



Brevard County Emergency Operations Center Community Report # 20-034 April 18, 2020, 8:00 PM

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Incident Name
COVID-19

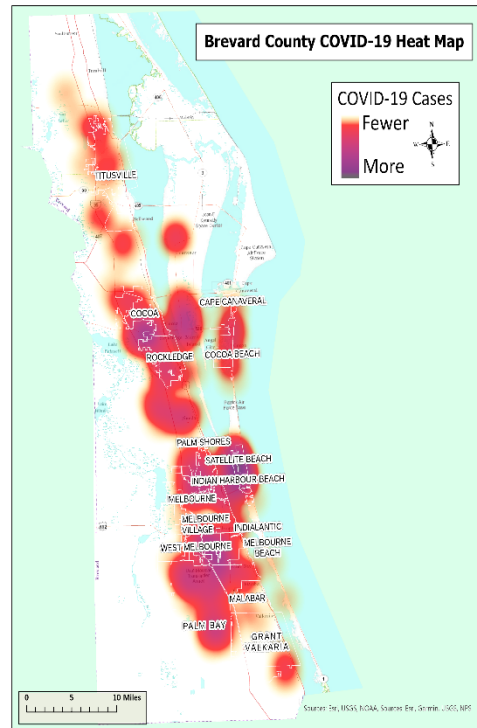
Brevard County EOC Status
Level 1 – Full Activation

State of Florida EOC Status
Level 1 – Full Activation

Current Event Status

Event Overview

- The pandemic currently affects over 185 countries, with more than 2,310,572 cases worldwide, including 726,645 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

- There are 210 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 7 deaths in Brevard County.
- For information on food pantry locations and how to access help, utilize the United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource guide by clicking [here](#). It is recommended that you call ahead to verify availability.
- Governor DeSantis announced schools will remain closed; distance learning will continue for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year
- Health First is offering drive-up testing for first responders; call 321-434-3131 for appointment. Must show identification and credentials.
- Brevard County Parks & Recreation: All playgrounds are closed until further notice. Parks and trails remain open.
- Florida Dept of Health: Now offering free COVID-19 testing for Priority 2: patients in long-term care with symptoms, those 65 or older with symptoms, those with underlying conditions and symptoms, and first responders with symptoms

- The Board of County Commissioners adopted a proclamation requesting businesses implement CDC social distancing recommendations by making these standards part of their day-to-day operations:
 - All employees and patrons should practice social distancing by staying at least six feet apart;
 - Group meetings, trainings, and other gatherings are to be limited to 10 persons or less;
 - Occupancy should be limited to no more than 30 percent of the maximum allowable capacity under the fire code for non-residential, non-medical, and non-lodging uses;
 - Business should install appropriate signage, floor markings, or such other means as may be necessary to remind customers and employees of the importance of social distancing at entry and exit points, checkout points, staging areas, etc.
- Brevard County issued an amendment to its order to limit tourism and lodging, and to prohibit usage of spoil islands:
 - A self-certification form was approved by the BOCC and Policy Group on April 16, enabling domestic violence survivors and others with a legitimate need to shelter in Brevard County lodging to do so for medical, personal, or business purposes.
 - All access and use of spoil islands and sandbars are prohibited
- Brevard County Public Schools continues to offer meals for students are free or reduced lunch at 27 food distribution sites. Click for [locations](#)
- CareerSource Brevard:
 - Reemployment Assistance Announcement -- Paper applications are now available online at the state's improved Reemployment Assistance resource page: www.Floridajobsresources.com
- 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
- (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.
- 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
- Supervisor of Elections:
 - Qualifying for judicial candidates begins noon Monday, April 20 through noon Friday, April 24. Although Supervisor of Elections offices are closed to the public, qualifying paperwork can be dropped off at the Viera office utilizing the drop box in front, or call 321-633-2166 to make an appointment.

- City of Cape Canaveral:
 - All city services remain available.
 - Recreation Complex and City Hall offices remain closed to the public.
 - For additional updates please visit:
<https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/coronavirus/index.php>
- City of Cocoa
 - The City has temporarily suspended water shut-offs for non-payment. Customers needing to discuss their specific situation and payment plan options should call Cocoa Utility Customer Service at 321-433-8400 or e-mail customerservice@cocoaf1.org.
 - Additional information: <https://www.cocoaf1.org/1558/Coronavirus-COVID-19>
- City of Cocoa Beach
 - Additional COVID-19 information for the City of Cocoa Beach can be found at:
<http://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/698/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Updates>
- 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
 - Our previously scheduled food drive has been modified due to our current Stay Home/Stay Safe conditions to a Shop & Ship Virtual Food Drive. If you have any questions, please contact us by email info@grantvalkaria.org or by phone at 321-951-1380.
- Town of Indian Harbour Beach
 - 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 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.
 - For any further information, please call Town Hall at 321-727-7764 or visit www.townofmalabar.org

- City of Melbourne:
 - Parks and Recreation classes, activities, programs, tennis, athletics, and special events will be canceled through May 15. Facility rentals, including community centers, civic centers, auditorium, parks, pavilions and ball fields, will also be canceled through May 15.
 - For updates, please visit the dedicated web page: <https://www.melbourneflorida.org/about/covid-19>
- Town of Melbourne Beach
 - 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 Office is still closed to the general public; however, business is still being conducted using email address of town@Melbournevillage.org or (321) 723-8300. website www.melbournevillage.org
- City of Palm Bay:
 - City facilities remain closed to the public while City operations continue.
 - Essential City services and COVID-19 updates available at www.pbfl.org/COVID19.
- Town of Palm Shores
 - 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 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 West Melbourne
 - City services are available via telephone, (321)727-7700, website, www.westmelbourne.org or email, 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 website.
- Patrick Air Force Base
 - Updates can be viewed [here](#)

Rumor Control

- **Department of Health does not send text messages telling people they need to be tested for COVID-19.**
- The IRS will not call to request any personal or financial information for you to receive an economic impact payment.
- Melbourne Beach will not be starting ID enforcement on May 2.

- Hotels remain open but closed to tourists. Exceptions include business travelers, those who are working in Brevard County, and local residents who self-certify they are staying there for certain business, personal, or medical purposes.
- Microwaving face respirators is not recommended as a cleaning method. Face masks may catch fire if microwaved.

Central Florida Highlights

- The regional testing site at the Orange County Convention Center will administer up to 750 tests per day to individuals with respiratory symptoms or preexisting conditions, regardless of age. It is free of charge and no appointment is necessary.
- Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court COVID-19 information can be viewed [here](#)

Central Florida Status as of 4/18 – 6:00 PM (most recent update of the FDOH website)		
County	Total Cases	Number of Deaths
Brevard	210	7
Indian River	83	2
Lake	203	6
Martin	148	4
Orange	1,180	23
Osceola	403	5
Seminole	315	4
St. Lucie	196	13
Volusia	291	10
Total	3,029	74

State/National Highlights

- **Governor DeSantis announced schools will remain closed; distance learning will continue for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year**
- Governor DeSantis announced he will form a taskforce to help with the resurgence and reopening of Florida after COVID-19. The task force will recommend the most prudent way to safely re-open Florida’s economy in a phased approach. The task force will also place a significant emphasis on small businesses.
- Floridians can text “FLCOVID19” to 888-777 to receive the latest updates on Florida’s fight against COVID-19.
- Florida Department of Children and Families announced a program for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to purchase groceries online with the use of an EBT card will go statewide April 21. For more information, click [here](#) FPL has resources for customers experiencing hardships as a result of COVID-19; for additional information, click [here](#)
- For individuals requesting Reemployment Assistance benefits questions please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- The CDC has recommended the use of cloth face coverings, for information click [here](#)

- Executive Order 20-91: Answers to frequently asked questions relating to Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-91 are available [here](#)
- To report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse, call 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
- 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