



**Brevard County  
Emergency Operations Center  
Community Report # 20-028  
April 12, 2020, 7:00 PM**

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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 185 countries, with more than 1,840,093 cases worldwide, including 550,016 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](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)



## Local Considerations

- **There are 133 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 4 deaths in Brevard County.**
- All 27 Brevard County Public Schools distribution sites will reopen Monday, April 13, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- 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](http://www.Floridajobsresources.com)
- 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](http://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, and to prohibit usage of spoil islands:
  - 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.
  - All access and use of spoil islands and sandbars is prohibited.

- (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.
- 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.
- Space Coast Area Transit has waived fares through April 30. Bus routes are now available between 7 AM and 6 PM.
- Eastern Florida State College:
  - All four EFSC campuses remain closed for the rest of the spring term.
  - 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 are open weekdays from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at 27 schools. Click for [locations](#).
  - Distance learning will remain in effect until May 4.
- United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource guide, including food pantry locations, and how to access help, 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 parks are closed to public gatherings in accordance with the Safer at Home order from the Governor. The parks remain open to pedestrian passage only. Plan ahead if you will be utilizing the parks, as the restrooms will be closed and water fountains have been turned off.
- 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.townofmalabar.org)
- City of Melbourne:
  - Information can be found on their 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
  - Extension of the Town of Melbourne Village local state of emergency in accordance with Town resolution 2020-02 until April 17.
  - Town Office is still closed to the general public; however, business is still being conducted using email address of [town@Melbournevillage.org](mailto:town@Melbournevillage.org) or (321) 723-8300. Website [www.melbournevillage.org](http://www.melbournevillage.org)
- City of Palm Bay:
  - City Council extended local state of emergency.
  - 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.
  - Building Division is allowing a 90-day extension on permits, but contractors must request extension by contacting the Building Division; 30 days are automatically granted.
  - City facilities remain closed to the public while City operations continue.
  - Essential City services and COVID-19 updates available at [www.pbfl.org/COVID19](http://www.pbfl.org/COVID19)
- 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 is 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
  - City services are available via telephone, (321)727-7700, website, [www.westmelbourne.org](http://www.westmelbourne.org) or email, [info@westmelbourne.org](mailto:info@westmelbourne.org). The scheduled City Council meeting of April 21 will be convened meeting all social distancing requirements. For information on how the City Council meeting will be conducted and how you can participate, please check the City's web site after April 16.
  - The skatepark at West Melbourne Community Park is closed until further notice.
- Patrick Air Force Base

- Anyone who needs to go to Patrick AFB or Cape Canaveral AFS must have a face covering on prior to arriving at the main gate. The only access to PAFB is through the main gate (gate adjacent to Pineda Causeway). Personnel without a face covering will be denied entry.
- Updates can be viewed [here](#)

**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.

**Central Florida Highlights**

- Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court COVID-19 information can be viewed [here](#)

Central Florida Status as of 4/12 – 6:00 PM (most recent update of the FDOH website)		
County	Total Cases	Number of Deaths
Brevard	133	4
Indian River	74	1
Lake	150	4
Martin	122	3
Orange	949	13
Osceola	323	5
Seminole	255	2
St. Lucie	152	6
Volusia	201	7
Total	2,359	45

**State/National Highlights**

- Florida Department of Education is distributing 32,614 laptop computers to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School.
- The Governor’s Executive Order 20-87: All vacation rentals, rental of any house, condominium, cooperative, or dwelling unit that is also a transient public lodging establishment are prohibited from making new reservations or bookings and shall not accept new guests for check-in; has been extended until April 30, per EO 20-103.
- The CDC issued an extension of a No Sail Order for all cruise ships for 100 days.
- The CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community, such as wearing a mask for 14 days, cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces, staying 6 feet away from anyone, and having their temperature taken daily.
- 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](#)

- 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](#)
- 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](http://www.sba.gov) for a list of SBA lenders
- 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)
- Report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse at 1-844-30-0433 or click [here](#)
- DoD is providing new guidance regarding special pay related to the restriction of movement and FAQs for Service members and their families via <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/coronavirus> and other communications. DoD is using social media and other means to cross-post resources for Service members and their families. They are extensively transitioning in-person financial counseling to virtual counseling using Zoom and telephone. The general DoD page is: <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>
- DOE is focused on addressing student loans, including stopping collections, adjusting interest rates, etc. Resources for student loan borrowers are available at

<https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus>. Guidance is rapidly changing, but updates will be available on studentaid.gov and ED.gov.

### **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
- Wear a cloth face covering when in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain
- 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/>

### **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