



**Brevard County
Emergency Operations Center
Community Report # 20-024
April 8, 2020, 7:00 PM**

Contact Information:
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www.embrevard.com

Incident Name
COVID-19

Brevard County EOC Status
Level 1 – Full Activation

State of Florida EOC Status
Level 1 –Full Activation

Current Event Status

Event Overview

- The pandemic currently affects over 184 countries, with more than 1,504,971 cases worldwide, including 424,945 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



COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING IN BREVARD COUNTY

<p>FDOH North, Central, and South locations</p> <p>Any symptomatic individual. Symptoms include: -A fever of 100.4+ -A cough -Shortness of breath</p> <p>To schedule an appointment, call 321-454-7141</p> <p>*Free of charge</p>	<p>OMNI HEALTHCARE Melbourne location</p> <p>Must meet <u>ONE</u> of the following criteria: -First Responders -Over 45 with one chronic illness -Over 60 years old -Healthcare workers -Publix or Winn Dixie employee -Low grade fever or cough</p> <p>To schedule an appointment, call 321-802-5515 or 321-727-1973 or visit www.COVID19testbrevard.com</p> <p>*Insurances will be billed for testing</p>
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Local Considerations

- There are 105 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 2 deaths in Brevard County.
- Brevard County Public Schools has served 48,000 meals; there will no meal distribution on April 10 due to a planned student/teacher holiday. Brevard families utilizing this service should plan to pick-up their children’s meals on April 9.
- Brevard County Board of County Commissioners cancelled several upcoming Planning and Development advisory board meetings:
 - North Merritt Island Board: The April 9 and May 14 meetings have been postponed to June 11.
 - Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency: The April 20 and May 4 LPA/PZ meetings have been postponed to June 15. This will be a combined PZ/LPA meeting.

- **The County Commission Zoning meeting for the above advisory boards is July 9.**
- **Board of Adjustment: The April 22 and May 20 BOA meetings have been postponed to the regularly scheduled June 17 BOA meeting.**
- ESF18 Business & Industry:
 - A call to businesses in Brevard County, looking for Personal Protection Equipment to be donated for use by hospitals and emergency workers. PPE includes
 - Gloves: Must be non-latex for medical use, can be made of nitrile or vinyl, any color, any size except small or extra small, unopened boxes please
 - Masks: Disposable surgical or procedure masks with ties or elastic, any color; N95 or KN95 masks any size/manufacturer; *Will also accept home-sewn masks as well for distribution to ALF/nursing home residents
 - Goggles or face protection: Clear, either goggles with straps, or eyeglass type; face shields that cover masks—clear thin plastic
 - Gowns: Yellow isolation, non-woven lightweight fabric-disposable; blue barrier, thin blue plastic disposable; will also accept Tyvek bunny suits
 - Miscellaneous supplies: hand sanitizer - unopened bottles of any size, fragrance, brand; shoe covers; hair covers; thermometers - electronic oral or any other type; probe covers for thermometers
 - If you have PPE you are willing to donate, please ship to warehouse location: 560 Solutions Way, Rockledge, FL.
 - Please note, we are only looking for PPE from businesses. Individuals who may have items to donate should give to United Way, Meals on Wheels or similar organizations.
- CareerSource 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
 - Must be symptomatic with fever of 100.4+, cough, or shortness of breath
 - 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
 - Insurance will be billed for testing

- Brevard County Utility Services:
 - (Not COVID-related) North Brevard/Mims area residents should reduce water usage for non-essential activities, such as washing cars and watering grass until further notice.
- 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; stores will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 12
- 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.
- Brevard County Public Schools:
 - Food distribution sites were open weekdays from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at 27 schools this week. Click for [locations](#).
 - Distance learning will remain in effect until May 4.
- United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource guide, click [here](#)
- City of Cape Canaveral:
 - All city services remain available.

- 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
 - Cocoa Beach City Commission will have a scheduled meeting on April 16 at 7 PM. A decision on virtual meeting versus social distancing attendance is TBD.
- 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 Indian River
 - 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 will hold virtual City Council meeting tonight and test for public comment accessibility.
 - City facilities remain closed to the public while city operations continue.
 - Essential 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.
 - Palm Bay Building Division is allowing a 90-day extension on permits, but contractors must contact the Building Division to request it. 30 days are automatically granted.
- 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
 - **Building Department - Effective April 8 permit pick-up, issuance, and payment will be by appointment only. Plan review will continue as normal.**

- 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.
- 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 until further notice
 - Parking at the park is closed. The park is available for walking and running, provided persons abide by social distancing requirements

Rumor Control

- **Hotels remain closed to tourists. Exceptions include business travelers who can produce a note from their employer, those who are working in Brevard County, local residents who need to isolate away from a family member with coronavirus.**
- The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies.

Central Florida Highlights

- 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 4/8 – 6:00 PM (most recent update of the FDOH website)		
County	Total Cases	Number of Deaths
Brevard	105	2
Indian River	65	0
Lake	139	2
Martin	108	1
Orange	824	11
Osceola	277	4
Seminole	218	1
St. Lucie	129	6
Volusia	165	3
Total	2,030	30

State/National Highlights

- **Florida Department of Health: Community action survey posted, take the survey now at <https://strongerthanc19.com/start>**
- FPL has resources for customers experiencing hardships as a result of COVID-19, additional information, click [here](#)
- 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 forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit www.sba.gov for a list of SBA lenders.
- DEM Executive Order 20-91:
 - 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](#)
- The U.S. Small Business Administration Advance on an Economic Injury Disaster Loan. information can be viewed [here](#)
- 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

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