



**Brevard County  
Emergency Operations Center  
Community Report # 20-040  
April 24, 2020, 7:00 PM**

**Contact Information:**  
General Public: 2-1-1 Hotline  
Phone: 321-637-6670  
Fax: 321-633-1738  
[eoc1@brevardcounty.us](mailto:eoc1@brevardcounty.us)  
[www.embrevard.com](http://www.embrevard.com)

Incident Name  
**COVID-19**

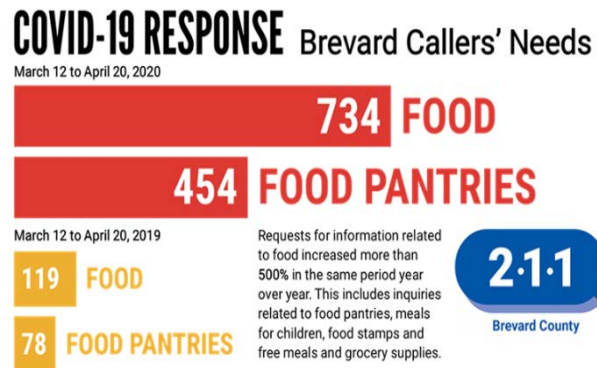
Brevard County EOC Status  
Level 1 – Full Activation

State of Florida EOC Status  
Level 1 –Full Activation

**Current Event Status**

**Event Overview**

- The pandemic currently affects over 185 countries, with more than 2,789,315 cases worldwide, including 889,661 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 247 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 8 deaths in Brevard County.**
- **Beginning May 1, FPL plans to issue a one-time decrease of nearly 25% for the typical residential bill as a result of lower fuel costs. Business customers will also see a significant one-time decrease in May that will vary by rate structure.**
- As of Monday, April 27, Florida Department of Health in Brevard will offer free COVID-19 testing to anyone who is symptomatic. Call 321-454-7141 for an appointment.
- Career Source Brevard:
  - For workers: free virtual career workshops, virtual tools and training, and reemployment assistance
  - For employers: workshops for business resources and assistance programs
  - For information, visit [COVID-19 resource page](#).
- 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
- **Brevard County Public Schools:**
  - **Meal distribution will resume on Monday, April 27, click for [locations](#)**
- Brevard County Farmers Market is open Thursdays from 3 PM to 6 PM.
  - The market is operating on a pre-order basis through their individual vendors. Links to each of the vendors can be found at [brevardcountymarket](#)

- Brevard County rated with a “D-” grade for today’s social distancing score from Unacast.
- Health First is offering drive-up testing for first responders; call 321-434-3131 for appointment. Must show identification and credentials.
- (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.
- City of Cape Canaveral:
  - For updates please visit: <https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/coronavirus/index.php>
- City of Cocoa
  - For update visit: <https://www.cocoafl.org/1558/Coronavirus-COVID-19>
- **City of Cocoa Beach**
  - **The community food drive concluded today; donated goods were delivered to Our Saviors Catholic Church.**
  - Executive Order 12A eases beach restrictions, encouraging social distancing and not congregating in groups greater than five people.
- 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 remain closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing and swimming until April 30. Activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs, organized sports or lying on blankets and grouping of persons is not permitted**
- **City of Indian Harbour Beach:**
  - **Beaches are reopened, encouraging social distancing in groups of no more than 5 people, including sitting and lying on the beach.**
  - **Beach parking areas will remain closed; standing on the beach crossover locations shall require application of the social distancing requirement; please do not park bicycles on beach walkways and boardwalks as they block access for others.**
- 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, call at 321-727-7764 or visit [www.townofmalabar.org](http://www.townofmalabar.org)
- City of Melbourne:
  - For updates, please visit <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; for questions email [town@Melbournevillage.org](mailto:town@Melbournevillage.org), (321) 723-8300 or visit [www.melbournevillage.org](http://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](http://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:
  - Municipal beaches will reopen to all activities; activities must be conducted in groups of no more than 5 people; no congregating on boardwalks and access areas.
  - All beach parking lots will remain closed.
- 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)
- Patrick Air Force Base
  - Updates can be viewed [here](#)

#### **Rumor Control**

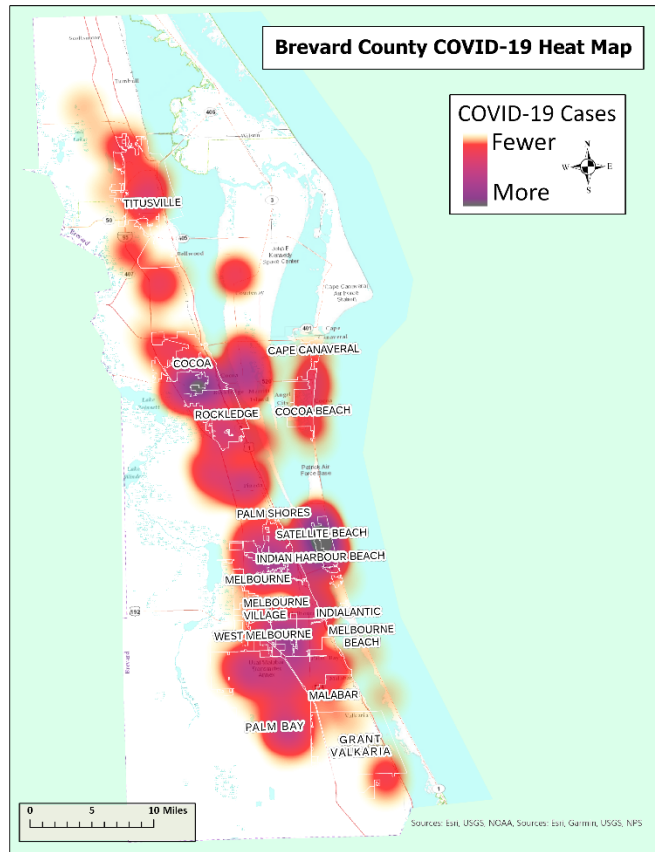
- **Drinking or injecting bleach, rubbing alcohol, or other disinfectants is not a treatment or cure for COVID-19.**
- **The IRS warns taxpayers to be aware of scammers who:**
  - **Use words such as “stimulus check” or “stimulus payment” instead of the official term, “economic impact payment”**
  - **Ask you to “sign up” for your economic impact payment check**
  - **Contact you by phone, email, text, or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information to receive or speed up your economic impact payment**

#### **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.

**Central Florida Status as of 4/24 – 6:00 PM (most recent update of the FDOH website)**

County	Total Cases	Number of Deaths
Brevard	247	8
Indian River	89	5
Lake	219	10
Martin	169	5
Orange	1,290	30
Osceola	461	7
Seminole	348	8
St. Lucie	223	19
Volusia	428	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,474</b>	<b>107</b>



**State/National Highlights**

- OSHA released guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19. The Guidance can be found at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf> and a work place poster at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3994.pdf>
- The CDC has provided tips for coping with stress during COVID-19, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html>
- Public schools will remain closed; distance learning will continue for the school year.
- The CDC has [recommended](#) the use of cloth face coverings.

**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 and 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**

Approved by: Kimberly Prosser

Date: April 24, 2020

### **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