

## Brevard County Emergency Operations Center Community Report # 20-046 April 30, 2020, 7:00 PM

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Contact Information: General Public: 2-1-1 Hotline Phone: 321-637-6670 Fax: 321-633-1738 eoc1@brevardcounty.us www.embrevard.com

Incident Name COVID-19

Brevard County EOC Status Level 2 – Partial Activation State of Florida EOC Status Level 1 –Full Activation

## Current Event Status

#### **Event Overview**

- The pandemic currently affects over 187 countries, with more than 3,260,964 cases worldwide, including 1,056,466 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 <u>COVID-19@flhealth.gov</u>

## Local Considerations

- There are 285 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 8 deaths in Brevard County.
- <u>Executive Order 20-112</u>, outlines Phase 1: Safe, Smart, Step-By-Step Plan to Reopen Florida;
  - Phase 1 will begin on Monday, May 4 and includes:
    - Schools remain distance learning.
    - Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited.
    - Elective surgeries can resume.
    - Restaurants may offer outdoor seating with 6-foot spacing between tables, and indoor seating at 25% capacity.
    - Retail can operate at 25% of indoor capacity.
    - No change for bars, gyms and personal services such as hairdressers.

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- Vulnerable individuals should avoid close contact with people outside the home.
- All individuals, when in public, should maximize physical distance from others.
- Avoid socializing in group of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for physical distancing.
- Face masks are recommended for all those in face-to-face interactions and where you can't social distance.
- Executive Orders 20-87 and 20-91 are extended until May 4.
  - Executive Order 20-87: Vacation rentals, including rental of any house, condominium, cooperative, or dwelling unit that is also transient public lodging establishment, are prohibited from making new reservations or bookings and shall not accept new guests for 14 days.
  - Executive Order 20-91: Limit movements and personal interactions outside the home to only those necessary and essential activities. Per the EO, senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition (such as chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure, and liver disease) shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Essential services or essential activities are designated by EO 20-89 and DHS Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce (v2); these are included in the Executive Order.
- Brevard Health Alliance will be utilizing their mobile van to offer testing to various locations in underserved communities: Our Lady of Grace in Palm Bay on May 4, Daily Bread in Melbourne on May 6, Byrd Plaza in Cocoa on May 7, and Mosaic Church in Palm Bay on May 8.
- Due to the recent storm activity, the current mean average Keetch-Byram Drought Index for Brevard County has fallen below 450. As a result, the ban on open burning and the use of fireworks is no longer in effect.
- Health First has adopted a universal masking policy, which requires all who come through their doors to wear face masks until further notice.
- OMNI Healthcare opened a third test site in Merritt Island. The testing site is free for those without insurance, and no out-of-pocket expense for people with insurance. To make an appointment, call (321) 802-5515 or email <u>covid@omnihealthcare.com</u>
- Parrish Healthcare, in collaboration with OMNI Healthcare, opened North Brevard's first COVID-19 drive-thru test collection site at its Parrish Health & Fitness Center. The testing site is free for those without insurance, and no out-of-pocket expense for people with insurance, with a 48-hour turnaround time. There are three ways to register:
  - Text "COVID test" to 321-204-1966
  - Go to www.parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19Registration
  - o Call 321-268-6139
- CDC has updated COVID-19 symptoms, and Florida Department of Health in Brevard is offering free COVID-19 testing to anyone who is <u>symptomatic</u>. Call 321-454-7141.

- For information on food pantry locations and how to access help, use the United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource <u>guide</u>.
- Brevard County Public Schools distributed 9,000 meals today. Locations
- Health First is offering drive-up testing for first responders; call 321-434-3131 for appointment. Must show identification and credentials.
- (Non-COVID related) North Brevard/Mims residents are no longer required to conserve water usage but should still be mindful of non-essential use.
- City of Cape Canaveral:
  - For updates, visit: <u>https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/coronavirus/index.php</u>
- City of Cocoa
  - For updates, visit: <u>https://www.cocoafl.org/1558/Coronavirus-COVID-19</u>
- City of Cocoa Beach
  - Fresh perishable food distribution will be held on Friday, May 1 from noon to 4 PM at the Cocoa Beach Country Club, 5000 Tom Warriner Blvd.
- Town of Grant-Valkaria:
  - Town Hall is closed to the general public; essential services 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 are 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 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 public. Essential services continue operating via e-mail and phone calls. For information, call 321-727-7764 or visit <u>www.townofmalabar.org</u>
- City of Melbourne:
  - For updates, please visit <u>https://www.melbourneflorida.org/about/covid-19</u>
- Town of Melbourne Beach
  - Town Hall lobby remains closed to the public; all business must be conducted via phone (321) 724-5860 or click <u>here</u>
- Town of Melbourne Village
  - Town Office is still closed to the general public; for questions email <u>town@Melbournevillage.org</u>, (321) 723-8300 or visit <u>www.melbournevillage.org</u>
- City of Palm Bay:
  - Public access to City facilities remains closed through May 15; plans for a soft reopening will be forthcoming.
  - The Back2Business Directory for Palm Bay businesses survey so far has received nearly 100 responses.

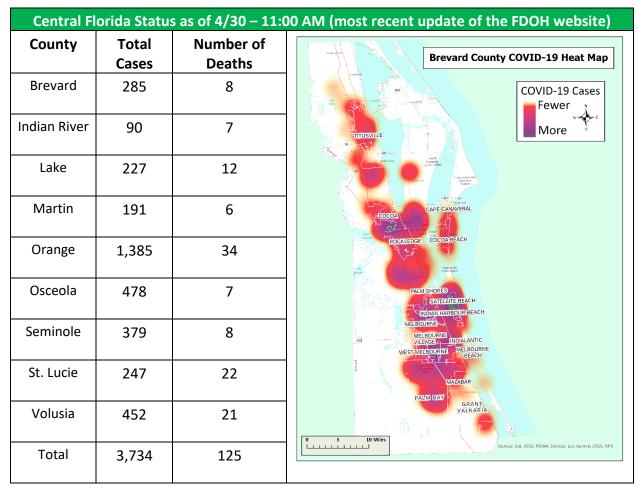
- Essential City services and COVID-19 updates available at <u>www.pbfl.org/COVID19</u>.
- Town of Palm Shores
  - Town Hall is closed to the public; requests for permits and inspections should be called to 321-242-4555 to schedule an appointment.
- City of Rockledge
  - Building Department permit pick-up, issuance, and payment is by appointment only. Plan review will continue as normal.
- City of Satellite Beach:
  - Municipal beaches reopened to all activities; activities must be conducted in groups of no more than 5 people; no congregating on boardwalks and access areas.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  All beach parking lots remain closed.
- City of West Melbourne
  - City services are available via telephone, (321)727-7700, website, www.westmelbourne.org or email, info@westmelbourne.org
- Patrick Air Force Base
  - Updates can be viewed <u>here</u>

### **Rumor Control**

- There are no plans to block the roads into Brevard on May 27 for the return to human spaceflight.
- Drinking or injecting bleach, rubbing alcohol, or other disinfectants is not a treatment or cure for COVID-19.
- At-home COVID-19 antibody tests are not valid; many rapid antibody tests give false positives.

**Central Florida Highlights:** 

- Indian River County will begin allowing curbside pickup of library books on Friday, May 1. Beach access points have reopened, and beaches are open to the public from sunrise to sunset, for limited recreational activities.
- Orange County curfew remains in effect until further notice.
- Osceola County curfew will end on Monday, May 4.
- Seminole County issued a social distancing <u>order</u> for reopening.
- Volusia County announced it is opening a limited amount of additional off-beach parking and providing public access to library computers by appointment.



## State/National Highlights

- Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association reopening guidelines can be viewed here
- JetBlue Airways will require passengers to wear face masks or other face coverings beginning May 4.

#### **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
- Wear a mask or face covering when you are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance.

#### Additional COVID-19 Online Resources

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

#### **Social Media Platforms**

- CDC Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/CDC/</u>
- CDC Twitter: @CDCemergency and @CDCgov
- FDOH Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/FLDepartmentofHealth/</u>
- 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: <u>http://www.facebook.com/BrevardEOC</u> Text **BrevardEOC** to 888-777