, will not be required to complete the work registration in Employ Florida. For additional questions about Reemployment Assistance, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)**
- The CDC has recommended the use of 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; cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95s; for information click [here](#)
- Florida’s Division of Emergency Management is seeking the assistance of Florida manufacturers and suppliers to fill the needs of Florida’s hospitals and emergency care services including N95 masks, face shields, and gowns. N95 masks are a current priority. If you can help, contact: logsecsupportdir@em.myflorida.com
- AARP launched a program called “Friendly Voices” that allows people to request a call from a volunteer to chat and connect. A volunteer will call anyone back Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM. Additional information, click [here](#)
- The Small Business Administration implemented the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which authorizes up to \$349 billion in forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit www.sba.gov for a list of SBA lenders.
- The CDC urges residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days, effective immediately.
- DEM Executive Order 20-91:
 - “Essential Services and Activities” all persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. To view Executive Order 20-91, click [here](#)
 - Answers to frequently asked questions relating to Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order 20-91 are available [here](#)
 - If you have questions about your business being an essential service, or would like to request for your business to be added to the approved list of essential services outlined in Executive Order 20-91; click [here](#)
- Department of Children and Families:
 - A federal waiver has been submitted to temporarily increase all Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients’ benefit amounts to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size for the months of March and April. Updates have been posted on the website regarding SNAP benefits <https://www.myflfamilies.com/covid19/access.shtml>
- The U.S. Small Business Administration Advance on an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) information can be viewed [here](#)

- All persons whose point of departure originates from Louisiana and the Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), entering the State of Florida must isolate/quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of arrival. Highway checkpoints have been added on I-95 and I-10 to enforce restrictions, per Executive Order 20-86.
- The Governor has directed sales and use taxes to be due on April 30 (originally due April 20), and property taxes to be due April 15 (originally due March 31).
- For FDOH dashboard for the number of COVID-19 cases in Florida, click [here](#)
- Report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse at 1-844-30-0433 or click [here](#)

Public Protective Measures

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid close contact with sick people, and stay home when sick
- Advise sick employees to stay home
- Allow telework or administrative leave
- Follow respiratory etiquette by coughing/sneezing into your sleeve
- Instead of handshakes, consider offering fist bumps, elbow bumps, or the Vulcan salute

Additional COVID-19 Online Resources

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- FDOH: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/>
- FDOH Posters/Flyers Toolkit: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/covid19-toolkit.html>

Social Media Platforms

- CDC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CDC/>
- CDC Twitter: @CDCemergency and @CDCgov
- FDOH Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FLDepartmentofHealth/>
- FDOH Twitter: @healthyFla

Approval Information

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Stay Informed via Social Media

Brevard County Emergency Management is also providing updates via the following social media accounts:

Twitter: @BrevardEOC

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BrevardEOC>

Text Brevard EOC to 888-777

FDOH's COVID-19 website <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19/> or contact FDOH's 24/7 COVID-19 call center at 866-779-6121 or via email at COVID-19@flhealth.gov