MARCH 15, 2020 — The U.S. Census Bureau continues to carefully monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and follow the guidance of federal, state and local health authorities. We are adjusting some operations as outlined below with two key principles in mind: protecting the health and safety of our staff and the public and fulfilling our statutory requirement to deliver the 2020 Census counts to the President on schedule.

As of today, over 5 million have responded online to the 2020 Census. Currently, the planned completion date for data collection for the 2020 Census is July 31, 2020, but that date can and will be adjusted if necessary as the situation dictates in order to achieve a complete and accurate count.

It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker.

We are adjusting operations to make sure college students are counted.
• College students living in on-campus housing are counted through their university as part of our Group Quarters operation, which counts all students living in university-owned housing. In addition to college dormitories, the Group Quarters operation also includes places like nursing homes, group homes, halfway houses and prisons.

• During our recent 2020 Census Group Quarters Advance Contact operation we contacted administrators of college/university student housing to get their input on the enumeration methods that will allow students to participate in the 2020 Census.

• The majority, about 47 percent, chose the eResponse methodology and about seven percent chose paper listings, both of which provide the Census Bureau directory information (electronically or via paper records) about each student. About 35 percent, however, chose drop-off/pick-up, which allows students to self-respond using an Individual Census Questionnaire (or ICQ). We are contacting those schools to ask whether they would like to change that preference in light of the emerging situation.

• In general, students in colleges and universities temporarily closed due to COVID-19 will still be counted as part of this process. Even if they are home on census day, April 1, they should be counted according to the residence criteria that states they should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time. We are asking schools to contact their students and remind them to respond.

• Per the Census Bureau’s residence criteria, students living away from home at school should be counted at school in most cases, even if they are temporarily elsewhere due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are working with group quarters administrators to ensure we count their residents.

• The 2020 Census is designed to offer multiple ways to respond. We’re encouraging administrators of group housing to choose a way to count their residents that requires less in-person contact.

• For the Group Quarters operation, which counts people in nursing homes, college dorms, prisons and other institutional living facilities, we offer a myriad of ways to respond, such as via eResponse, paper listing or self-enumeration by the facility.

• We’re contacting all group quarters administrators that have requested an in-person visit and asking them to consider an eResponse or offering to drop off and later pick up paper forms to minimize in-person contact with our census staff.

We are working with service providers to determine the best way forward.
We are working with service providers at emergency and transitional shelters, soup kitchens and regularly scheduled mobile food vans to adapt plans to count the populations they serve.

The plan has been to interview each person served a meal or staying at the facility at a date and time the service providers choose between March 30 and April 1.

We are now contacting the service providers to determine whether they will be open between March 30 and April 1 and whether they would be able to provide a paper listing of census response data for each person served or staying at the facility instead.

We are delaying the start of our Mobile Questionnaire Assistance program.

We plan to offer assistance with responding to the 2020 Census at events and locations where people naturally gather as part of our Mobile Questionnaire Assistance.

We now plan to offer this assistance fully across the country on April 13, delaying from the previously planned start of March 30.

We are delaying our Early Nonresponse Followup operation.

In this operation, census takers begin following up with households that haven’t responded yet around some colleges and universities. By starting early, we can count households in areas with off-campus housing before the end of the spring semester when students may leave for another residence. We’re delaying the start of this effort from April 9 to April 23.

The Census Bureau is also making changes to its paid media campaign, earned media efforts and partnership outreach efforts to adapt to changing conditions while continuing to promote self-response. The key message right now for anyone with questions about how COVID-19 will affect the 2020 Census: It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker.

We will continue to monitor the situation, take appropriate steps in consultation with public health authorities and provide ongoing updates.

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About the Intergovernmental Affairs Office

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Sincerely,

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Good morning Mayors,

Mayor Curry is going to make the announcement at the 11:30 Special Council Meeting in City Council Chambers. We hope you can join us.

Regards,

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Good morning –

FYI, we just sent the attached advisory. You can watch the Council meeting here at 11:30 a.m. today: https://www.coj.net/city-council/city-council-meetings-online.

As always, let us know if you have questions; thank you for all you’re doing.

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MAYOR CURRY, BEACHES MAYORS WILL GATHER FOR CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, March 16, 2020 — Mayor Lenny Curry will meet with the mayors of the beaches communities, as well as Sheriff Mike Williams and Chief Keith Powers, to talk about the latest information on COVID-19.

WHEN: TODAY, March 16
Immediately following the virtual meeting with City Council
(The Council meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.)

WHERE: City Hall – St. James Building
City Council Chamber
117 W. Duval St. – 32202 (first floor)

WHO: Mayor Lenny Curry, City of Jacksonville
Mayor Elaine Brown, City of Neptune Beach
Mayor Ellen Glasser, City of Atlantic Beach
Mayor Charlie Latham, City of Jacksonville Beach
Sheriff Mike Williams, Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office
Keith Powers, Fire Chief – Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department

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The Florida League of Cities is working closely with FDEM to keep you updated on new developments. Any emergency questions should be directed to your local emergency manager.

White House Briefing Call for Local Governments
On Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m. ET, White House senior officials are hosting a briefing call for state and local government officials. Click here to register for the call.

Important Note: Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line to maximize the number of people who can join.

FDEM Offers Guidance on Procurement
The FDEM has shared some guidance on general procurement for commodities and services that may be needed during this event. They are also advising that emergency/exigency circumstances for the procurement of those goods and services may provide for an exemption for competitive procurement.

- Public Assistance: Procurement Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances.
- Federal Disaster Grants and Contracting Brochure.

New Process for Americans Returning from Certain European Countries, China, and Iran
In order to help prevent the spread of travel-related cases of coronavirus in the United States, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Acting Secretary Chad F. Wolf issued a Notice of Arrival Restrictions outlining the process for American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home after recently visiting certain European countries, China and Iran. Learn More

Coronavirus in Florida: By The Numbers (as of 3.15.20)

Positive Cases of COVID-19
136 – Florida Residents
6 – Florida Residents Diagnosed and Isolated Outside of Florida
13 – Non-Florida Residents

Deaths
4 – Florida Residents

Business Damage Assessment Survey Activated
Last week, Gov. DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment Survey to assess the impact of the coronavirus on Florida local business operations. Click here to take the survey.
New Resources Added to FLC Website
In addition to daily updates with recent news articles, we will continue to add new resources to our Coronavirus Resources page, including best practices and other information from Florida’s cities. Be sure to visit this resource page often for helpful links, prevention tips and the latest news.

Access Resources

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Good Morning,

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, employees and our community is the number one priority of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA). Based on the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control, the Florida Department of Health and the City of Jacksonville’s Emergency Operations Center, we are postponing all public events until further notice.

This includes the scheduled ribbon cuttings for the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center at LaVilla, the St. Johns Express Select and the Baker Express Select. We apologize for any inconvenience and will be in touch once future dates are identified.

Please accept my apology if this is a duplicate notification; however, our goal is to ensure that we communicate with all invitees as well as individuals that have responded. Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful rest of the day and great week!

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The Breakers
Palm Beach, FL
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— Tiger Woods —

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The City of Alachua (posted 3/02)

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Lineman
Utilities Commission City of New Smyrna Beach (posted 3/02)

Utilities Employee I
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Electrical Engineer
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Substation, Metering & Protective Services Supervisor
Utilities Commission City of New Smyrna Beach (posted 3/02)

Energy Advisor
Keys Energy Services (posted 2/26)

Transmission & Distribution Engineer
Keys Energy Services (posted 2/26)

Substation Electrician
Keys Energy Services (posted 2/26)

Electric Line Worker 1
City of Newberry (posted 2/25)

Electric Utility Project Manager
Ocala Electric Utility (posted 2/24)

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City of Lake Worth Beach (posted 2/19)

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Local Government News

Coronavirus: Lakeland drafts pandemic plan
The Ledger
Lakeland city officials have recognized that preparing for a hurricane is very different from preparing for a coronavirus pandemic. “This is new ground for all of us to cover,” Mayor Bill Mutz said. “We want to be prudent as possible, but not overly alarmist either.” City Manager Tony Delgado presented Lakeland commissioners with the first draft of a “Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan” at their Friday morning agenda study. “We’re good with hurricanes, we’re good with tornadoes and those types of things,” Delgado said. “This is something I’m not sure any city, any community was totally prepared for.” The 25-page document was written by Audrey Cain, the city’s new director of emergency management, who was hired approximately a month ago. It’s designed to serve as a planning guide for handling “non-medical issues and challenges associated with an influenza pandemic.” Source

Letter from the Mayor: Stay calm, carry on, and take precautions
Palm Beach Daily News
I know there is a high degree of anxiety and concern regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Please know that the town has undertaken efforts to establish proactive protocols and emergency response plans to ensure the health and safety of our community, which remains our top priority. Communication with federal, state and local officials are ongoing, as they are our partners for obtaining current information and coordinating protective measures. Procedures for ensuring public safety and welfare are constantly changing, requiring ongoing modifications. Please make sure you are signed up to receive COVID-19 daily updates and additional protective actions by visiting the town’s website. Source

The Dos and Don’ts of ‘Social Distancing’
Route Fifty
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidelines for “community mitigation strategies” to limit the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, which include recommendations for “social distancing”—a term that epidemiologists are using to refer to a conscious effort to reduce close contact between
people and hopefully stymie community transmission of the virus. But what exactly does “social distancing” look like for a woman trying to go about her life while staying healthy and helping keep the people around her healthy? Even detailed instructions are difficult to sift for actionable advice. If I have a fourth date tonight, do I go? If I’m invited to a wedding in two weeks in another state, is it too late to cancel? If we’re on lockdown, and I live alone, can I walk to my friend’s apartment when I feel sad? If I end up officially quarantined, can I walk around the park at night for some fresh air? Source

State News

Coronavirus: DeSantis activates EOC to highest level
TCPalm
As the number of reported coronavirus infections grows in Florida, the state’s top leaders Saturday battened down, messaging the need for a greater effort — and patience — to get to the other side of the pandemic. Gov. Ron DeSantis announced that the state’s Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee was moving to Level 1, its highest degree of activation. Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz told residents to stock up on supplies while quickly adding there are as yet no supply chain issues. Public health and emergency officials spent the day marshaling forces to blunt the virus’ transmission and help people navigate a near shutdown of social, business and civil life for at least the next two weeks, if not longer. Source

Florida to activate National Guard to help with virus tests
Florida Politics
The mayor of Miami joined the list of more than 50 people in Florida infected with the new coronavirus Friday as the Governor said he would activate the National Guard to help with a massive ramp-up in testing for the illness. In efforts to limit contacts between potentially infected people, St. Petersburg canceled that city’s Grand Prix, an IndyCar race car event held along the picturesque waterfront in what has become one of the city’s signature weekends. The Miami-Dade and Broward school districts in South Florida, two of the country’s largest, announced closures — Miami-Dade indefinitely and Broward for two weeks. Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the state was purchasing kits that allow for testing up to 625,000 people to get a better handle on where people were infected. About 40% of the kits have already been obtained. Source

Laurel Lee: Florida’s presidential primary will proceed, with caution
Florida Politics
Florida elections officials are planning to continue with Tuesday’s presidential preference primary as scheduled, according to an announcement Friday from Florida Secretary of State Laurel Lee Friday. Lee, along with Arizona Secretary of State Kathy Hobbs, Illinois Elections Board Chair Charles Scholz and Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, said the four states are working with health officials to ensure poll workers and voters can ensure a safe election day. All four states have elections Tuesday. Some people have suggested that states with upcoming primaries or other elections should postpone them to reduce the threat of further spreading the novel coronavirus. Since the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a pandemic earlier this week, more and more Americans have been heeding cautionary advice to practice social distancing, the practice of avoiding unnecessary human contact. The virus has also led to nationwide cancellations of sporting events, concerts and other large gatherings. Source

Coronavirus in Florida: Gov. DeSantis announces more test kits, courts suspending jury trials
Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday continued to step up Florida’s efforts to confront the novel coronavirus’ invasion of the state. Speaking inside a Florida Department of Health warehouse next to a display of coronavirus test kit boxes, the governor said Florida now has the capability to test hundreds of thousands of people. Florida currently has 1,000 kits in state. Each kit can test up to 250 individuals and another 1,500 kits are expected next week. “If a doctor recommends it, then you can receive a test and we want people to be doing that if they are experiencing the symptoms,” DeSantis told reporters. He also announced he was ordering a temporary ban on visiting nursing homes and similar places in Broward County, one of the hot zones for COVID-19 illness, as well as considering activating components of the state’s National Guard to help with response.  

25 new coronavirus cases discovered in Florida; 3rd resident death  
Florida Politics  
South Florida residents made up the majority of the 25 new positive coronavirus cases that were reported early Saturday morning by the Florida Department of Health. Among the new positive cases reported was a 68-year-old female Florida resident who died in California after testing positive for COVID-19. The Orlando-area woman was tested in California following a trip to Asia. She is the third Florida resident death connected to the virus. A total of 70 Florida residents have been diagnosed with COVID-19, according to the latest Health Department numbers.  

Florida plans some drive-through testing, restaurants stay open for now, DeSantis says  
Tampa Bay Times  
Gov. Ron DeSantis announced Sunday that the state’s first mobile testing station will be set up in Broward County, free of charge. The announcement comes after the Florida Department of Health reported early Sunday morning that the number of COVID-19 cases in the state surpassed 100. There are currently 36 positive coronavirus cases in Broward County. The testing station, planned for Miramar, will come out of a public-private partnership between Memorial Health Care in Broward County and the Florida National Guard, which has already deployed more than 100 guardsmen in the county, the epicenter of the state’s outbreak. “The idea is because we've had more cases there than anywhere else, we want to supplement the health care system there,” DeSantis said.  

Check that snail mail: Official U.S. Census invitations arrive starting March 12  
Florida Today  
Start watching your mailbox, that "real" one that gets your snail mail: Official letters from the U.S. Census Bureau will start arriving nationwide beginning March 12. Then, head for your computer to be part of the decennial count of the United States' population. Available online for the first time this year, the census shapes the maps of legislative districts and helps determine funding for everything from libraries, roads and highways to Medicaid, hospitals and FEMA relief after disasters. Beginning this week, more than 80% of households will receive an invitation letter with a unique census ID that allows participation online, said Greg Engle, media specialist for the U.S. Census in Central Florida.  

Federal News  

CDC: No crowds of more than 50 — anywhere, for next 8 weeks
Florida Politics
Federal officials are recommending that all gatherings of more than 50 people be canceled or postponed over the next eight weeks, throughout the country. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a guideline Sunday evening that recommends "that for the next eight weeks, organizers [whether groups or individuals] cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States," to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic and the COVID-19 disease it causes. The CDC's "Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 [COVID-19]" could affect church services, weddings, parties, small conferences, and other events, and could have ramifications for bars, restaurants, movie theaters, and other remaining entertainment and leisure businesses. Certainly it could address political rallies and protests, and potentially apply to government public meetings. Source

Donald Trump declares virus pandemic a national emergency
Florida Politics
President Donald Trump announced Friday that he is declaring the coronavirus pandemic a national emergency, as Washington struggles with providing Americans with relief and officials race to slow the spread of the outbreak. Speaking from the Rose Garden, Trump said, "I am officially declaring a national emergency." He said it would free up as much as $50 billion for state and local governments to respond to the outbreak. Trump also waived interest on federally held student loans and moved to prop up energy markets, by directing the Department of Energy to buy oil to fill the strategic petroleum reserve "right up to the top." Source

House Passes Coronavirus Package with White House Support
Route Fifty
The House on Saturday overwhelmingly passed emergency legislation to address some of the economic fallout from the coronavirus and other parts of the crisis. An agreement on the package came after two days of intense negotiations between House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and just hours after President Trump derided the package at a news conference. But after Pelosi announced the deal, Trump, too, tweeted his support for the measure. Lawmakers voted on the proposal early Saturday morning, approving the package by a 363-40 vote. Source

Pelosi, Trump strike deal on coronavirus response package
The Hill
Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and President Trump have struck a deal on a multibillion-dollar stimulus package aimed at assisting millions of Americans directly hurt by the coronavirus outbreak. Pelosi announced the deal on Friday evening after days of roller-coaster negotiations that put the outcome in doubt, as the nation’s leaders raced to ease public anxiety and stabilize volatile markets. Trump said on Twitter that he looked forward to signing the legislation. "I have directed the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations that will provide flexibility so that in no way will Small Businesses be hurt. I encourage all Republicans and Democrats to come together and VOTE YES!" Trump wrote in a series of tweets. Source

House passes bill to help prop up economy from coronavirus
The Hill
The House early Saturday morning passed legislation aimed at mitigating the economic impact of the coronavirus by providing financial assistance to people impacted by the pandemic. The measure, which passed 363-40, includes provisions that would ensure that workers can take paid sick or family leave, bolster unemployment insurance, and guarantee that all Americans can get free diagnostic testing for the coronavirus. Its passage comes after two days of uncertainty while Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and
Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin engaged in intense negotiations to accommodate GOP concerns, such as the cost of paid sick leave on businesses and ensuring that no taxpayer funds can be used for abortion. [Source]

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**Legislative News**

**Legislative Session extended through March 20 to iron out budget**
Florida Politics
Florida lawmakers late Friday approved a week-long extension of the 2020 legislative session as leaders continued negotiating a state budget. The 60-day session was scheduled to end Friday, but the extension would allow lawmakers to meet through March 20. House Speaker Jose Oliva said he hopes to vote on the budget Wednesday or Thursday. Senate Appropriations Chairman Rob Bradley said leaders are expected to meet late Saturday morning to nail down final details of the spending plan. After the budget is printed and presented to lawmakers, it is subject to a 72-hour review period before the House and Senate can vote. The budget is for the fiscal year that will start July 1. [Source]

**Lawmakers to vote Thursday on $93.2B budget**
Florida Politics
Lawmakers will vote on the upcoming state budget Thursday after the House and Senate convene at noon, legislative leaders announced Sunday evening. The legislative bodies will convene for the exclusive purpose of voting on the General Appropriations Act (HB 5001,) the General Appropriations Act implementation (HB 5003) and a collective bargaining agreement (HB 5005,) As of right now, the Legislature is not planning to hold remote votes on the upcoming budget despite ongoing threats regarding COVID-19. The Florida constitution does not currently contemplate such action. However, given the ongoing threat concerning the coronavirus and guidance from both state and federal health agencies to limit large gathering, including a CDC announcement Sunday to cancel gatherings of more than 50 people, Galvano’s office notes that there is now reason to explore changing laws to allow remote legislative voting in the future. [Source]

**Bills addressing sewage fines, Holocaust curriculum, vaping age on DeSantis' desk**
The Center Square
Florida lawmakers in the past two days have approved a raft of legislation, including bills requiring Holocaust education in public schools, raising the minimum age for smoking and vaping to 21, creating a transparency watchdog office within a state bureaucracy and doubling fines for environmental lawbreakers. The House and Senate unanimously approved House Bill 1091, sponsored by Rep. Randy Fine, R-Palm Bay, which increases the state’s $10,000 fine for spilling raw sewage into waterways by 50 percent. In addition to increasing penalties by 50 percent for spills and other violations, the bill allows the state’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to issue complaints as safety citations that cannot be resolved by court order or judgment, meaning each day in violation is a separate offense until it is resolved. [Source]

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**Finance, Taxation & Personnel News**

**Coronavirus concerns drive Legislature to whittle down tax package**
Florida Politics
The House and Senate spent much of Friday — what was supposed to be the final day of Session according to the calendar — determining how much of a tax cut makes sense in this time of coronavirus and economic uncertainty. In the end, the number arrived at was much smaller than what was first proposed. The original House proposal: HB 7097 would have cut revenue by $120.5 million in fiscal year 2020-2021. The Senate trimmed down the cuts considerably. Included in the Senate amendment: a three-day back to school, seven-day disaster holiday, a communications service tax reduction of 0.5%, charitable hospital and private LLC affordable housing property tax breaks, and ad valorem exemptions for deployed service members. Source

Coronavirus siphons money from Florida teachers, tax breaks
Florida Politics
With uncertainty over how the outbreak of COVID-19 could affect the state's economy, Florida lawmakers scaled back tax breaks and reduced spending on teacher raises to help fatten the state's emergency reserves by $300 million as the virus continued to threaten public health and key industries. Legislative negotiators announced Saturday a budget deal that would fund 3% across-the-board raises for state employees, send $100 million to the state’s land conservation program and give the state’s lowest-paid teachers a significant pay boost. With budget negotiations over, a finally tally of the Legislature’s spending priorities still needs to be finalized into a final document that will be delivered to both chambers for approval in the coming days. When the number crunching is over, lawmakers are expected to send Gov. Ron DeSantis a spending plan of roughly $92 billion. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Gift ban changes sadly not happening this Legislation Session
Florida Politics
With the clock running out on the 2020 Legislative Session, a bill intended to help seriously ill state employees looks to be on the ropes. Senate Budget Chief Rob Bradley’s SB 1490 would allow non-elected state employees to "accept any gift or compensation, regardless of value" if it is applied directly toward the expenses incurred from treating their or their child’s "serious disease or illness." The Senate unanimously passed the bill Thursday. However, with budget negotiations and tax package negotiations proving to be difficult to resolve, the likelihood of the House taking up the bill is remote to nil. The argument is that catastrophic illness can put financial strain on an individual or a family. State employees typically lack the resources to deal with such. Source

Protecting And Preserving Ancient Sites At Risk From Sea-Level Rise In Florida
NPR
Long before condominiums lined the shoreline in Miami Beach, before air conditioning, many thousands of years before Columbus, people lived along Florida’s coastline. Archaeologists say the remains of their settlements are particularly vulnerable to rising sea levels as a result of climate change. In Florida's Palm Beach County researchers are planning how best to protect and preserve the ancient sites most at risk from rising seas. One of the sites is at a county park in Boca Raton where the playground and the public beach are the main attractions. Most visitors are unaware that it's also one of the oldest settlements in America. "Basically under our feet is where the site is," archaeologist April Watson says as she ducks under branches and sweeps away leaves. Source

Feds forced to designate critical habitat for Florida coral species after lawsuit settlement

Source
Naples Daily News
Coral species off the coast of Florida will receive new protections after the federal government settled a suit with an environmental group. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the U.S. Department of Commerce agreed to settle with the Center for Biological Diversity over critical habitat designations for a total of 12 threatened coral species. "Corals are the most productive environments in the oceans," said Emily Jeffers with the Center. "Reefs provide the basis for entire ecosystems and they're extremely important for the rest of the food web. I think it's very fair to say they are the backbone of the ecosystem." Source

Tampa studies how to make its stormwater system handle rising seas
Tampa Bay Times
Tampa has been plagued by flooding for decades, a problem made worse by its inadequate system of pipes, valves and vaults that take rainwater off city streets and into the Hillsborough River and the bays. Enter climate change. Rising seas threaten to turn a chronic nuisance into a nightmare for many areas of the city. Think Davis Islands, South Tampa, and large swaths of riverfront-adjacent neighborhoods like Wellswood and Rivercrest. A worst-case scenario? Conjure up a stormy day and throw in an additional 1 1/2 feet of water. For bonus scare-points, add a King Tide into the city’s stormwater system. But it’s not all doom and gloom. The city has three decades to find a fix. And that’s not the only bright spot, said city officials and consultants from Applied Sciences, a Tampa firm that — with the help of a $7,500 state grant — is completing a study which should be finalized in April. Source
Good Morning,

Due to recent events, all of the live training sessions scheduled this week are cancelled. We have changed the training to remote sessions and I will forward the invites to you once I receive them. You can sit at your desk, in your car, or at home to view the training. I will also place links to the recorded sessions from last week on the Employee Intranet so you can view the training on-demand.

We made this change in the best interest of everyone’s health.

The team from RingCentral and my team will be out and about putting phones on desktops. They’ve all been briefed on proper sanitary conditions and will take every precaution.

Thank you for your continued patience while we work towards providing you with better tools to continue providing outstanding customer service to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Kent

Sent from my eyePhone, so please ignore any typos.
To our Clients, Partners and Friends,

Making our clients successful. These four words have served as the guiding mission of Burns & McDonnell for 122 years. And today, they seem to have more meaning than ever before.

As the COVID-19 virus brings uncertainty to our nation and our world, please know Burns & McDonnell stands with you. We have a resilient business continuity plan designed to navigate the effects of this pandemic to keep you safe and provide the support, service and partnership to make you successful.

In addition to following the guidelines set forth by federal and local governments, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, our plan includes:
• Required risk assessments for employees who have traveled to COVID-19 hot spots to determine further medical screenings and/or self-quarantine.
• Heightened personal hygiene and workplace sanitization.
• Bolstered IT capabilities to allow employees to work from home when needed, conduct virtual meetings and have secure file-sharing methods.
• Cancellation or postponement of large on-site meetings and events.
• Cancellation of nonessential domestic air travel.
• Real-time updates from the Burns & McDonnell COVID-19 Response Team to make sure each employee has the latest information on the COVID-19 virus.

You also have my promise that our employees will approach your work as if they own the company — because they do. As a 100% employee-owned firm, our unwavering dedication to work with an entrepreneurial mindset is critical to success — especially in times like these.

We remain dedicated to providing our highest level of service to each of you — making our clients successful.

Sincerely,

Ray Kowalik
Chairman and CEO, Burns & McDonnell
Submitted on Monday, March 16, 2020 - 12:23pm Submitted by anonymous user: [76.123.96.9] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Childcare centers in need of funding during crisis
Message: What do we do as a childcare provider that holds more than 50 children? The majority of our children receive state funding to help with child care costs. When they don’t attend, we as a business don’t get paid. This will have major economic effects on our small business. The office of Early Learning and the Early Learning Coalition hasn’t responded yet about any financial help. Have you been made aware of possible financial help? As a small business owner in Jacksonville Beach, and a center that helps mainly children in need and foster children, this will buy us out of business. Who do we turn to for help now?

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
--Contact Information--
Name: Jen Crane
Address: 1851 beach Blvd
City, State, Zip: Jacksonville Beach
Name of Company: Coastal Early Learning Academy
E-mail Address: jenjcrane@icloud.com
Phone Number: 9044164847

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27456
As Florida's municipalities prepare for the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the League will continue to share important information from our state and federal partners as it becomes available.

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Tuesday, March 17
5:30 p.m. EDT

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- Broward
- Charlotte
- Citrus
- Clay
- Collier
- Duval
- Hillsborough
- Lee
- Manatee
- Miami-Dade
- Nassau
- Orange
- Osceola
- Okaloosa
- Palm Beach
- Pasco
- Pinellas
- Santa Rosa
- Sarasota
- Seminole
- St. Johns
- Volusia

**Call-in Number: 888.585.9008**  
**Conference Room Number: 488-097-156#**

Please send any preliminary questions to **eoc-plans@em.myflorida.com**.

This call will be a recurring event Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (EDT) until further notice.
PLEASE NOTE: This week’s call will begin at 5:00 p.m. ET, not 5:30.

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2020 FL Linemen Competition

Dear Charlie,

Did you go to Tallahassee this weekend? Congratulations to the FMEA staff and all the utilities journeymen and apprentices that competed. It didn’t quite go as planned, as Garnie and Amy said they went from plan A to B to…..Z . The ‘trade show’ was held outside while attendees snacked on barbeque provided by Burns & McDonald! Thank you.

Amy Zubaly kicked off the competition Saturday morning to start the games. Thanks to the City of Tallahassee the host. The field was fabulous, the weather beautiful and calm. Only two utilities cancelled and a number of vendors.

Congratulations to New Smyrna Beach which had a team for the first time in years!
There were lots of future linemen watching their dad compete.

And lots of proud families. Visit Altra Medical’s Facebook Page to see all the pictures.

FMEA were forced to cancel the awards banquet – so FMEA said trophies will be sent to the winners.

The results are posted on FMEA’s Page:

Results

Journeyman Team Events

- 12kV Inline Switch Change Out
- 12kV Insulator Change Out
- 12kV OCR Replacement
- Mystery Event - Sponsored by Milwaukee Tools
- Vertical Hurtman Rescue - Sponsored by Altec Industries

Apprentice Events

- 3 Phase Fuse Replacement
- Hurtman Rescue - Sponsored by Altec Industries
- Phase Change
- Pole Top Pin Change Out
- Streetlight Head Replacement
- Written Test

Congratulations to all the journeymen and apprentices that competed!

We hope you stay well and hope that things get back to normal quickly.

Leslie Roberts
Altra Medical
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Pinellas Park, FL 33782
727-541-5900

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Get Involved!
Citizen Involvement is Key to Good Government!

March 16, 2020

Beaches Watch News & Updates

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Presidential Primary: Tuesday, March 17
Beaches Branch Library
600 3rd St, Neptune Beach
*** Voting is still scheduled while the library is closed
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Please read this letter from the Supervisor of Elections regarding sanitary precautions at the voting precincts.

POSTPONED: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7pm
Beaches Watch Meeting
**COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The State of Florida, City of Jacksonville, City of Atlantic Beach, City of Neptune Beach and City of Jacksonville Beach have all declared a State of Emergency in an effort to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

In Atlantic Beach:
Gail Baker Community Center, Jordan Center, Adele Grage Cultural Center are closed until further notice. City-permitted and City-sanctioned events at those facilities and parks are suspended until further notice. This pertains to all scheduled through March 31. Also, scheduled City Commission, board and committee meetings are canceled through March 31.

Essential government functions such as public safety, public utilities, public works, building permits and inspections, code enforcement, and garbage and recycling collection will continue.

In Neptune Beach:
The City has cancelled public meetings through the end of the month, including all programs at the Senior Activity Center. To help protect residents, Public Works employees will begin sanitizing playground equipment in the parks daily, and City staff will take extra measures to keep City Hall sanitized.

In Jacksonville Beach:
All public meetings, to include City Council Meetings and Briefings, and all other official city meetings, are canceled through March 31. All public events put on by and hosted by the City of Jacksonville Beach have been canceled through March 31.

You can follow updates regarding the COVID-19 State of Emergency here:
For more information about COVID-19:
CDC: www.cdc.gov/covid19

Please take care of yourself, those you love and your neighbors who are most susceptible to the COVID-19 virus by socially distancing yourself, washing your hands and not touching your face.

Learn about protecting yourself and others:

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**Our Beaches Have Lost the Heart of the Beaches Leader**

Our beaches have lost a very special member of our community with the passing of Kathleen Bailey, the Editor of the Beaches Leader newspaper. Kathleen has been the Beaches Leader Editor for many years, covering our local governments, our schools, sports, local events, the arts - everything that makes our beaches communities so special.

As a long-time resident of the beaches and graduate of Fletcher High School, Kathleen's Leader's Opinions were always representative of the feelings and opinions of our citizens. She ensured our governments were transparent through her weekly review of public records and worked tirelessly to keep our citizens informed and engaged in our beaches issues.

Kathleen's voice will be greatly missed.

Please keep Kathleen's family in your thoughts and prayers.

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**Support the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship**
A Jacksonville Beach native and graduate of Fletcher High School, Fland Sharp was a life-long resident of the beaches who loved his community and enriched the beaches quality of life through his community involvement and public service. Fland served as American Red Cross Lifesaving Captain, he was a founding member of Beaches Watch and served 16 years on the Jacksonville Beach City Council, including 8 years as Mayor. With a fierce love of Jacksonville Beach and a dedication to preserving the special quality of life of his beloved beach community, Fland’s contributions and legacy as a community leader are a shining example for generations to come.

The Beaches Watch Board of Directors believes the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship will serve to inspire a deserving Fletcher High School senior to follow in Fland’s footsteps of dedicated community involvement. The Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship is a needs-based and merit-based $1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to a deserving Fletcher senior this May. You can help a deserving Fletcher senior by donating to the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Donate to the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund

Please consider making a secure donation via Paypal here:

Or you can mail a check (include "Scholarship Donation" in the memo) to:
Beaches Watch, Inc.
P.O. Box 50311
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240

No donation is too small! Thank you for anything you can do to support a deserving Fletcher High School senior!

2020 Member Social Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Beaches Watch Member Social & presentation of the Friend of the Beaches Award to Bill Gulliford. It was a great night filled with fun, food and prizes! We especially want to thank our amazingly generous beaches businesses who donated over $2,500 in gifts and services!!!

Please thank these businesses for their generosity by patronizing these businesses!
Atlantic Beach Barbeque  
Anheiser Busch  
Bali Cargo Company  
Beach Diner  
Bold Bean  
Bonefish Grille  
Bongiorno's Philly Steak & Pasta  
Brewhound Dog Park & Bar  
Breezy Coffee Shop  
Café Frisch @ FSCJ  
Cantina Louie  
Cinotti's  
Dano's Diner  
Davinci's Pizza  
Ellen's Kitchen  
Fish Company  
K9's for Warriors  
Mike Miller  
Susie Miller  
One of Each Gifts  
Paul & Paula's Nail Spa  
Penman Diner  
Pooches Playhouse  
PRP Wine International  
Proctor Ace Hardware  
Ragtime  
Red Daisy  
Poe's Tavern  
Royal Palm Village Wine & Tapas  
Sandy Golding  
Steve Piscitelli  
Sugar Cane's Cuban Restaurant  
John Sullivan  
The Carry Cross  
The Local  
Tim's Wine Market  
Two Dudes Seafood  
Vitality Bowls Superfood Café  
Voo Swar  
Whitt's Frozen Yogurt  
Wine Warehouse

Special thanks also goes to the Board of Directors, Programs Committee members, volunteers and musicians who contributed to making the Member Social a great event.

Musicians Lee Wolf and Patrick Daut were fabulous!

Bill Gulliford - 2020 Friend of the Beaches
Beaches Watch has a lot of opportunities where volunteer help is needed. And the great news is that no large time commitment is needed. Whatever help you can offer would be greatly appreciated!

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the following areas, please contact us at info@beacheswatch.com and let us know where you would like to help:

- **Board of Directors** - help us with organization governance and direction
- **Programs Committee** - help us organize speakers for our monthly meetings and organize candidate forums
- **Membership Committee** - help us grow our membership
- **Public Relations/Communications Assistance** - help us with newsletter and/or website content
- **City Issues Liaisons** - attend your city council/commission meetings and help us keep our membership informed

We are an all-volunteer organization and can only continue our work through the great help of volunteers! We thank you for any offer of help you can provide!
2020 Beaches Watch Membership

Membership Renewal:
It's time to renew your Beaches Watch membership for 2020! Memberships are valid from January thru December and available to residents of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach.

Your membership fees and donations will be used to support the following Beaches Watch programs for 2020:

- Friend of the Beaches Award
- Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship awarded to a deserving Fletcher High senior
- Give Back Donation for a worthy beaches nonprofit
- Candidate forums so beaches citizens can learn about the candidates who will represent them in elected office
- Monthly meeting programs

Membership fees:

- $15 for individual
- $20 for family
- $5 for student
- $15 for non-resident supporter (for supporters who don't live in Atlantic Beach, Jax Beach or Neptune Beach)

Payment Options:
To make it easier, you can pay your membership securely online through Paypal. It only takes a few minutes and will help save money and be kind to the environment.

Donations:
In addition to your membership fee, donations are also appreciated to support the programs Beaches Watch provides to enrich our quality of life at the beaches.

DONATE TO THE FLAND SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:
Your donation will go directly to the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund and will be used in its entirety to provide a monetary scholarship to a deserving Fletcher High School senior.

DONATE TO SUPPORT BEACHES WATCH PROGRAMS:
Your donation will support our work throughout the year: beaches candidate forums, Give-Back donation, Friend of the Beaches annual recognition, and monthly educational programs.

If you would prefer to mail us your support, **CLICK HERE** to download the membership form.

With your support, you will help us continue our mission to promote and facilitate educated and productive citizen involvement in local and state decisions that affect the quality of life of our beaches communities in Duval County.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

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**What is Beaches Watch?**

Beaches Watch is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization whose mission is to promote and facilitate educated and productive citizen involvement in local and state government decisions that affect the future of our northeast Florida beaches communities. We achieve this by raising, monitoring and researching issues; providing factual issue information to the general public and government officials; encouraging citizen participation in the solutions to beaches growth and quality of life issues and organizing citizens for action.

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Mr. Vandeloo,

The Center for Disease Control has recommended maximum occupancy rates of 50 nationwide. Mayor Curry has implemented that standard throughout Duval County, and it has supported by all three beach mayors. I know it will create some difficulty, but we must comply. Large gatherings are the most significant contributor to the spread of the disease, hence they must not be allowed until this pandemic has passed.

Many other businesses will likely suffer negative financial impacts as well. The city is reviewing our situation every day, and you can track updates on our website at www.jacksonvillebeach.net.

All the best,

Charlie Latham
Mayor
City of Jacksonville Beach
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Jacksonville Beach, FL  32250
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904-910-4004 (cell)

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On Mar 16, 2020, at 1:51 PM, Mark Vandeloo <mvandeloo@casamarinahotel.com> wrote:

Mr. Latham, I'm the operator of Casa Marina Hotel and looking for clarification. We have upwards of 30 weddings planned in the next 60 days all of which are between 80-120. I respect and understand the ban but can you clarify and give me more information. if it's not a public event can it carry on and is there any idea of a timeline. As you can imagine we have a lot of panicked brides and i want to be sure to give the correct information.

I appreciate your leadership and respect your time during this crises

Respectfully,
Mark Vandeloo
General Manager
Just wanted to let you all know that Navy is increasing its health protection measures to HPCON to B "moderate," in the 48 contiguous U.S. States and Alaska, which are part of the NORTHCOM AOR. The current number of cases in the U.S. and potential exposure during CDC's "sustained community spread" and current DoD guidance warrant increasing health protection measures such as: Strict hygiene (no handshaking, wipe common-use items); if exposed, self-isolate (wear mask or remain home); avoid contaminated water/food or risk area; vector control if applicable.

Thank you,

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CC: Ricks, Laureen <RicksL@duvalschools.org>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FW: MEDIA ADVISORY: Mayor Curry, Beaches Mayors Will Gather for Coronavirus Update

Good morning –

FYI, we just sent the attached advisory. You can watch the Council meeting here at 11:30 a.m. today: https://www.coj.net/city-council/city-council-meetings-online.

As always, let us know if you have questions; thank you for all you’re doing.

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MAYOR CURRY, BEACHES MAYORS WILL GATHER FOR CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, March 16, 2020 — Mayor Lenny Curry will meet with the mayors of the beaches communities, as well as Sheriff Mike Williams and Chief Keith Powers, to talk about the latest information on COVID-19.

WHEN: TODAY, March 16
Immediately following the virtual meeting with City Council
(The Council meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.)

WHERE: City Hall – St. James Building
City Council Chamber
117 W. Duval St. – 32202 (first floor)

WHO: Mayor Lenny Curry, City of Jacksonville
Mayor Elaine Brown, City of Neptune Beach
Mayor Ellen Glasser, City of Atlantic Beach
Mayor Charlie Latham, City of Jacksonville Beach
Sheriff Mike Williams, Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office
Keith Powers, Fire Chief – Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department

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State and Local Elected Officials –

Today, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19. Below, please find additional information on The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread. Please feel free to share broadly.

As a reminder, the CDC’s official Coronavirus website – www.coronavirus.gov – is the best source for up-to-date information and guidance.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread

1) Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.

2) If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

3) If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

4) If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

5) If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.

6) If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.

7) Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus.
a. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
b. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
c. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
d. Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
e. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
f. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

8) Practice good hygiene:
   a. Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
   b. Avoid touching your face.
   c. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
   d. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

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** Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

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15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORIES.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

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- **AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS** in groups of more than 10 people.
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Vandeloo <mvandeloo@casamarinahotel.com>
Subject: Re: Casa Marina
Date: March 16, 2020 at 3:23:47 PM EDT
To: Charlie Latham <charlie@charlielatham.com>

Thank you Mayor Latham, i sincerely appreciate your communication. I assure you we take this with the utmost urgency and we are in communication with our brides as we speak to work towards compliance.

Thank you again for taking the time to reply, i can only imagine your schedule.

Respectfully,

On Mon, Mar 16, 2020 at 3:01 PM Charlie Latham <charlie@charlielatham.com> wrote:

Mr. Vandeloo,

The Center for Disease Control has recommended maximum occupancy rates of 50 nationwide. Mayor Curry has implemented that standard throughout Duval County, and it has supported by all three beach mayors. I know it will create some difficulty, but we must comply. Large gatherings are the most significant contributor to the spread of the disease, hence they must not be allowed until this pandemic has passed.
Many other businesses will likely suffer negative financial impacts as well. The city is reviewing our situation every day, and you can track updates on our website at www.jacksonvillebeach.net.

All the best,

Charlie Latham  
Mayor  
City of Jacksonville Beach  
11 North Third Street  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250  
catham@jaxbchfl.net  
904-247-6268 (office)  
904-910-4004 (cell)

Please note that under Florida's public records law, email communications are subject to public disclosure.

On Mar 16, 2020, at 1:51 PM, Mark Vandeloo <mvandeloo@casamarinahotel.com> wrote:

Mr. Latham, I'm the operator of Casa Marina Hotel and looking for clarification. We have upwards of 30 weddings planned in the next 60 days all of which are between 80-120. I respect and understand the ban but can you clarify and give me more information. if it's not a public event can it carry on and is there any idea of a timeline. As you can imagine we have a lot of panicked brides and i want to be sure to give the correct information.

I appreciate your leadership and respect your time during this crises

Respectfully,  
Mark Vandeloo  
General Manager

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Mark Vandeloo  
General Manager
While a majority of our staff will begin working remotely this week, we want to reassure you that we have made arrangements for them to be fully equipped to respond to all emails and phone calls. It’s our promise to keep providing your municipality with the same support, allowing you to focus on mitigating the virus’ impact in your communities.

League departments were preparing over the weekend and we do not anticipate any issues or interruptions with our services. Your membership and commitment to the League has been crucial to our success, and we are confident in serving your needs going forward.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 850.222.9684. We encourage you to visit the League’s Coronavirus Resources webpage.

Please continue to read all the communications we send you, and if you’re looking for trusted, up-to-date information, we recommend visiting the specific coronavirus websites of the Florida Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the World Health Organization for the most current material and updated guidelines.

Here are some additional steps we are taking to help stem the spread of the coronavirus:

- Implementing travel restrictions.
- Limiting the size of meetings.
• Encouraging staff to follow the procedures and guidelines recommended by the CDC.
• Reinforcing safe behavior and healthy habits throughout our Tallahassee and Orlando offices.

The Florida League of Cities will continue to monitor the outbreak of the coronavirus and keep members informed of any new developments and recommendations.
Florida Division of Emergency Management Weekly Call

All mayors are invited and encouraged to participate in the calls.

PLEASE NOTE: This week's call will begin at 5:00 p.m. EDT, not 5:30 p.m.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Conference Call for Select Cities

Tuesday, March 17
5:00 p.m. EDT

These calls will be held weekly on Tuesdays.
The Florida Division of Emergency Management is now hosting a weekly call with the Florida League of Cities membership and staff regarding the Coronavirus.

This week's call is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

The FDEM has asked city commissioners, mayors and city managers from the impacted counties listed below to join the call:

- Alachua
- Broward
- Charlotte
- Citrus
- Clay
- Collier
- Duval
- Hillsborough
- Lee
- Manatee
- Miami-Dade
- Nassau
- Orange
- Osceola
- Okaloosa
- Palm Beach
- Pasco
- Pinellas
- Santa Rosa
- Sarasota
- Seminole
- St. Johns
- Volusia

Call-in Number: 888.585.9008
Conference Room Number: 488-097-156#

Please send any preliminary questions to eoc-plans@em.myflorida.com.

This call will be a recurring event on Tuesdays until further notice.

Coronavirus Resources
Mayor and Council,

Some updates for you regarding COVID-19 and the City’s response:

1. We have declared a state of emergency
2. We have enacted the same restrictions as COJ: no assemblies over 50 persons, no alcohol sales between midnight and 8:00 am
3. Differing from COJ, we have NOT closed our parks or the beach; we do not have an effective means to enforce either of those restrictions if enacted, nor do we sanitize playground equipment from a manpower/resources perspective
4. All special events and public meetings are canceled at least through the remainder of the month
5. Employees are being allowed to stay home with their children using either sick or vacation leave, due to schools being closed
6. Our EOC is technically activated (although not in a defined location like during a hurricane); Directors will hold a conference call daily at 4:00 pm starting tomorrow
7. Departments are assessing their operational models and SOPs, and will adjust accordingly to ensure continuity of services in the event of mass illnesses; precautions are being discussed daily
8. Public access to our buildings is being restricted to business activities only; additional safeguards will likely be implemented within the next 24 hours

We are in uncharted territory. We have not dealt with a pandemic that has garnered this type of international attention, nor with the ability to exceed our ability to provide service or our health care system’s capacity. We are following the emergency mantra: plan for the worst, hope for the best, and take this day by day.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
City Manager

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Mstaffopoulos@jaxbchfl.net
Submitted on Monday, March 16, 2020 - 6:07pm Submitted by anonymous user: [107.194.6.165] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Closing beaches
Message:
I love the beach as much as anyone but think you may be missing the forest for the trees. The beaches were packed this past weekend with no concern for the virus. Leaders have to make tough decisions and closing the beach is a very tough one but that is necessary.
Bob Chapman

Department: Mayor's Office
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The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27485
Each Monday during session, be sure to participate in the Florida League of Cities 30-minute legislative call-in to learn the issues the Legislature will be discussing in the upcoming week and what advocacy efforts may be needed. A summary of each call-in will be sent via email. The email will also include a link to the recording of the call-in.

Please note: FLC is closed on January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The call-in for this week will be moved to Tuesday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m.

The line will be muted automatically for all callers, except the presenters, until Q&A time. If you would like to ask a question, press *9.
Mayor Curry & Mayor Latham:

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Furthermore, I find it unlikely that patrons in bars till midnight are properly distancing one from each other, each patron separated from other patrons, even at the overall “limitation” of 50 for each bar. Nor is there any legitimate public welfare reason to have bars open and open as late as until midnight?

That practice of leaving bars open until midnight is encouraging out of town and out of state tourists — transients—in short term vacation rentals and hotels around the beaches to carry on vacations as usual, potentially adding to the spread of the virus, cancelling out the efforts of locals, and adding difficulty in tracking new virus spreading and for locating their contacts once cases are diagnosed later in hometowns they return to.

Please remember that the beaches have vacation rentals in our neighborhoods. For example, in Jacksonville Beach, on my street of mostly senior widows living alone and retired senior couples, there is a STR across the street from me. While neighbors around the beaches are trying to help each other through this difficult time for the elderly and medically vulnerable, transients are receiving the nod to carry on partying by bars being open to midnight. Last week 13 out-of-town vacationing men were housed together in the STR on our street. When that group of strangers-to-the-neighborhood departed the vacation rental house yesterday (Sunday) at 10 am, the next group of vacationers to stay in the house began arriving at 1 and 2 pm on the same day. Does that even give enough time between vacationers in a STR for the cleaning and sanitation our hotels are meanwhile claiming to do?

Many other places around the country have begun to close bars entirely. In conjunction with the health department, please continue to review the national guidelines released yesterday and consider moving practices in Jacksonville Beach and Duval County closer to substantial compliance with those stricter guidelines if possible.

Thank you for all you are doing. Stay safe!

Sincerely, Valerie Britt
Subject: closures

Message: We can't go to church, but we can continue to drop off and pick up little vectors at daycares? They are the biggest tightly-packed cesspools of communicable illnesses there are. My mother-in-law picks up my son. She's in her 60s. Many other grandmothers, even great-grandmothers pick up kids. Some parents are in health jobs. One is an aide to shut-ins! Please help us shut these down! Even without corona at this time, this is no time to spread ANY immunity-weakening problems to our elderly. Close these petri dishes, PLEASE!

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net

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Phone Number: 904-813-9946

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Good evening everybody...sorry for the interruption ...
As I try to stay connected to the issue of the closing the Ocean Forest gate on Lakeside Drive once the Kings Road Bridge is completed...I go to most council meetings and council briefings...if I can’t attend....I always listen to the audio tapes or watch the videos that are on line.

Since my last update ...there has been no discussion about the gate....but at the March 2 council briefing there was an issue discussed that you may have some interest in....ITS NOT ABOUT THE GATE.

It was about the Cities continued involvement with the “Deck The Chairs” Christmas display.

Starting at 46 minutes and 27 seconds....to 1 Hour and 9 minutes of the audio....about a 20 minute discussion.... You will hear a rather interesting discussion...at least I thought it was interesting about the potential continuation of the Deck The Chairs ....and potential changes to the program.

I encourage you to listen to the tapes....and if so inclined....contact the council members about this and any other issues that are important to you.

If we don’t contact our representatives....they won’t know about how we feel about issues that affect our lives....big or small.

As of today ...there have been no new filings for November 2020 Jax Bch elections.

Make it a great day
Dave

David E. Polovina LTCP
Good morning – I am sending you this email on behalf of Bill Mann, please send me your comments by next Friday, March 27 – Thank you, Chris

Mayor and Councilors,

I am requesting your input/feedback on the design of 49 non-ADA dune walkovers due to be replaced over the next several years along our entire oceanfront.

Three ADA dune walkovers were recently completed in the downtown area, using a composite material for the deck boards and handrail caps. (at the pier parking lot, in front of the Lifeguard Station at Beach Blvd, and in Oceanfront Park (6th Ave S.)

This material was chosen for its appearance and heat reflectivity, and moreover for its reduced maintenance requirement relative to pressure treated wood.

We are at the point now in the final design and costing of the planned 49 non-ADA ramp replacements, that we need to decide whether or not to continue with the use of the composite material for the decking and the top handrail board. The alternative would be to revert back to the use of pressure treated lumber for the decking and handrail.

Since we have suspended public meetings, it would assist staff greatly if we could get each of you to reply by next Friday, March 27 as to your preference of materials for the non-ADA walkover replacements we are now designing and will be installing over the next few years. You can respond individually by email, and then we won’t need to wait until we can get back together as a group to move forward with our work.

Please go look at, and walk on, one of the three recently completed ADA walkovers, and see if you like the light grey composite material that was used in those locations. The new non-ADA walkovers will be constructed very similarly to the ADA walkovers, they just won’t require the extensive ramping, and may in some case be built with stairs at both ends, due to the height required for dune clearance in some locations. They also do not splinter and screws do not back out of them as easily as they do out of wood.

I also attached a pic of one of the new walkovers and one of the existing non ADA walkovers due to be replaced.

Please simply respond to this email from Chris Wright, and she will get me your responses.

Thanks for your help, and stay healthy!!

Bill

William C. Mann, AICP, FRA-RP
Planning and Development Director
Community Redevelopment Agency Administrator
From: Valerie Britt <valeriebritt76@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Charlie Latham
Subject: PS

I know it’s an extremely difficult balancing act—people need to work and pay rent and bills and yet we must flatten the curve. When possible, citizens and businesses following the recommendations themselves without government over control is my personal preference in normal times. But, as a County still seeing tourists coming to the beaches where vacation rentals have less stringent sanitizing protocol than hotels, we can’t always depend on younger out-of-towners on vacation to be of a public safety mindset while they may contribute to spreading the virus.

I greatly appreciate all the city, state & federal officials and public safety and emergency staff are doing!

Thank You, Valerie Britt

Begin forwarded message:

From: Valerie Britt <valeriebritt76@yahoo.com>
Date: March 16, 2020 at 11:15:22 PM EDT
To: MayorLennyCurry@coj.net, CLatham@jaxbchfl.net
Cc: Valerie Britt <valeriebritt76@yahoo.com>
Subject: Please consider more restrictions as to bars

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Sincerely, Valerie Britt
Good morning--

We are limiting the number of people at press conferences moving forward to practice social distancing. Mayor Curry will hold a news conference today at 3pm at City Hall. If anyone has a new message they would like to get out in person, please let me know asap and we will make accommodations. Otherwise, please send me any talking points that you would like relayed to the media today and we will make sure that Mayor Curry shares this information with the media/public.

If you can get this to me no later than 1pm, it would be greatly appreciated.

Among the standard topics he will review, Mayor Curry will be addressing the Governor’s order of closing all bars and restaurants for 30 days. He will also be reiterating the 50 person occupancy guidelines at many other establishments and also providing any new updates on drive-thru testing availability in our area.

Please let me know if there’s anything that you would like to add from your organization, city or department.

Thank you

Nikki Kimbleton
Director of Public Affairs
City of Jacksonville
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To our Friends and Clients:

As we continue to closely monitor developments associated with the COVID-19 virus, we wanted to share an update on our operations and our commitment to serving you during this unprecedented time. We are committed to ensuring a safe and healthy work environment while continuing to provide our clients and all those who rely on us with a high level of service.

Currently, all 15 GrayRobinson offices across Florida and in Washington, DC are fully operational, although we have curtailed all but essential activities and implemented enhanced social distancing measures. We continue to monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Health, and local health departments. In the event it becomes necessary to further modify our operations or temporarily close any of our offices, our team members have remote work capabilities with access to our documents and systems in a secure environment. As trusted advisors and allies, we are committed to providing the highest level of service, especially during challenging and unpredictable times.

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program, which can assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan
program, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, will provide short-
term, interest-free loans to small businesses experiencing economic injury from COVID-19.
The application period opens today and runs through May 8, 2020. You may access the
application and learn more here. Feel free to contact us if we can assist with this or any
other issue.

Our GrayRobinson family also wants to thank and express support for all those in the
medical and scientific fields who are on the front lines of combatting the spread of COVID-
19. We encourage you to observe social distancing measures and do everything you can
to stay healthy. As we all do our part to slow the virus’s transmission, we create valuable
time and opportunity for our healthcare system and literally save lives.

We will continue to keep you informed as things develop. At times like these, we value your
trust in us more than ever, and we will do everything in our power to honor and support your
confidence in us.

Sincerely,

Dean Cannon
President & CEO
GrayRobinson
Submitted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 12:44pm Submitted by anonymous user: [69.180.73.91] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: South Beach Park was packed yesterday with no social distancing
Message: I saw Mayor Curry announce on TV day before yesterday in the presence of all beaches mayors including Charlie Latham, Mayor of Jax Bch that all the parks in Duval County would be closed. I went to South Beach Park yesterday about 7 pm to walk around the trails and the park was not closed. In fact I had never seen it so full and I could hardly find a parking space. There was no social distancing that I could see. I know parents have children that are stir crazy after being inside all day but having them pack the parks and spread the virus among other children to take home their families including their grandmother is not the answer. CDC officials at Trump's press conference and afterwards were saying and are saying now that having play dates by parents is not a good idea because of the transfer of the virus among children to families when we are trying to stop the spread of the virus and flatten the curve so we won't overwhelm our hospitals. Why has Mayor Latham not closed the parks in Jacksonville Beach because the gathering at the South Beach Park was more than ten yesterday and more than 50 where people were intermixing without social distancing.

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http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27499
Form submission from: Contact Form-Mayor Latham

Submitted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 1:45pm Submitted by anonymous user: [73.147.91.37] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Shocking, given so many seniors in our community
Message:

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
--Contact Information--
Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Name of Company:
E-mail Address:
Phone Number:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27504
Dear Council:
Attached for your convenience is the Governor’s Executive Order 20-68 issued this afternoon. The Order sections address Bars, Pubs, Nightclubs, Beaches and Restaurants.

Chris Ambrosio, Esq. B.C.S.
City Attorney
City of Jacksonville Beach
11 North 3rd Street
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
904-247-6268

The Florida League of Cities is working closely with FDEM to keep you updated on new developments. Any emergency questions should be directed to your local emergency manager.

Florida Department of Emergency Management Briefing Call for Local Governments - Today at 8:00 p.m. ET
The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is hosting a weekly call with the Florida League of Cities membership and staff regarding the Coronavirus. This call was previously open only to select counties, but has now been expanded to include all counties/cities in Florida.

The FDEM has asked city commissioners, mayors and city managers from all Florida cities to join the call. This call will be a recurring event on Tuesdays until further notice.

**Tuesday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**
*Call-in Number: 888.585.9008*
*Conference Room Number: 488-097-156#*

Please send any preliminary questions to eoc-plans@em.myflorida.com.

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**Florida Department of Health Launches New COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard**
To keep Florida residents and visitors safe, informed and aware about the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health has launched a COVID-19 dashboard that will be updated twice daily. The dashboard includes the current number of cases by county, the total number of Florida and US cases, the total number of people tested and more. [View Dashboard](#)

**Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program Activated**
The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties statewide that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19. These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance. [Learn More](#)

**FDEM Offers Guidance on Procurement**
The FDEM has shared some guidance on general procurement for commodities and services that may be needed during this event. They are also advising that emergency/exigency circumstances for the procurement of those goods and services may provide for an exemption for competitive procurement.
New Resources Added to FLC Website
In addition to daily updates with recent news articles, we will continue to add new resources to our Coronavirus Resources page, including best practices and other information from Florida’s cities. Be sure to visit this resource page often for helpful links, prevention tips and the latest news.
Chris Wright

From: City of Jacksonville Beach <no-reply@jacksonvillebeach.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Charlie Latham
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Form-Mayor Latham

Submitted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 2:08pm Submitted by anonymous user: [73.104.47.67] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: request
Message:
Mayor Latham

I was appalled to hear that the Jax Beach bars are packed during this outbreak.

I am a retired Firefighter, EMT and Fire Officer.

While I do want the businesses in our area to do well, O love our community, now is not the time for large groups of younger people to be partying and drinking in closed spaces.

While I know people under 65 immune systems might keep then safe and they might not even show symptoms, it risks the health of the older community, which on large on the beaches area.

Please consider closing the bars and clubs until the virus dies down.

Spring break and St Patrick's day is not an excuse to endanger the health of our community and it's obvious that the decision cannot be left up to descretion based upon alcohol and a spring break community.

Thank you for your consideration before it's too late to take these steps.

Tim Mayer

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27508
Thank you! And thank you for all you have been doing well to keep us safe and healthy as well as your work on STR’s! Thanks! Valerie

On Mar 17, 2020, at 2:03 PM, Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:

Hi Valerie,

As you are likely aware, the Governor has directed all Bars and Night clubs be shut down at 5pm today for a 30 day period. Jax Beach will certainly comply with the Governor's Directive.

If you see any issues that concern you (with Short Term Rentals in your neighborhood). Please don't hesitate to call the non-emergency phone number for JBPD (904-270-1661) and one of our officers will address your concern with the tenants of the STR.

All the best,

Charlie Latham
Mayor
City of Jacksonville Beach
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I know it’s an extremely difficult balancing act—people need to work and pay rent and bills and yet we must flatten the curve. When possible, citizens and businesses following the recommendations themselves without government over control is my personal preference in normal times. But, as a County still seeing tourists coming it to the beaches where vacation rentals have less stringent sanitizing protocol than hotels, we can’t always depend on younger out-of-towners on vacation to be of a public safety mindset while they may contribute to spreading the virus.

I greatly appreciate all the city, state & federal officials and public safety and emergency staff are doing!

Thank You, Valerie Britt

Begin forwarded message:

From: Valerie Britt <valeriebritt76@yahoo.com>
Date: March 16, 2020 at 11:15:22 PM EDT
To: MayorLennyCurry@coj.net, CLatham@jaxbchfl.net
Cc: Valerie Britt <valeriebritt76@yahoo.com>
Subject: Please consider more restrictions as to bars

Mayor Curry & Mayor Latham:

If any real results are to be seen in Duval by the efforts of this national 15 day period, I believe Duval County needs to come closer to the national guidelines released today than the local direction so far.

While I saw some advantages of allowing restaurants to have drive thru, curb service or pickups during dining hours, 50 people dining inside still creates relatively close quarters in many of the restaurants and cafes.

Furthermore, I find it unlikely that patrons in bars till midnight are properly distancing one from each other, each patron separated from other patrons, even at the overall “limitation” of 50 for each bar. Nor is there any legitimate public welfare reason to have bars open and open as late as until midnight?

That practice of leaving bars open until midnight is encouraging out of town and out of state tourists —transients—in short term vacation rentals and hotels around the beaches to carry on vacations as usual, potentially adding to the spread of the virus, cancelling out the efforts of locals, and adding difficulty in tracking new virus spreading and for locating their contacts once cases are diagnosed later in hometowns they return to.

Please remember that the beaches have vacation rentals in our neighborhoods. For example, in Jacksonville Beach, on my street of mostly senior widows living alone and retired senior couples, there is a STR across the street from me. While neighbors around the beaches are trying to help each other through this difficult time for the elderly and medically vulnerable, transients are receiving the nod to carry on partying by bars being open to midnight. Last week 13 out-of-town vacationing men were housed together in the STR on our street. When that group of strangers-to-the-neighborhood departed the vacation rental house yesterday
(Sunday) at 10 am, the next group of vacationers to stay in the house began arriving at 1 and 2 pm on the same day. Does that even give enough time between vacationers in a STR for the cleaning and sanitation our hotels are meanwhile claiming to do?

Many other places around the country have begun to close bars entirely. In conjunction with the health department, please continue to review the national guidelines released yesterday and consider moving practices in Jacksonville Beach and Duval County closer to substantial compliance with those stricter guidelines if possible.

Thank you for all you are doing. Stay safe!

Sincerely, Valerie Britt

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Yes, sir. First, I'll get the update status on parks and beaches in COJ, AB, NB. Then I'll respond to Laura Griffin. She appears to be a local attorney in PVB.

Chris Ambrosio, Esq. B.C.S.
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-----Original Message-----
From: Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Chris Ambrosio <cambrosio@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: Fw: Form submission from: Contact Form-Mayor Latham

Chris, do you want to handle this one? (none of the other beach cities have closed parks or beaches as far as I know).

Charlie Latham
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From: City of Jacksonville Beach <no-reply@jacksonvillebeach.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Charlie Latham
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Form-Mayor Latham

Submitted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 12:44pm Submitted by anonymous user: [69.180.73.91] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: South Beach Park was packed yesterday with no social distancing
Message: I saw Mayor Curry announce on TV day before yesterday in the presence of all beaches mayors including Charlie Latham, Mayor of Jax Bch that all the parks in Duval County would be closed. I went to South Beach Park yesterday about 7 pm to walk around the trails and the park was not closed. In fact I had never seen it so full and I could hardly find a parking space. There was no social distancing that I could see. I know parents have children that are stir crazy after being inside all day but having them pack the parks and spread the virus among other children to take home t their families including their grandmother is not the answer. CDC officials at Trump's press conference and afterwords were saying and are saying now that having play dates by parents is not a good idea because of the transfer of the virus among children to families when we are trying to stop the spread of the virus and flatten the curve so we won't overwhelm our hospitals. Why has Mayor Latham not closed the parks in Jacksonville Beach because the gathering at the South Beach Park was more than ten yesterday and more than 50 where people were intermixing without social distancing.

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
--Contact Information--
Name: Laura Griffin
Address: Post Office Box 92
City, State, Zip: PONTE VEDRA BEACH
Name of Company:
E-mail Address: lauragriffinesq@comcast.net
Phone Number: 904-280-1283

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27499
You are a good mayor. Thank you for the quick response and for keeping us all safe. When this has all passed I will do whatever I can to support the community.

Stay safe and thank you

On Tue, Mar 17, 2020, 2:13 PM Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:
Thank you for your email Tim.

Yesterday we, along with Jacksonville, Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach secured alcohol sales at midnight. Today, we are complying with the Governor's directive and all Bars and Night Clubs will be closed today at 5pm and will remained closed for at least 30 days.

Thank you for your email.

All the best,

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I was appalled to hear that the Jax Beach bars are packed during this outbreak.

I am a retired Firefighter, EMT and Fire Officer.

While I do want the businesses in our area to do well, O love our community, now is not the time for large groups of younger people to be partying and drinking in closed spaces.

While I know people under 65 immune systems might keep then safe and they might not even show symptoms, it risks the health of the older community, which on large on the beaches area.

Please consider closing the bars and clubs until the virus dies down.

Spring break and St Patrick's day is not an excuse to endanger the health of our community and it's obvious that the decision cannot be left up to discretion based upon alcohol and a spring break community.

Thank you for your consideration before it's too late to take these steps.

Tim Mayer

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  Phone Number: 9047709827

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Florida Division of Emergency Management Weekly Call

CORRECTION: Tuesday March 17 at 8:00 p.m.

All mayors are invited and encouraged to participate in the calls.

PLEASE NOTE: This week’s call will begin at 8:00 p.m. ET.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Conference Call for Select Cities

Tuesday, March 17
8:00 p.m. ET

These calls will be held weekly on Tuesdays.
The Florida Division of Emergency Management is now hosting a weekly call with the Florida League of Cities membership and staff regarding the Coronavirus.

This week's call is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

The FDEM has asked city commissioners, mayors and city managers from the impacted counties listed below to join the call.

Alachua
Broward
Charlotte
Citrus
Clay
Collier
Duval
Hillsborough
Lee
Manatee
Miami-Dade
Nassau
Orange
Osceola
Okaloosa
Palm Beach
Pasco
Pinellas
Santa Rosa
Sarasota
Seminole
St.Johns
Volusia

Call-in Number: 888.585.9008
Conference Room Number: 488-097-156#

Please send any preliminary questions to eoc-plans@em.myflorida.com.

This call will be a recurring event on Tuesdays until further notice.
From: Chris Ambrosio  
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:26 PM  
To: Charlie Latham; CPAAA - Charlie Latham; Mike Staffopoulos  
Subject: Parks and Beaches at COJ, AB and NB

Mayor:
In preparing my brief response to Lauren Griffin’s online submission asking you why the parks in JB are not closed:
We confirmed that COJ parks are closed. Beach access at Hannah Park is open. AB and NB both have their parks and beaches open.

The Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-68, just issued, states as to beaches “I direct parties accessing public beaches in the State of Florida to follow the CDC guidelines by limiting their gathering to no more than 10 persons, distance themselves from other parties by 6 feet, and support beach closures at the discretion of local authorities.”

I’ll inform Lauren that there has been no order to close parks at this time and that the three beaches cities all have their parks and beaches open at the moment. We will continue to track State guidance on closing or limitations for parks.

I am preparing our new Emergency Order which models the bars and restaurants sections of the Governor’s Executive Order. I’m not addressing parks or beaches in the EO.

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No Kid Hungry: Emergency Relief Grants

The Florida Afterschool Network is partnering with No Kid Hungry Florida to get this emergency grant resource into the hands of afterschool providers across the state. These funds will provide meals to families during these uncertain times and we applaud No Kid Hungry for making their resources available.

We know that vulnerable children are losing the school meals they depend on, and low-income families are struggling with lost wages. As a result, these emergency relief grants will support local school districts, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies in their efforts to ensure kids get the nutritious food they need.

Areas of funding support include: non-congregate and home delivered meals, emergency meals programs and extended meals service, school and community pantries, backpack programs, and other identified opportunities to address the growing number of children and families who may lose access to meals. Please submit your details at the link below to determine if your organization is eligible for funding.

Learn More
Children’s Meals Website for COVID-19 School Closures

Tallahassee, Fla. - Yesterday, Agriculture Commissioner Nicole “Nikki” Fried and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) activated their Summer BreakSpot website, where families can find free meals for children under...

Read more
www.fdacs.gov

School Closures in Florida due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is working closely with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor COVID-19 and is actively working to ensure that the most up-to-date CDC ...
Coronavirus News & Resources for Child Care Professionals

Prepare for the Coronavirus, a concerning new respiratory illness that has many people worried about its spread in the United States.

Read more
info.childcareaware.org

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How canceled events and self-quarantines save lives, in...

The main uncertainty in the coronavirus outbreak in the United States now is how
big it will get, and how fast. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Nancy Messonnier told reporters on March 9, "many people in the US will at some...

Read more
www.vox.com

Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus | Child Mind Institute

News of the coronavirus COVID-19 is everywhere, from the front page of all the papers to the playground at school. Many parents are wondering how to bring up the epidemic in a way that will be reassuring and not make kids more worried than they...

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childmind.org

Comcast Increases Access to and Speeds of Internet...

As our country continues to manage the COVID-19 emergency, we recognize that our company plays an important role in helping our customers stay connected - to their families, their workplaces, their schools, and the latest information about the...

Read more
corporate.comcast.com

Florida Afterschool Network | www.flaftereschool.com

For more information about the Florida Afterschool Network and its many partners, connect with us on social media!
As a longtime resident of the Beaches (45 years) it has been refreshing to see that Jacksonville Beach has been actually supporting a family friendly event downtown during the Holidays. It is disconcerting to hear that members of the City Council are actually considering limiting or not renewing the contract with Deck the Chairs.

With the closure of Campeche Bay our routine visits to the downtown area of Jacksonville Beach has had to be limited to participation in the opening of the Beaches parade and viewing the Deck the Chairs displays. Much work has been done to make the area “safer” but groups of inebriated people, frequent vulgar language, reported crimes and panhandling by some of our local homeless population has made it uncomfortable for many of us that are “senior citizens”). We read the police reports and see where most of the “activity” is. As an alternative the Town Center at the north end of the beaches remains the destination of choice for most of our acquaintances for evening entertainment which in itself is a shame. Especially so since most of us are the ones with plenty of discretionary spending dollars. Since its inception, the Deck the Chairs display has been the one thing that we always take out of town guests to view and usually visit at least three times a season. It is a completely family oriented without a commercial buy something attitude. To watch the many children and adults enjoy the displays and actually learn something has intangible value. It also gives some pride to residents that Jacksonville Beach supports something that the majority of the residents can actually visit without fear.

The events positive reputation has encouraged friends from other areas to visit NE Florida just to see the unique displays. I encourage you to support “Deck the Chairs” with at least another five year contract. The organizers know it is a popular and positive event for the city but they must have a reasonable expectation of continued support by Jacksonville Beach if they are to continue hold and improve the event.
Note, copies sent to all council members.

Lyle Reimann 91  19th Ave. N, Jacksonville Beach

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http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27511
New + Notable

Coronavirus Update: FDEM Hosting Statewide Briefing Call for All Florida Cities
The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is hosting a weekly call with the Florida League of Cities membership regarding the Coronavirus.

Tuesday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)
Call-in Number: 888.585.9008
Conference Room Number: 488-097-156#

The FDEM has asked city commissioners, mayors and city managers from all Florida cities to join the call. This call will be a recurring event on Tuesdays until further notice. Please continue to check our Resource page for new information.

Florida Municipal Achievement Awards and Youth Council Contest Deadlines Extended
In recognition of the efforts our cities are making to keep their employees and residents safe, we are extending the entry deadlines for the 2020 Florida Municipal Achievement Awards and the Youth Council.
Community Service Contest. The deadline for both programs is now June 30.

**Education + Events**

**March 25**  
10:00 a.m. (Online Learning)  
*Post-Legislative Session Briefing*

**April 24**  
Tallahassee - **CANCELED**  
*What’s Available? Grants & Other Resources Workshop*

**Research + Resources**

**2019 Research Article Journal Now Available**  
The Florida League of Cities’ Center for Municipal Research (CMR) connects you with the latest local government data and statistics. Through the Center’s Partners in Municipal Research program, a regular research column is published in the League’s Quality Cities magazine featuring articles from our research institute partners. Click [here](#) to view a compilation of the articles featured in 2019.

**Census Resources for City Officials**  
The 2020 Census is underway. This year’s survey can be completed online, so please continue encouraging your citizens to take the 10-minute survey and make sure they are counted. Check out the [2020 Census Resources page](#) to access the Local Government Toolkit, Census FAQs, fact sheets, resident criteria and more. [View Page](#)

**Partner Events**

**Grant Writing Workshop** - **POSTPONED**  
**April 20-21 in DeLand**

**Transplex 2020** - **IN-PERSON CANCELED, WEBINAR SERIES ONLY**
April 20-22 in Orlando

FRA Webinar: Affordable/Workforce Housing
April 28 at 10:00 a.m.

2020 Florida Rural Economic Development Summit - POSTPONED
April 29 - May 1 in Orlando

Grant Writing Workshop (FLC Discount Code: ASSN)
May 7-8 in Tampa

Grant Writing Workshop (FLC Discount Code: ASSN)
May 18-19 in Boynton Beach

Grant Writing Workshop (FLC Discount Code: ASSN)
May 21-22 in Punta Gorda

FCCMA Annual Conference
May 27-30 in Orlando

NLC Small Cities Summer Conference
July 15-18 in Lake Worth Beach

Funding Opportunities

DHS Preparedness Grant Programs
April 15 Application Deadline

USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program
April 30 Application Deadline

Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program
May 8 Application Deadline

NLC Census Rapid Response Grant Program
July 31 Application Deadline

Rural Infrastructure Fund Grants
2020 Application Cycle Open

FMIT Data Recovery Grant Program
Continuous Application Cycle

Regional Rural Development Grants
Continuous Application Cycle
Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund
Continuous Application Cycle

EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant Program
Continuous Application Cycle

Visit our Funding Sources for Municipalities page for links to resources that catalog extensive lists of grants and other types of funding for cities.

Calendar of Events ☀ Jobs ☀ Online Learning Library

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council- you each received a copy of the attached letter in the mail from Darrell Shields regarding the Deck the Chairs Christmas displays.

Have an awesome day.

Thank you,

Chris Wright
City Manager’s Office
904.270.1651
Chris Wright

From: Mike Staffopoulos
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:50 PM
To: All City Council
Cc: Chris Wright; Allen A. Putnam; Ann Meuse; Ashlie Gossett; Bill Mann; Chris Ambrosio; Dennis Barron; Genepaul N. Smith; Jacob Board; Jason Phitides; Karen Nelson; Laurie Scott; Steven B. Sciotto

Subject: March 17 Update

Mayor and Council,

COVID-19 updates from March 16:
1. We have declared a state of emergency
2. We have enacted the same restrictions as COJ: no assemblies over 50 persons, no alcohol sales between midnight and 8:00 am
3. Differing from COJ, we have NOT closed our parks or the beach; we do not have an effective means to enforce either of those restrictions if enacted, nor do we sanitize playground equipment from a manpower/resources perspective
4. All special events and public meetings are canceled at least through the remainder of the month
5. Employees are being allowed to stay home with their children using either sick or vacation leave, due to schools being closed
6. Our EOC is technically activated (although not in a defined location like during a hurricane); Directors will hold a conference call daily at 4:00 pm starting tomorrow
7. Departments are assessing their operational models and SOPs, and will adjust accordingly to ensure continuity of services in the event of mass illnesses; precautions are being discussed daily
8. Public access to our buildings is being restricted to business activities only; additional safeguards will likely be implemented within the next 24 hours

NEW Updates for March 17:
1. The Governor passed Executive Order 20-68, which:
   a. Restricts the sales of alcohol from bars and nightclubs for a period of 30 days
   b. Requires restaurants to be at no more than 50% capacity, with parties of 10 or less and tables spaced at least 6’ away, and implement employee screening
   c. Directs beach-goers to have parties of 10 or less, with groups spaced 6’ apart
2. Mayor Curry held a press conference, clarifying that his order from March 16 of assembly no more than 50 works with the Governor’s declaration by whichever is more restrictive
3. Given the Governor’s declaration for a 30 day window of additional restrictions, the City will continue with cancellation of special events for the equivalent 30 day window
4. The City is reducing public transactions within City Hall, and is encouraging the use of on-line or electronic transactions
5. In the absence of the second Council meeting in March, certain purchases are being authorized by the City Manager, and will be treated as emergency purchases, with documentation coming back to Council at the first available date

We are still in uncharted territory. Some may say we’ve reached the edge of the map. We are continuing to follow the emergency mantra: plan for the worst, hope for the best, and take this day by day.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
City Manager

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State and Local Elected Officials –

As a reminder, on **Wednesday, March 18, at 1:00 PM ET**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). Registration instructions are below. **If you have already registered, please disregard this email.** Please note that this call is intended for state and local elected officials. We encourage you to share this invitation with your county and/or municipal colleagues as well as public health officials.

**Important Note: Call-in lines are limited. Please register only if you are able to join the call. State and local leaders (especially staff) working in the same office are encouraged to register once as a group and use one call-in line to maximize the number of people who can join. If you have already registered, please disregard this email.**

**Briefing Call Registration**
**Date:** Wednesday, March 18
**Time:** 1:00 PM ET (please note time zone)
**Call-In Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Note:** You must RSVP to join the call. **If you have already RSVP’d, please do not register.** Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.
Below, please find additional information that we continue to update. It includes an overview of the recent Presidential Emergency Declaration, information on the Small Business Administration’s disaster assistance program, etc. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office directly if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country’s State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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**COVID-19: Background & Additional Information**

**Background**

Under the leadership of President Trump and Vice President Pence, the full weight of the U.S. Government is working to protect the health and safety of the American people. Since the beginning of the outbreak, President Trump has taken unprecedented steps – including prudent travel restrictions and an early containment strategy – to protect the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. In January, the President formed a Coronavirus Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence and comprised of subject-matter experts, to organize a whole-of-government response ([President Donald J. Trump Has Taken Unprecedented Steps to Respond To the Coronavirus and Protect the Health and Safety of Americans](http://example.com)). The Coronavirus Task Force and broader Administration have and will continue to work with State-Local-Tribal officials and private sector and non-profit partners in preparing for and responding to the Coronavirus. **It is important to note that at this time, the risk to the average American remains low. All agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep our stakeholders informed. We appreciate your partnership in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response.**

**Up-To-Date Information**

- The most up-to-date information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website ([here](http://example.com)).
- Community Guidance
  - The President’s Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread ([here](http://example.com))
  - HHS/CDC Community Framework for Mitigation ([here](http://example.com))
  - Guidance for families, businesses, schools and others ([here](http://example.com))
  - What is Social Distancing ([video](http://example.com))
- The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent national briefings which can be viewed live ([here](http://example.com)))
• You are also encouraged to follow HHS, CDC, and other agency social media channels for up-to-date information.

What You Need To Know
• What You Should Know - How COVID-19 Spreads, Symptoms, etc. (here)
• Situation Summary (here)
• Travel Information (here)
• Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities (here)
• Higher Risk & Special Populations (here)
• Healthcare Professionals (here)
• Resources for Healthcare Facilities (here)
• Resources for Health Departments (here)
• Laboratories (here)
• Communication Resources (here)

Recent Announcements

President Donald J. Trump Announces New Guidelines to Address COVID-19 – The President’s Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread
Monday, March 16, President Donald J. Trump announced new guidelines to address COVID-19, stop the spread, and protect health. The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread can be found here. "My administration is recommending that all Americans, including the young and healthy, work to engage in schooling from home when possible, avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, avoid discretionary travel and avoid eating and drinking in bars, restaurants, and public food courts," President Trump stated. "With several weeks of focused action, we can turn the corner and turn it quickly -- a lot of progress has been made."

Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Announces
Tuesday, March 17, the Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. Beginning on March 6, 2020, Medicare administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)—will temporarily pay clinicians to provide telehealth services for beneficiaries residing across the entire country. Consistent with President Trump’s emergency declaration, CMS is expanding Medicare’s telehealth benefits under the 1135 waiver authority and the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. This guidance and other recent actions by CMS provide regulatory flexibility to ensure that all Americans—particularly high-risk individuals—are aware of easy-to-use, accessible benefits that can help keep them healthy while helping to contain the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). More here.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Provides More Regulatory Relief During Outbreak, Continues to Help Expedite Availability of Diagnostics
As part of our ongoing and aggressive commitment to address the coronavirus outbreak, the FDA updated a policy originally issued on Feb. 29 on diagnostic testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) in order to achieve more rapid testing capacity in the U.S. The guidance provides more specific details for the laboratory and commercial manufacturer communities, including:
• First, FDA is putting in place a policy for states to take responsibility for tests developed and used by laboratories in their states, similar to the action the FDA granted to the New York State Department of Health last week. States can set up a system in which they take responsibility for authorizing such tests and the laboratories will not engage with the FDA.
• Second, FDA is expanding who the policy outlined in the Feb. 29 guidance applies to. The policy was originally applicable only to laboratories that are certified to perform high-complexity testing consistent with requirements under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments. Under the update published today, the agency does not intend to object to commercial manufacturers distributing and labs using new commercially developed tests prior to the FDA granting an EUA, under certain circumstances.
Finally, FDA’s updated policy provides recommendations for test developers who may wish to develop serological tests for use during this coronavirus outbreak. Serological tests measure the amount of antibodies or proteins present in the blood when the body is responding to a specific infection.

DHS Issues Notice of Arrival Restrictions on China, Iran and Certain Countries of Europe
In furtherance of Presidential Proclamations 9984, 9992, 9993, and 9994, which bans the entry of non-U.S. citizens who are from or recently been in China, Iran, or certain European countries, the Department of Homeland Security issued a Notice of Arrival Restrictions requiring American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families who are returning home to the U.S. to travel through one of 13 airports upon arrival to the U.S., submit to an enhanced entry screening and self-quarantine for 14 days once they reach their final destination. More here.

President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19
The federal government continues to take aggressive and proactive steps to address the COVID-19 threat as the health and safety of the American people remain a top priority (President Donald J. Trump Has Mobilized the Full Resources of the Federal Government to Respond to the Coronavirus). On Friday, March 13, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”) (Letter from President Donald J. Trump on Emergency Determination Under the Stafford Act). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President’s decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety. To note, the declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals. Municipalities and counties are encouraged to work directly with their local emergency management offices and through the State Emergency Management Agency for all requests for assistance. You can read more about the disaster recovery process here.

Presidential Proclamation To Protect the Homeland from Travel-Related Coronavirus Spread
On Thursday, March 12, President Donald J. Trump signed a Presidential Proclamation, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.

HUD Releases Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response
CDBG grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. Grantees may use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a range of eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The guide can be found here.

SBA Updates Criteria on States for Requesting Disaster Loan Assistance for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Tuesday, March 17 As part of the Trump Administration’s aggressive, whole-of-government efforts to combat the Coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) and minimize economic disruption to the nation’s 30 million small businesses, U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza issued revised criteria for states
or territories seeking an economic injury declaration related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The relaxed criteria will have two immediate impacts:

- **Faster, Easier Qualification Process for States Seeking SBA Disaster Assistance.** Historically, the SBA has required that any state or territory impacted by disaster provide documentation certifying that at least five small businesses have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of a disaster, with at least one business located in each declared county/parish. Under the just-released, revised criteria, states or territories are only required to certify that at least five small businesses within the state/territory have suffered substantial economic injury, regardless of where those businesses are located.

- **Expanded, Statewide Access to SBA Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses.** SBA disaster assistance loans are typically only available to small businesses within counties identified as disaster areas by a Governor. Under the revised criteria issued today, disaster assistance loans will be available statewide following an economic injury declaration. This will apply to current and future disaster assistance declarations related to Coronavirus.

- For further information [click here](#).

**CDC to Award Over $560 Million to State & Local Jurisdictions in Support of COVID-19 Response**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing another upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide resources to state and local jurisdictions in support of our nation’s response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The $8.3 billion dollar Supplemental passed by Congress included statutory language which prescribed the exact formula for disbursing the money: states will receive 90% of their 2019 CDC PHEP grants. This marks the first tranche of funding to states from the $8.3 billion supplemental. Your state health officers are receiving a letter today from CDC outlining what is needed to receive the funding, essentially they need to submit a spend plan and they will receive guidance on what that spend plan should contain. More [here](#).

**CDC Releases Mitigation Framework for States, Localities, and Communities**

Protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like coronavirus disease 2019. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy. CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and community spread in the United States. CDC’s all of community approach is focused to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts. Framework includes: (i) Local Factors to Consider for Determining Mitigation Strategies, (ii) Community mitigation strategies by setting and by level of community transmission or impact of COVID-19, and (iii) Potential mitigation strategies for public health functions. More [here](#).

**White House Coronavirus Task Force Announces Community Mitigation Strategies for Seattle-King, Pierce, and Snohomish C, WA Santa Clara, CA and New Rochelle, NY**

The White House Coronavirus Task Force has recommended community mitigation strategies for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara County, California due to widespread transmission of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). These mitigation activities are designed to address the effects of COVID-19 on areas that are experiencing community spread. You can find the guidance for Seattle, Washington and Santa Clara, California [here](#). The Task Force also announced community mitigation strategies for New Rochelle, New York, which can be viewed [here](#).

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Guidance**

As you know, nursing homes and their residents are vulnerable populations for COVID-19. This week, CMS released updated guidance for infection control and prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes which can be found [here](#) (3/9). The Press Release can be found [here](#) and all CMS guidance related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

**Agency Resources and Contact Information**

Below, please find agency-by-agency information, guidance, and contact information.

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• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (here)
• Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (here)
• U.S. Food & Drug Administration (here)
• U.S. Department of Education (here)
• U.S. Department of Agriculture (here)
• U.S. Small Business Administration (here)
• U.S. Department of Labor (here)
• U.S. Department of Homeland Security (here)
• U.S. Department of State (here)
• U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (here)
• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (here)
• U.S. Department of the Interior (here)
• Office of the Director of National Intelligence (here)
• U.S. Election Assistance Commission (here)

Contact Information – Below, please find contact information for our Intergovernmental Affairs colleagues across the federal family. As State and local elected officials, they are your primary points of contact.

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• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Britt Carter (Phone – 202-440-0728 / Email – carter.brittanys@epa.gov)
• U.S. Small Business Administration: Ryan Lambert (Phone – 202-615-6570 / Email – ryan.lambert@sba.gov)
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Federal Agency Action Overview

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

• The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to providing as much information as possible to prepare communities for response to COVID-19. The Department, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies, continuously provide guidance to healthcare providers, laboratories, communities, and state and local officials for dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The most up-to-date information can be found at www.coronavirus.gov.
• Wednesday, March 12, CDC announced the imminent release of almost $600 million to support state and local authorities respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Full funding amounts are here.
• CDC released their “Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission.” This is a guide for communities describing possible coronavirus transmission. Community mitigation strategies are often the most available interventions to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 in communities.
• The CDC has been actively working to address the need for testing across the country. You can find more information about testing here. We encourage review of the Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019, as well as the recently updated the FAQ website for laboratories to determine best practices for testing.
• The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps has deployed hundreds of officers to help with this response. As America’s Health Responders, the Commissioned Corps is currently very involved in assisting the CDC with airport screenings, deploying staff to support hospitals, among other important missions. Find out more about Commissioned Corps activities [here](#).

• Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. The current situation around COVID-19 heightens the need for a ready blood supply, please encourage your health community members to keep their appointments to donate blood.

• CDC released updated [guidance](#) on infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers. Healthcare workers are fighting this outbreak on the front lines, and this guidance is intended to provide assistance to healthcare settings that are handling suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. This guidance is applicable to all U.S. healthcare settings.

• The President’s emergency declaration gives HHS important powers to enhance state and local communities’ ability to respond to the outbreak, including flexibility around Medicare and Medicaid rules.
  • *Flexibility and Relief for State Medicaid Agencies:* The national emergency declaration also enables CMS to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities under section 1135 waivers. States and territories are now encouraged to assess their needs and request these available flexibilities, which are outlined in the Medicaid and CHIP Disaster Response Toolkit. Examples of flexibilities available to states under section 1135 waivers include the ability to permit out-of-state providers to render services, temporarily suspend certain provider enrollment and revalidation requirements to promote access to care, allow providers to provide care in alternative settings, waive prior authorization requirements, and temporarily suspend certain pre-admission and annual screenings for nursing home residents. For more information and to access the toolkit, visit [here](#).
  
  • *Waivers and Flexibilities for Hospitals and other Healthcare Facilities:* CMS will temporarily waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP requirements. CMS will also issue several blanket waivers, listed on the website below, and the CMS Regional Offices will review other provider-specific requests. These waivers provide continued access to care for beneficiaries. For more information on the waivers CMS has granted, visit [here](#).
  
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  • *Expanded Telehealth Coverage (3/17):* The Trump Administration announced expanded Medicare telehealth coverage that will enable beneficiaries to receive a wider range of healthcare services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. More [here](#).

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

• The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state’s or territory’s Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.

• Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available [statewide](#) to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

• SBA’s Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state’s or territory’s Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.

• Once a declaration is made, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to affected small businesses within the state.

• These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
• SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower’s ability to repay.
• SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government’s coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.
• For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at SBA.gov/Disaster.

U.S. Department of Education (DoED)
• The Department of Education has established a dedicated Coronavirus webpage, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.
  • The website includes guidance for students at institutions of higher education, and covers Coronavirus-related scenarios that could impact students who are enrolled in study abroad programs, students who meet full-time requirements but fall below 12 credit hours, students who are quarantined and miss class, campuses that have temporarily stopped offering ground-based classes to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and foreign schools that serve Americans who receive Federal financial aid. Also see a letter from the Office for Civil Rights that addresses potential discrimination associated with coronavirus.
  • The Department has provided additional information for families and communities including:
    • Information regarding certain flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or “ESSA;” (more here)
    • Information regarding services to children with disabilities; (more here)
    • A fact sheet from our Office for Civil Rights on the risk of Coronavirus in schools while protecting the civil rights of students; and a short webinar on Online Education and Website Accessibility.
    • Information on the Family Education Records Privacy Act, or “FERPA,” as it pertains to K-12 and higher education students (more here).
• The Department will continue to update its website, ed.gov/coronavirus. Please direct education related questions to COVID-19@ed.gov.

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
• The U.S. Department of Transportation, in its important supporting role, has and will continue to coordinate with transportation stakeholders, foreign counterparts and other federal agencies to manage the risk in the United States.
• The U.S. government’s travel restrictions and advisories have been a remarkably effective ‘first layer’ of containment. These travel requirements delayed the arrival of the virus to the United States, giving the nation precious time to prepare further measures, and plan for mitigation. This achievement took the cooperation of nearly 200 commercial airlines, a like number of overseas airports, and the Civil Aviation Authority of China.
• DOT continues to ensure: an active air bridge remains in place for the safe return of Americans from affected areas; airlines are funneling passenger flights to one of the eleven designated U.S. airports equipped to health-screen Americans returning from affected areas; continued air and sea cargo traffic between the US and China; health protocols are established to protect the crews of aircraft continuing to fly between the US and foreign locations; and, dissemination of health messages about the virus, for airlines to use to inform their passengers.
• External Stakeholder outreach is being actively conducted throughout the modes of transportation in DOT. DOT has already hosted calls with stakeholders for the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and others. Additional calls are scheduled for outreach to additional stakeholders in all surface transportation, maritime, and labor.
• On March 13, USDOT issued a national emergency declaration to provide hours-of-service regulatory relief to commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency relief to the nationwide COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration does not cover routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads of essential supplies and/or persons and goods or persons not related to emergency needs. Effective immediately, the declaration will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or until 11:59 P.M. (ET), April 11, 2020, whichever occurs sooner. Learn more here.
U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed COVID-19 planning guidance for employers to implement engineering, administrative, and work practice controls and personal protective equipment (PPE). The guidance is intended for planning purposes – employers and workers should use the planning guidance to help identify risk levels in workplace settings and to determine any appropriate control measures to implement.
- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), an independent agency that serves as the chief human resources agency and personnel policy manager for the Federal Government, issued guidance for Federal Agencies regarding COVID-19 and human resources policies.
- DOL announced new guidance outlining flexibilities that States have in administering their unemployment (UI) programs to assist Americans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the guidance, federal law permits significant flexibility for states to amend their laws to provide UI benefits in multiple scenarios related to COVID-19. Learn more here.
- On March 14, DOL issued new temporary enforcement guidance for respirator fit-testing in healthcare during the COVID-19 outbreak. The temporary guidance is aimed at ensuring healthcare workers have full access to needed N95 respiratory protection. OSHA recommends that employers supply healthcare personnel who provide direct care to patients with known or suspected coronavirus with other respirators that provide equal or higher protection, such as N99 or N100 filtering facepieces, reusable elastomeric respirators with appropriate filters or cartridges, or powered air purifying respirators. Learn more here.

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- The health and well-being of our country’s most vulnerable citizens is Secretary Ben Carson’s highest priority. At the direction of Secretary Carson senior HUD, officials have developed an Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuum of Care homeless shelters (CoC). This includes specific documents addressing preparedness in shelters and encampment settings. More here.
- HUD has sent communication to CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees, highlighting the importance of infectious disease preparedness and linking to CDC and Healthcare for the Homeless resources: Infectious Disease Preparedness Among Homeless Assistance Providers.
- HUD released a quick guide to CDBG eligible activities to support infectious disease response. Grantees should coordinate with local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support State or local pandemic response. The guide can be found here.
- HUD is coordinating with the CDC, Healthcare for the Homeless, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on messaging and cross-promoting resource materials. This will continue on an ongoing basis. Also, the Department is reaching out to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for future coordination.
- HUD has plenty of resources for your communities including:
  - Communities can use their unspent Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care Program funds to help address needs related to coronavirus. Additionally, a portion of CDBG funds are also available for public services, including health care.
  - Technical Assistance is available for ESG and CoC Program recipients if requested. Additionally, communities that want to amend their CDBG plans, can reach out to their CPD representative if they need assistance.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced proactive flexibilities to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA’s summer meal programs to provide meals at no cost to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.
- USDA intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve program participants across our 15 nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations
and protect the health of participants. USDA is receiving requests for waivers on an ongoing basis. As of today, USDA has been asked to waive congregate feeding requirements in Washington, California, Maryland, Alaska, Utah, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Maine, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Virginia and USDA has granted those requests.

- For more information about the coronavirus response across USDA, please visit: www.usda.gov/coronavirus.

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

- Actions by DHS and the administration are decreasing the strain on public health officials by screening incoming travelers, expediting the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensuring resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people. It is important to recognize, that while there is a significant focus on containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all departments and agencies of DHS are continuing to perform their regular duties with no impact on their mission.
- DHS is working to recognize, detect, and assist individuals attempting to enter the U.S. through our, airports, land ports, or waterways who may be carrying the virus: Cruise Lines International Association, CDC, USCG, and CBP. DHS is working with the Department of State, HHS, and the senior public health leadership with the Government of Mexico to prepare for any COVID-19 cases identified along the South West Border. This effort includes coordination with state, and local Public Health Officials to develop reporting and response courses of action.
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- FEMA has rostered 56 four-person Incident Management Assistance Teams.
- The Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, which contains the National Biosurveillance Integration Center and the Chief Medical Officer, has maintained close coordination with our Components and U.S. Government partners regarding the status of the outbreak and associated U.S. Government response actions.

**Local Preparedness Tips**

- Response is locally executed, state managed, and federally supported.
- Ensuring clear, open lines of communication with the public and making information and guidance readily available.
- Proactively sharing and disseminating *verified and accurate* guidance and information such as HHS/CDC guidance for families, businesses, and schools.
- Reviewing Federal guidance such as the HHS/CDC **Community Mitigation Framework**.
- Coordinating with State and local health authorities.
- Reviewing local preparedness plans and strategies.

**Recent Task Force Actions**

Below, please find pertinent updates on pertinent Administrations actions.

- Task Force Briefings (briefings are held on a frequent basis and can be viewed live here)
  - March 17: [Video](#)
  - March 16: [Video](#)
  - March 15: [Video](#)
  - March 14: [Video](#)
  - March 10: [Video](#)
  - March 9: [Video](#)
  - March 6: [Video](#)
  - March 4: [Video](#)
  - March 2: [Video](#)
February 29: Video

- Remarks by President Trump and Vice President Pence at a Coronavirus Briefing with Health Insurers (March 10) (transcript/video)
- Readout from the Vice President’s Discussion with our Nation’s Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (March 9) (readout)
- Remarks by Vice President Pence in a Coronavirus Briefing with Cruise Line Executives and Port Directors (March 7) (transcript)
- Remarks by President Trump After Tour of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (March 5) (transcript)
- President Trump Signs the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (March 6) (transcript/video)
- President Trump and Vice President Pence attend Coronavirus Briefing with Airline CEOs (March 4) (transcript/video)
- Vice President Pence meets with Long-Term, Post-Acute and Palliative Care Provider Executives (March 4) (transcript)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus (March 4) (more here)
- President Trump Visits the National Institutes of Health and attends Roundtable Briefing (March 3) (transcript)
- Vice President Pence attends Coronavirus Briefing with Diagnostic Lab CEOs (March 4) (transcript/video)
- Readout from the Vice President’s Discussion with our Nation’s Governors on COVID-19 Coordination & Preparedness (readout)
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--Subject and Message--
Subject: 37th Avenue south beach access - contractor trash
Message: My wife, I and others in the community have called city works, code enforcement, etc multiple times in the last month to report that a contractor has been placing trash and equipment in the beach access at 37th south leading to hazards and deterioration of the access. We are told that it should not be happening, but it is being allowed to continue. Why is this not being addressed?

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27519
ALL events taking place at the Seawalk Pavilion have been cancelled through April 15th. List of events are as follows:

- SPRINGING THE BLUES
- Beaches Historical Museum Chapel Concert
- City – Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Sunrise Service
- April’s – Art Walk

If anything should change you will be notified. Should anyone call and inquire about any of these events, please inform them that they HAVE been cancelled.

Thank you.

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Subject: School update on home-based learning
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Good morning Team!
We shared the message below last night with media, and we're working on posting on social media now. Also, we're are holding a media conference at 4 today here at the school district admin building.

Good evening Media Partners,

Most of you heard the announcement from FDOE about school campuses being closed until at least April 15.

As shared in their press release, we are ready with a home education plan, the *Duval HomeRoom* (see attached logos). You can see more details in the message below. This message is being shared with parents tonight via email.

Note that we will have media availability tomorrow afternoon to share more details and information. We'll send out time and location tomorrow morning.
Dear Duval County Public School Families,

We are ready.

Because of the extraordinary measures being taken in the nation to prevent the spread of COVID-19, our team has been planning for the possibility that we would need to implement home based education across the district.

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that all public schools must move to distance education at least through April 15.

This announcement has moved us rapidly from planning to implementation.

When Duval County Public Schools resumes on Monday, March 23, we will be deploying our new home education program: Duval HomeRoom.

The Duval HomeRoom initiative will keep your child moving forward educationally with creative and familiar approaches to instruction appropriate for his or her grade level. Many of our activities will utilize learning platforms and programs your children routinely use. This instruction will be delivered in a way that your children can continue learning from the comfort of home while avoiding large groups as directed by health officials.

**We need your help**

1. First, if your family does not have computer access in the home, we need to hear from you. Please let us know through a brief survey available by clicking here. As part of our plan, we want to make sure every family has a capable device and internet connectivity. Community partners, such as Comcast, are already helping provide services so all students are able to connect.

2. Second, stay tuned. Tomorrow, we will begin sharing more details and answering questions for how the Duval HomeRoom initiative will work. Our goal is to make sure everyone is ready to re-engage with education on Monday, March 23. Be sure to check our website at least once each day for updates and directions. We will also keep you informed with emails and telephone calls.

While this is a brand new way to experience education, we truly understand this will be challenging for many families, and we will be available to support you remotely. We ask for your patience, understanding, and feedback as we transition and work through the inevitable challenges we experience along the way.

Our motto is “Every Student. Every Day.” Even under these extraordinary circumstances, we look forward to this new way of bringing the best possible educational experience to your children.

Best,
Laureen

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Local Government News

City adds disinfecting procedures on Starmetro
WCTV
The City of Tallahassee is taking steps to keep Starmetro buses cleaner than ever, adding extra disinfecting procedures. Starmetro is adding to their usual procedure; every night, buses are disinfected with spray and hand wipes. Those workers clean every seat, handrail and button with a commercial-grade CDC approved chemical. That chemical sits on the bus overnight without being wiped up, to fully act on the buses. In addition to the deep clean, which was happening before COVID-19, Starmetro is also cleaning buses at C.K. Steele Plaza in downtown Tallahassee every time they come through. "I have three guys down there, and they jump on the bus, they're wiping down all the high-touch areas on the buses, they're wiping down the keypads, the steering wheel on the buses, so they do that throughout the day," said Gary Dansby, the Building and Maintenance Supervisor. At C.K. Steele Plaza, the City is also using commercial grade disinfectant, spraying public bathrooms. Workers are focused on high-touch areas, such as the doors. Source

Coronavirus in Florida: Town of Palm Beach announces curfew to limit COVID-19 spread
The Palm Beach Post
The Town of Palm Beach has declared a state of emergency because of concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 disease and will impose a curfew to limit social interaction. The curfew, which begins Tuesday, will run from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., and will remain in effect until further notice. The town’s busy social party circuit, normally at its peak this time of year, has already been grinding to an abrupt halt in recent days because of fear over the virus, which can be spread by people who have symptoms, as well those who have no symptoms and may not realize they have it. Many of the island’s cultural and civic organizations also have wiped their calendars clean for the rest of this highly unusual season. Source

Coronavirus in Florida: Local municipalities canceling spring break camps, other recreation programs
The Palm Beach Post
Parents who enrolled their kids in city-run spring break camps, art classes and other recreational programs will need to look elsewhere for schools-out activities. In an effort to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, many local municipalities have announced they are suspending all organized recreation programs and activities until further notice. In Palm Beach Gardens, that includes city-run spring break camps scheduled for next week and all group use of parks, including Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association and other sport groups, permit holders, and organized athletic activities. “These decisions were made in the best interest of those who are most vulnerable in our community,” the city said in a statement. Source

Cape Coral mayor urges residents to remain calm
WINK
Southwest Florida’s biggest city is unusually quiet following the closure of two popular attractions over coronavirus concerns and large crowds. Sun Splash Family Waterpark and the Cape Coral Yacht Club are following guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control, but bars and restaurants in the city remain open. “As we all know, you know, the coronavirus is an evolving situation,” said Mayor Joe Coviello. “The City of Cape Coral is asking its residents to be considerate of each other.” He said while the city has been proactive, he believes other decisions will come from beyond the city, like restaurant and bar closures. Source

Ocala City Council details COVID-19 steps taken amid pandemic
Ocala Star-Banner
Ocala officials detailed some of the steps they are taking in response to the expanding concerns over COVID-19 during Tuesday’s Ocala City Council meeting. Parking meter fees are waived, disconnections of service from Ocala Electric Utility are suspended, and the number of people allowed in the city’s Customer Service Center has been reduced. The council voted unanimously to increase the city’s spending limit without council approval. That limit was raised from $50,000 to $100,000 and requires approval from the city manager and the council president or president pro tem. The city has canceled several public events and meetings in the last few days. Source

In New Port Richey, they were taking a walk in the park, one page at a time
Tampa Bay Times
For 4-year-old Cadynce Nettles a Saturday morning walk in the park took on new meaning March 7 as the New Port Richey Public Library celebrated the opening of a permanent installation called StoryWalk at the James E. Grey Preserve. Her mom, Amy Garton, could barely keep up with Cadynce, who bounded down the trail looking for the next page of a rhyming book called, The Busy Tree, by Jennifer Ward. “I love it,” Garton said. “It’s so much fun — the different ways the kids can interact with it (the story) out here in the park.” The library’s StoryWalk is part of a larger concept created in 2007 by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Books are literally taken apart and made into a series of stops along walking and biking paths as a way to get kids to get up and move. The trademarked StoryWalk program has since cropped up in localities throughout the United States and in other countries. Source

Social Distancing Comes with Social Side Effects—Here’s How to Stay Connected
Route Fifty
To fight the spread of coronavirus, government officials have asked Americans to swallow a hard pill: Stay away from each other. In times of societal stress, such a demand runs counter to what evolution has hard-wired people to do: Seek out and support each other as families, friends and communities. We yearn to huddle together. The warmth of our breath and bodies, of holding hands and hugging, of talking and listening, is a primary
source of soothing. These connections are pivotal for responding to and maximizing our
survival in times of stress. Priority number one is to follow the recommended social
distancing guidelines to control the virus. The cure is definitely not worse than the
disease—experts' projections of disease spread and mortality without strong intervention
make this clear. Source

State News

Florida governor on virus: Last call for bars, nightclubs
Braden ton Herald
Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis vowed Tuesday to seek immediate help for thousands of
workers financially hit by business closures because of the new coronavirus. He urged
Congress to act quickly to expand the financial resources to help states weather an
economic calamity. Among those in need of immediate help, he said, are service industry
employees whose livelihoods were thrust in jeopardy when he ordered the closure of all
bars and nightclubs for 30 days. "You're going to have people who are living paycheck to
paycheck who were involved in industries doing very well, and they were gainfully
employed," the governor said at an afternoon news conference, "then they're all of a
sudden not going to have a job." However, the governor did not lay out any additional
programs beyond already-available unemployment insurance for displaced workers.
Source

Florida is first to get Medicaid flexibility for coronavirus treatment
Miami Herald
Florida's ability to respond to the coronavirus crisis received a significant boost from
federal healthcare regulators this week when the Trump administration approved a waiver
that will allow the state to sign up and pay doctors and hospitals through Medicaid, the
public health insurance program for low-income people. Under the approval, the state's
Medicaid program, which currently has about 4 million Floridians enrolled, can waive
application fees, certain criminal background checks and other requirements for doctors
who sign up, according to the approval letter. Source

Feds relax rules; Floridians to get coronavirus treatment faster
Florida Politics
Last week, President Donald Trump declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national
emergency, allowing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive
certain requirements in Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program
known as CHIP. The declaration allows the federal government to grant state Medicaid
agencies more flexibility, such as submitting waiver requests to remove administrative
burdens and expand access to needed health care services. Florida was the first state to
submit a Section 1135 waiver request following Trump's emergency declaration and CMS
quickly approved the request. Source

With more private lab tests, total coronavirus cases in FL rise to 216
Miami Herald
Gov. Ron DeSantis announced 24 new cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the
novel coronavirus, at a press conference Tuesday night in the state's emergency
operations center. There are now 216 positive cases in the state. Of the 24 new cases
announced, 22 were Florida residents. More than 2,000 people have now been tested for
COVID-19 in Florida. Expansion to private laboratories has changed the testing
landscape. Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to
increase testing capacity. Source
As coronavirus tests elections staff, Laurel Lee claims a successful night

*Florida Politics*

Secretary of State Laurel Lee noted challenges from the coronavirus outbreak tested supervisors of elections on Election Day in Florida, but she lauded election staff at the end of voting Tuesday evening. Lee spoke after the last polls closed in the state and Florida Politics called the Democratic primary for former Vice President Joe Biden. President Donald Trump also won the little-contested Republican primary. Polls closed at 7 p.m. local time with the first results coming in after the state’s central time precincts closed. [Source]

Florida asks federal government to send additional resources to areas highly-impacted by coronavirus

*Florida Politics*

The Division of Emergency Management is ordering additional supplies and personal protective equipment to try to mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the state. The number of coronavirus, or COVID-19, cases in the state has risen as testing ramps up. Health officials announced Tuesday evening that the state had 216 positive cases, with 195 of them coming from Floridians in the state. Officials announced another death, bringing the official number of fatalities to seven. [Source]

Local projects, programs spread through new state budget

*Florida Politics*

Scattered throughout a $93.2 billion budget set to go before the House and Senate on Thursday are more than 750 line items — collectively exceeding $400 million — tied to proposals lawmakers filed months ago to bring money to regions they represent. The proposals, which are in the newly negotiated budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, offer money for water-improvement projects, schools, roads, law enforcement, courts and social-service organizations. But critics deride such spending as pork, fiscal fat that can be cut — or “turkeys” in a Tallahassee term. [Source]

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**Federal News**

State and local officials take a harder line on the virus

*AP*

Nearly 7 million people in the San Francisco area were all but confined to their homes Tuesday, while Florida put a damper on spring break and St. Patrick’s Day by ordering the closing of all bars, as state and local officials took an increasingly hard line against the coronavirus. Ohio canceled its presidential primary hours before the polls were to open, but three other states pressed ahead with their elections, recommending such precautions as putting tape on the floor to keep voters a safe distance apart. On Wall Street, stocks bounced around in early trading, one day after the worst market loss since the Black Monday crash of 1987. With the economy grinding to a halt, the White House proposed a roughly $850 billion rescue package — a sweeping stimulus not seen since the Great Recession of 2008 — and called for its rapid approval. [Source]

Cash assistance for Americans gains steam as coronavirus roils economy

*The Hill*

President Trump and lawmakers are embracing the idea of cutting checks to millions of Americans as they scramble to revive the economy. Lawmakers are floating myriad potential proposals as the growing spread of the coronavirus is taking a greater toll on financial markets and grinding key industries such as restaurants and airlines to a halt. In
a boost to its prospects, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he wants to start sending checks out within two weeks, indicating it should be in the third coronavirus package Congress is currently negotiating. “Although the president likes the idea of the payroll tax holiday … we’re looking at sending checks to Americans immediately,” Mnuchin said during a press conference at the White House. He pitched GOP lawmakers on a plan expected to top $1 trillion. Sen. John Thune (S.D.), the No. 2 Senate Republican, said there is “a high level of interest” in the White House cash payment proposal. Source

Municipal Administration News

PETA urges veto of fireworks measure
News Service of Florida
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, wants Gov. Ron DeSantis to veto a bill that would allow Floridians to legally buy fireworks for use three days a year. The animal rights group expressed concerns that the proposal approved by the Legislature last week “would endanger the state’s most vulnerable residents of many species.” The bill (SB 140) would allow people 18 and older to buy fireworks to use on New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day and Independence Day. The letter sent Friday by PETA President Ingrid Newkirk expressed concerns about the effects of noise and smoke on animals and humans. Source

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News

City passes rules to regulate electric scooters
Gainesville Sun
Gainesville residents and visitors are a step closer to being able to navigate the streets on rented electric scooters. The City Commission voted on the first read of an ordinance regulating “dockless electric scooters” last week. The vote was to adopt the permit program that would allow the scooters, called “micromobility devices” by city officials, to operate in the city, said Malisa McCreedy, Gainesville director of mobility. McCreedy said the city does not yet have a timeline for when the scooters will be up and running. The second reading of the ordinance will be on April 2, and vendors will be able to apply for permits six weeks later. The trial period will begin at some point after that. The permit application will require vendors to detail education and safety plans. Source

Florida Legislature passes affordable housing bill
Jax Daily Record
Florida lawmakers ended the 2020 legislative session by approving House Bill 1339 that authorizes local governments to approve affordable housing on any land zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use. Gov. Ron DeSantis would need to sign or veto the bill. Lawmakers could vote to override the veto. The bill introduced by Republican Rep. Clay Yarborough, whose District 12 covers a portion of Jacksonville, passed the Senate on March 11 by a vote of 39-0 and passed the House 101-19 on March 13. Other provisions in the bill address affordable housing and update provisions relating to mobile home parks and tenants. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News
Clean Waterways Act: A weak response to growing climate change dangers | Opinion

_Sun Sentinel_

In Florida we have a habit of cheering half measures and Johnny-come-lately actions from our public leaders. To wit: The Florida Legislature last week passed the first bill in a decade that acknowledges climate change – this in a state widely known as extraordinarily vulnerable to our altered climate. The bill will require that the design of new coastal buildings paid for by the state take sea-level rise into account. The bill's sponsor, Democratic Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez, from Miami, acknowledged to The Miami Herald, that the bill was just one step along the long road to what Florida needs to do. “Inaction for 30 years and hostility (to climate change) for the last decade means, frankly, anything more than sitting on your hands is an improvement,” Rodriguez said. “The bar is so incredibly low. Just speaking about climate is an improvement, and that cannot be the bar that we use.” [Source](#)
Yesterday, Gov. DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-68 to help reduce density and crowds in restaurants, bars, nightclubs and beaches to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. The order mandates all bars and nightclubs to close for the next 30 days, requires restaurants to limit customer entry to 50% capacity, and encourages take-out and the use of delivery services. It also directs parties accessing public beaches across the state to limit gatherings to no more than 10 people.

The Florida Department of Education announced that all public and private K-12, career and technical center campuses are closed through April 15, 2020. Additionally, all remaining assessments for school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and K-12 assessments are cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year. Learn More

The Governor held another press conference on the latest COVID-19 developments at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) yesterday afternoon. Click below to watch a recording of the press conference.
The Florida League of Cities is working closely with FDEM to keep you updated on new developments. Any emergency questions should be directed to your local emergency manager.

Get the Latest COVID-19 News Delivered to Your Phone

In order to keep our members updated with the most current news on the coronavirus, the League will begin sending text message updates on important developments and new resources to help keep you and your community safe.

To sign up for these text alerts, simply text FLCCV to 855.218.0584. You may opt-out at any time.

Text FLCCV to 855.218.0584 to Sign Up

SBA Updates Criteria on States for Requesting Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued revised criteria for states or territories seeking an economic injury declaration related to coronavirus. Under the revised criteria:

- States or territories are only required to certify that at least five small businesses within the state/territory have suffered substantial economic injury, regardless of where those businesses are located.

- Disaster assistance loans will be available statewide following an economic injury declaration. This will apply to current and future disaster assistance declarations related to coronavirus.
Click [here](#) to visit the SBA Corona disaster assistance website.

**Sen. Rick Scott to Host Tele-Town Hall at 3:30 p.m. Today**

Florida Sen. Rick Scott is hosting a tele-town hall meeting today at 3:30 p.m. EST. During this tele-town hall, Sen. Scott will provide a brief update regarding the federal government’s response and actions regarding COVID-19, and will then take questions from participants.

**Call-In Number: 855.962.1132 (No PIN)**

**FDEM Offers Guidance on Procurement**

The FDEM has shared some guidance on general procurement for commodities and services that may be needed during this event. They are also advising that emergency/exigency circumstances for the procurement of those goods and services may provide for an exemption for competitive procurement.

- **Public Assistance: Procurement Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances.**
- **Federal Disaster Grants and Contracting Brochure.**
- **FEMA Grants: Top 10 Procurement Mistakes.**

**Florida Public Assistance Program Activated**

All Florida counties have been designated for Category B (emergency protective measures) under the Public Assistance (PA) program. Eligible applicants for the PA program are state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations, including hospitals, clinics and emergency medical providers.

The deadline to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to participate in the FEMA PA Program for COVID-19 is currently April 12. (Please submit your RPA by April 10.) Click [here](#) to learn more and access the necessary forms.

Contact Buck Dickinson at [frederick.dickinson@em.myflorida.com](mailto:frederick.dickinson@em.myflorida.com) or 850.815.4447 with any questions.

**Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program Activated**

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties statewide that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-
19. These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance. Learn More
U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham on Operational Updates

Less than one week ago, the 2020 Census fully kicked off, and invitations continue to arrive in mailboxes across the nation. As of this morning, more than eleven million households have responded. America is stepping up to shape our future and ensure families and communities are counted.

Beginning today, in support of guidance on what we can all do to help slow the spread of coronavirus, 2020 Census field operations will be suspended for two weeks until April 1, 2020. The Census Bureau is taking this step to help protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees, and everyone going through the hiring process for temporary census taker positions.

During this pause in field operations, the Census Bureau will continue to evaluate all 2020 Census operations. Should any additional adjustments need to be made, the Census Bureau will communicate these changes broadly and promptly.

In late May, census takers around the nation will begin visiting households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help complete the count. As we continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, we will adjust census taker and survey operations as necessary in order to follow the guidance of federal, state and local health authorities.

The public is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, and can also respond by phone or mail. Everyone should respond to the 2020 Census as soon as they receive their invitation — and when they’re finished, they can make sure their friends, families and social networks know about the importance of responding.

It has never been easier to respond to the census, and the 2020 Census will count everyone accurately. We recognize that many people plan to access the 2020 Census through other
response modes, such as phone or paper, which is why the 2020 Census has such a nimble design.

On March 15, 2020, the Census Bureau announced several adaptations to our group quarters operations to accommodate recent scheduling changes on college campuses as leadership takes action to keep students and faculty safe.

For all other Census Bureau household and economic surveys separate from the 2020 Decennial Census, Bureau personnel will begin using phone calls instead of in-person visits. In the limited number of instances where an in-person visit is necessary, we are working closely with public health authorities to ensure each visit is accomplished safely.

Once again, we encourage everyone to respond online today at 2020Census.gov. With the flexibility and support of the American people, we will achieve a complete and accurate count which helps guide funding decisions for things like hospitals, roads and emergency services. Respondents can also respond by calling the number provided in their invitation or by mail once they have received a paper form.

About the Intergovernmental Affairs Office

The Intergovernmental Affairs Office (IAO) works with Tribal, state, county, and local governments both directly and through the national and regional organizations that advocate on their behalf to share information about U.S. Census programs and products. IAO encourages supportive policy development by intergovernmental and tribal associations, serving as a conduit by which these associations and governments communicate their concerns to the Census Bureau. For more information on Census Bureau programs, please contact us at (301) 763-6100 or by email at ocia.iao@census.gov.

Sincerely,

Alan Lang
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PRESS RELEASE

Jax Beach Golf Club will remain open until further notice. Please see the efforts we are making to abide by CDC Guidelines.

- We have cancelled all shotgun starts.
- Have a full complement of inside staff to avoid any lines from forming.
- Inside staff are using gloves, and disinfectant for golf shop counter after each transaction.
- No signatures required for any credit card transactions or from the starters for golf cart agreements to expedite check in process.
- All doors to the building are propped open for touch free entrance and exit.
- No service from golf cart attendants at bag drop or club cleaning after the round.
- Golf cart staff is being used for directional support.
- Cart attendants have pump sprayers with disinfectant and are disinfecting every cart prior to them going out and again when they return. They are utilizing gloves throughout the day.
- Removed sand scoops from golf carts.
- Walking times available at all times.
- Placing cups on greens upside down and raised to prevent golfers from holing out or needing to touch pins.
- All bunker rakes have been removed.
- All water coolers have been removed.
- Golf ball washers on the golf course have been taken out of service.
- We will tape area on golf shop floor for “next customer” to have to wait at a space that meets the social distancing guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control.
- Sandtrap Bar and Grill will follow restrictions placed by Governor.
- We encourage as many customers to book and pay through Golf Now so to avoid credit card and cash exchanges at the registers.
- We are not able to provide individual carts per player. We do encourage everyone to be conscientious of social distancing guidelines. Personal hygiene and sanitary practices are encouraged when riding with another person in the golf cart.

Our decision to remain open for the time being is to provide a safe, recreational activity that will provide a release in these trying times.

Thank you,
Jax Beach Golf Club Staff
Manage Email Settings
Submitted on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 - 2:32pm Submitted by anonymous user: [73.171.211.200] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Open Beaches
Message:
I want to thank you for keeping the Jacksonville Beach beaches open at this difficult time. I live at 16th South and I see many families enjoying the beautiful day outdoors, getting exercise and having fun. I see no groups larger than 10 and all are at least 6 feet apart.
Thank you for ensuring that our residents can enjoy a healthy activity in these uncertain times.

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
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The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27544
All,

Over the last five days, we have seen our world turned upside down. Starting with the President’s declaration of a National Health Emergency on March 13th, we have been bombarded with messaging from the White House, media, Governor, and County administrator (Mayor Curry). With each message given, the requirements for our daily lives become more restrictive. Travel bans. Events canceled. Restrictions on groups from 500, to 250 and now 50. Cancellation of public meetings. Hotels and restaurants shutting down. This has led to even more questions from the public and the desire for clarity and answers.

Unfortunately, I do not have all the answers. I do not have complete clarity on messaging received. We, as a nation, are in uncharted territory. The United States has never had to deal with an issue like this since before our generation(s), plural (see 1918 Spanish Flu). And to make this issue worse (and unlike our normal hurricane emergency), we have no idea when it will end with the President declaring the national emergency over.

Through the weekend and over the last two days, I have been conversing regularly with our organizational leadership to determine what we should do, how we should do it, and when action should be taken. We have taken many steps within the last 48 hours, and we will take many more before the week is over, and likely more in ensuing weeks. Please show patience during this time, as we try to develop the best possible responses and practices to allow for continuity of service to the public, while meeting the federal guidelines for social distancing and gatherings.

The last two days have seen updates go to the Council and Directors at the end of each day. I’d like to share those communications with you, so you have an understanding of where we are as an organization. As additional communications are sent, you will be copied on those as well. As an organization, we value communication, and I’d like us to be as transparent as possible during this emergency situation.

Should you have any questions, please contact your supervisor or call me.

Mike

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From: Mike Staffopoulos  
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:49 PM  
To: All `City Employees  
Subject: FW: March 17 Update

Mayor and Council,

COVID-19 updates from March 16:

1. We have a declared a state of emergency
2. We have enacted the same restrictions as COJ: no assemblies over 50 persons, no alcohol sales between midnight and 8:00 am
3. Differing from COJ, we have NOT closed our parks or the beach; we do not have an effective means to enforce either of those restrictions if enacted, nor do we sanitize playground equipment from a manpower/resources perspective
4. All special events and public meetings are canceled at least through the remainder of the month
5. Employees are being allowed to stay home with their children using either sick or vacation leave, due to schools being closed
6. Our EOC is technically activated (although not in a defined location like during a hurricane); Directors will hold a conference call daily at 4:00 pm starting tomorrow
7. Departments are assessing their operational models and SOPs, and will adjust accordingly to ensure continuity of services in the event of mass illnesses; precautions are being discussed daily
8. Public access to our buildings is being restricted to business activities only; additional safeguards will likely be implemented within the next 24 hours

NEW Updates for March 17:
1. The Governor passed Executive Order 20-68, which:
   a. Restricts the sales of alcohol from bars and nightclubs for a period of 30 days
   b. Requires restaurants to be at no more than 50% capacity, with parties of 10 or less and tables spaced at least 6’ away, and implement employee screening
   c. Directs beach-goers to have parties of 10 or less, with groups spaced 6’ apart
2. Mayor Curry held a press conference, clarifying that his order from March 16 of assembly no more than 50 works with the Governor’s declaration by whichever is more restrictive
3. Given the Governor’s declaration for a 30 day window of additional restrictions, the City will continue with cancellation of special events for the equivalent 30 day window
4. The City is reducing public transactions within City Hall, and is encouraging the use of on-line or electronic transactions
5. In the absence of the second Council meeting in March, certain purchases are being authorized by the City Manager, and will be treated as emergency purchases, with documentation coming back to Council at the first available date

We are still in uncharted territory. Some may say we’ve reached the edge of the map. We are continuing to follow the emergency mantra: plan for the worst, hope for the best, and take this day by day.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
City Manager

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Chris Wright

From: Chris Ambrosio
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:51 PM
To: Mike Staffopoulos; CPAAA - Charlie Latham; Charlie Latham; Karen Nelson
Cc: Chris Wright
Subject: FW: your submission to Mayor’s office of City of Jacksonville Beach

Mayor:
I want to forward to you my response to Laura Griffin’s online submission to you, that essentially sought closure of the parks or limitations on the number of park visitors. And her reply to my response. Please don’t hesitate to call me if you would like me to do anything else concerning Ms. Griffin.

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From: lauragriffinesq@comcast.net <lauragriffinesq@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Chris Ambrosio <cambrosio@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: Re: your submission to Mayor's office of City of Jacksonville Beach

Chris, when crowds gathered on Bourbon Street in groups more than 50 and individuals were walking in gatherings with more than 10 without social distancing this violated CDC rules being enforced through the governor and police sent out patrol cars to send them home and now the streets are empty. When the Gov announced his restrictions he was trying to enforce these same CDC guidelines so that we can not overwhelm Florida's health care system. It violates the spirit if not the orders for the beaches to allow gatherings of more than 10 persons and parks filled to capacity of more than 50 because this is increasing the spread of this virus. This is making these children and adults spreaders because this virus is very contagious. They will spread the virus to other family members and playmates including the elderly and those at risk. This increases the chances of our beach hospitals and doctors from being overwhelmed as well as Jacksonville health care facilities being overwhelmed. The question is in this national and state emergency, "what increases the risk of spreading the virus"? That full capacity park in Jax Bch with no social distancing cried out for governmental action and none was taken.

On Mar 17, 2020 6:37 PM, Chris Ambrosio <cambrosio@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:
Hi Laura:

I’m responding to your submission to the Mayor’s office of City of Jacksonville Beach (COJB): “Why has Mayor Latham not closed the parks in Jacksonville Beach because the gathering at the South Beach Park was more than ten yesterday and more than 50 where people were intermixing without social distancing.”

There is no order to close COJB parks or place limitations on them at this time. The three beaches cities have their parks and beaches open at the moment. The activity and official orders in this situation seemingly change by the hour. We will continue to track State guidance on closing or limitations for parks. The Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-68 didn’t address parks. But it directs parties accessing the public beaches to follow CDC guidelines by limiting their gathering to no more than 10 persons, and distance themselves from other parties by 6 feet. I don’t speak for or represent the cities of Atlantic Beach or Neptune Beach, but we are in regular contact with them to try to remain reasonably consistent in these unfamiliar times.

Chris Ambrosio, Esq. B.C.S.

City Attorney

City of Jacksonville Beach

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Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

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Mayor and Council,

The following information was received by Councilor Golding regarding Florida League of Cities’ request for assistance/clarify from the Governor for the conducting of public meetings. We hope that this question will be answered shortly, and provide all local governments in Florida the direction necessary to hold future meetings.

The City Charter requires the City conduct meetings no less than once per month. It is my expectation that, for the month of April, we may likely NOT have a meeting on April 6. We are currently targeting having a meeting on April 20th. If information is received in short order from the Governor, we will adjust the schedule accordingly.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
City Manager

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Councilwoman Golding
The League webpage https://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/coronavirus-resources has lots of info and we just (yesterday afternoon) sent the attached letter to the governor attempting to get clarification on some other issues. I hope this helps.
Scott
C. Scott Dudley
Legislative Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Executive Director
Florida League of Mayors
850.570.7296 (CELL)
www.flcities.com
Has cancelled. Once things settle, I will send everyone a new Calendar, but at this point it is changing way to often to send out.

Cathy Butler
Special Events Coordinator
City of Jacksonville Beach
247-6157
Senator Rick Scott would like to invite Floridians to join him for a Tele-Town Hall today, March 18, 2020, to discuss ongoing efforts to keep families safe from the Coronavirus, and hear your questions and concerns firsthand.

Join today’s discussion by calling (855) 962-1132 at 3:30PM (ET).
Keeping families safe and healthy is Senator Scott's #1 priority. See a list of resources and information available to Floridians below or by visiting www.RickScott.senate.gov/CoronavirusResources.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**

The CDC’s [website](#) offers information about Coronavirus cases in the United States and efforts to prevent the spread of the disease, including:

- An up-to-date overview of Coronavirus cases in the United States ([HERE](#))
- Symptoms of the Coronavirus ([HERE](#))
- What to do when you’re sick ([HERE](#))
- How to know if you’re at higher risk of getting very sick from the Coronavirus ([HERE](#))
- Steps to prevent illness ([HERE](#))
- Other frequently asked questions ([HERE](#))

The [CDC Coronavirus Call Center](#) is available 24/7 at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) for urgent issues related to Coronavirus.

**Florida Department of Health (FDOH):**

Please visit the Florida Department of Health’s [website](#) for Florida-specific information relating to the Coronavirus, including:

- A current overview of cases in Florida ([HERE](#))
- How to find your county health department ([HERE](#))
- Other frequently asked questions ([HERE](#))

FLDOH has also activated a Coronavirus Call Center available 24/7 by phone at 1 (866) 779-6121 via email at [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](#).

**U.S. Department of State:**

- For up-to-date travel advisories, visit the U.S. Department of State’s website [HERE](#).

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:**

- U.S. Military veterans who believe they may have contracted the Coronavirus may contact the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' VISN 8 Clinical 24/7 Contact Center by phone at 1(877)741-3400. See more [HERE](#).

**Florida Attorney General’s Office:**

- Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has activated Florida’s Price Gouging Hotline for Floridians to report price gouging and Coronavirus-related scams, available by phone at 866-9NO-SCAM or by visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](#).
World Health Organization:

- For information and guidance from the WHO regarding the Coronavirus, visit their website [HERE](#).

National Institutes of Health:

- For information on the Coronavirus from the NIH, visit their website [HERE](#).
As we continue to navigate this rapidly changing environment, we are committed to providing you with the most valuable and timely resources, including best practices from our cities.

Our Coronavirus Resources webpage is now a more robust and comprehensive source for you to find hundreds of important documents, resources, news articles and information to help you keep your community safe.

We have collected numerous examples of emergency declarations, ordinances and municipal COVID-19 webpages that can be used as samples for your city's coronavirus preparation and response plans.

We have also added many new resources from state and federal agencies, as well as print materials, state hotlines and videos.

Please continue to check this page daily for the latest news and resources.

Get the Latest COVID-19 News Delivered to Your Phone

In order to keep our members updated with the most current news on the coronavirus, the League will begin sending text message updates on important developments and new resources to help keep you and your community safe.
Clarity: Gov. DeSantis Executive Order 20-68

Yesterday, Gov. DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-68 to help reduce density and crowds in restaurants, bars, nightclubs and beaches. To clarify, the order does not mandate all bars and nightclubs to close for the next 30 days. Executive Order 20-68 directs restrictions on the operations of certain bars, pubs, nightclubs and restaurants.
Mayor and Council,

Below is a running log of COVID-19 updates:

March 16:
- We have declared a state of emergency
- We have enacted the same restrictions as COJ: no assemblies over 50 persons, no alcohol sales between midnight and 8:00 am
- Differing from COJ, we have NOT closed our parks or the beach; we do not have an effective means to enforce either of those restrictions if enacted, nor do we sanitize playground equipment from a manpower/resources perspective
- All special events and public meetings are canceled at least through the remainder of the month
- Employees are being allowed to stay home with their children using either sick or vacation leave, due to schools being closed
- Our EOC is technically activated (although not in a defined location like during a hurricane); Directors will hold a conference call daily at 4:00 pm starting tomorrow
- Departments are assessing their operational models and SOPs, and will adjust accordingly to ensure continuity of services in the event of mass illnesses; precautions are being discussed daily
- Public access to our buildings is being restricted to business activities only; additional safeguards will likely be implemented within the next 24 hours

March 17:
- The Governor passed Executive Order 20-68, which:
  - Restricts the sales of alcohol from bars and nightclubs for a period of 30 days
  - Requires restaurants to be at no more than 50% capacity, with parties of 10 or less and tables spaced at least 6’ away, and implement employee screening
  - Directs beach-goers to have parties of 10 or less, with groups spaced 6’ apart
- Mayor Curry held a press conference, clarifying that his order from March 16 of assembly no more than 50 works with the Governor’s declaration by whichever is more restrictive
- Given the Governor’s declaration for a 30 day window of additional restrictions, the City will continue with cancellation of special events for the equivalent 30 day window
- The City is reducing public transactions within City Hall, and is encouraging the use of on-line or electronic transactions
- In the absence of the second Council meeting in March, certain purchases are being authorized by the City Manager, and will be treated as emergency purchases, with documentation coming back to Council at the first available date

NEW – Updates for March 18
- Leadership discussed various policy elements in the event infections become widespread, to include:
  - Essential vs. non-essential services and employees
  - Telecommuting
  - Split work shifts
Leave policies

- The City has ordered twenty (20) laptop computers to assist with telecommuting efforts; arrival scheduled for middle of next week
- Fire Marshal will be distributing CDC guidance to all department directors on what quarantine entails
- City is considering closing of public restrooms in parks within the next 24-48 hours; this would not include beachfront or downtown
- City is considering further restrictions on public access to city buildings for enactment within the next 24-48 hours
- The City is targeting its next City Council meeting for April 20, 2020; awaiting for guidance from Governor’s office on meeting alternatives

No new directives were issued at the federal, state or county level today. We continue to take this day by day.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Chris Wright

From: FCW <FCW@1105info.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:22 AM
To: Charlie Latham
Subject: Agenda Announced! | Electronic Records Readiness Live Virtual Event - 1 Week Left to Register!

Dear Latham,

There's just one week left to register for the Electronic Records Readiness Live Virtual event on March 25th. Watch from the convenience of your computer as government leaders from NARA, NOAA, NIH, DOL, DOT, and more discuss the records management requirements of M-19-21 and their real-life implications. They'll explore cloud considerations for next-gen records management, automating information processing and classification, making the budget case, and more.

Plus, you'll be able to submit your questions for this interactive, live discussion.

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Register today here: http://1105info.com/portal/wts/ugmcmQeeFADbbry%5Ebv7%5E2crTmM--a

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View Agenda (All time ET):

8:30am - Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:35am - Helping Agencies Transition to Digital Government: NARA's Federal Electronic Records Modernization Initiative (FERMI) - Lisa Haralampus, Director of Records Management, Policy and Outreach, National Archives and Records Administration

9:00am - Navigating M-19-21: Real-Life Strategies for Your Records Management Program - Amanda Pomicter, Records Officer, National Institute of Health

9:25am - Executive Insights - M-19-21 Best Practices and Practical Advice - John Mancini, Former President, AIIM and President, Content Results, LLC; Scott Swidersky, Vice President of Enterprise Content Management, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. and President, Quality Associates Inc.

9:50am - Science, Research and Digital Records - Edward Norton, Senior Advisor and past Chief Administrative Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

10:15am - The Evolution of Electronic Records Management - Laura Besong, Departmental Records and Information Management Officer, Department of Labor

10:40am - Developing Government Solutions for the 21st Century - Christina Sills, Records Information Manager, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

11:05am - How Do You Manage a Three-Headed Monster? - Walter Bohorfoush, Director, Departmental Records Management Office, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation
11:30am - Closing Remarks

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Electronic Records Readiness: A Practical Path to M-19-21 Compliance

Live Virtual Event - Watch from Your Computer!

March 25, 2020
8:30am - 11:30am (ET)

View event details at: FCW.com/ElectronicRecords
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Reserve Your Seat Today: http://1105info.com/portal/wts/ugmcmQeeFADbbry%5Ebv7%5E6crTmM--a

Regards!

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Message: The Beaches need to be closed, asap please! Florida is being derided in the national news for the governor's refusal to shut down the beaches. I live on Jax Beach and I am seeing firsthand the complete violation of social distancing and crowd gathering. Please, do what you can to close our Beach locally to help control the illnesses in our area. Thank you.

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
--Contact Information--
Name: Carol Gagliano
Address: 1201 1st St N Apt 803
City, State, Zip: Jax Beach FL 32250
Name of Company: 
E-mail Address: cgagliano03@gmail.com
Phone Number: 6362939349

The results of this submission may be viewed at: http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27571
Chris Wright

From: FMEA <denise@publicpower.ccsend.com> on behalf of FMEA
     <floridapublicpower@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:17 AM
To: Charlie Latham
Subject: [POSSIBLE SPAM] [MKTG] FMEA Top Ten Headline News -- March 19, 2020

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FMEA TOP TEN RECAP

A recap of the top electric industry news stories of the week

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### Florida Public Power Calendar

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  - FMEA Annual Conference
  - The Breakers
  - Palm Beach, FL

- **October 21-22, 2020**
  - FMEA Energy Connections Conference & Trade Show
  - Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside
  - Orlando, FL

### FMEA Reference

- **About FMEA**
- **Associate Members**
- **Florida Electric Bill Comparison**
- **Electric Utility Statistics**
- **Municipal Electric Utility Members**
- **Florida Lineman Assistance Fund**
- **RELAY Magazine**
- **Wikipedia**
Statement By FMEA Executive Director Amy Zubaly, Executive Director Regarding Passage of Lineworker Specialty License Plate Legislation

“We commend the Florida Legislature for today passing legislation that will establish the ‘Thank a Lineman’ specialty license plate, which will generate proceeds used to fund scholarships to train the next generation of skilled lineworkers.

Thousands of electric lineworkers power the Sunshine State 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The hurricanes that have impacted our state these past few years have highlighted the tremendous effort and sacrifices lineworkers make each and every day to keep the lights on in their communities, no matter how dangerous the conditions.

By establishing this new specialty plate honoring their service, we not only give Florida’s lineworkers the recognition they so richly deserve, we also inspire and support a new generation of community heroes who will go on to power our great state.”
Statement by FMEA executive director Amy Zubaly regarding lineworker specialty license plate legislation
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Coronavirus: Lakeland drafts pandemic plan
03.13.20 © The Ledger (9%)  
‘Our patience is gone’: Angry council committee tells JEA to expect subpoenas, more depositions and bidder testimony
03.10.20 © The Florida Times Union (7%)  
OUC suspends electricity and water disconnections, as Orlando residents stay home to avoid coronavirus
03.16.20 © Orlando Weekly Weekly (6%)  
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Coronavirus: Why Lake Worth Beach’s commissioner’s request for emergency meeting was denied
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The City of Lake Worth Beach (posted 3/06)  
Electric Line Worker III
The City of Alachua (posted 3/02)  
General Office Clerk
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Lineman
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Electrical Engineer
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Keys Energy Services (posted 2/26)  
Electric Line Worker 1
City of Newberry (posted 2/25)  
Electric Utility Project Manager
Ocala Electric Utility (posted 2/24)
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In the event a link no longer accesses its official corresponding news story, please contact FMEA to see if the story has been permanently stored in the FMEA news archive.

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In the news

District taking steps to avoid the spread of COVID-19

The St. Johns River Water Management District is taking steps to protect the health of our employees and the public by reducing the potential transmission of COVID-19. All district office locations are now open to employees only.

Staff remain available by phone or email during regular office hours to conduct district business. Visit www.sjrwmd.com/contact for contact information.

Permit applications, compliance forms and other regulatory information can be found online through the district’s e-Permitting webpage, www.sjrwmd.com/permitting.

Also, although most district lands remain open at this time, camping will be suspended as of 11 a.m., Friday, March 20.

State offers updated COVID-19 information

Gov. Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19. To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health is issuing regular updates. Visit the dedicated COVID-19 webpage for official news and information.
CFWI Draft 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan Available for Review and Comment

The Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Draft 2020 Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) is now available for review and public comment. The plan identifies existing and projected water needs, projects and funding sources to meet those needs in the Central Florida Planning Area over the next 20 years.
We are still hard at work fulfilling our core missions and we are looking for great candidates for rewarding job opportunities throughout the district.

Click here to see job postings

It’s more than playing with water

Looking for a way to educate and entertain your children? Explore The Great Water Odyssey SM for an exciting water adventure.

Water conservation tip
Take a few minutes away from the news of the day and check your sprinkler system. Help us save our precious water resources. You’ll find more tips on how to #WaterLess here.

Sign up here to have district information delivered to your inbox.

SJRWMD privacy policy
Before we break these down into bullet points, I wanted to forward the Mayor’s talking points for today’s press conference at 10:30.
Please forward to anyone who may need to share information

*** There is a detailed press release coming out regarding the Prime Osborne testing within the hour. Please share that for information sharing purposes as well.

Thank you

Nikki Kimbleton
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Dear Colleague:

The American Public Power Association—in coordination with our industry and government partners—continues to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation. We remain committed to doing our part to protect the health and safety of our staff, membership and the public at large. Any and all actions we take as an association will be in an effort to honor this commitment.

We have made the decision to close APPA’s office with all staff teleworking until April 15. This decision will be evaluated on a rolling basis with an option for extending the telework period. We have been preparing for the possibility of this and are committed to providing the same level of service to our members as you would typically receive. The entire APPA staff remains available to support our members, and you should not see a difference in APPA activity, staff engagement or responsiveness. We have also imposed a halt on all staff travel through April 15.

APPA Meetings

APPA has cancelled the CEO Roundtable (April 5-7 in Phoenix, Arizona), the Lineworkers Rodeo (April 17-18 in Bonner Springs, Kansas), and the Engineering & Operations Conference (April 19-22 in Kansas City, Missouri) and will be transitioning other events in April and early May to virtual events.

We continue to assess all APPA events on a case-by-case basis and will inform members if any additional decisions are made to cancel or postpone events. If you have any questions about APPA meetings or events, please reach out to EducationInfo@PublicPower.org.

Federal Government and Industry Partner Activities on Response to COVID-19

APPA continues to work with our members, the electric utility industry, and our government partners to gather and share up-to-date information, best practices and guidance to help our members stay safe and maintain operational integrity. As part of this effort, we are holding a weekly webinar for members to collaborate on this issue. We have also launched a COVID-19 listserv for members to share information pertaining to the pandemic. For more information on the webinar series or the new
listserv, email MutualAid@PublicPower.org. We also have a page on APPA's website dedicated to COVID-19 activities.

We are working with others on the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC). The ESCC, on which APPA also serves, is the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power industry on certain high-level resilience and response issues such as pandemics. The ESCC has formed five "tiger teams" to focus on control center continuity, access to restricted areas, supply chain, mutual assistance, and generation continuity. These teams are staffed up with industry experts, including from public power utilities, who are looking at these specific aspects of the pandemic response and working to bring specific industry needs to our federal government partners. Additionally, working with APPA and others, the ESCC has developed a resource guide and key messages—tailored to electric power industry leaders—for assessing and mitigating COVID-19. They are available at both via our website and directly at ElectricitySubsector.org and will be updated as necessary.

Government Relations and Policy Activities

Our government relations team is also tracking, seeking input, and providing feedback to Capitol Hill on COVID-19-related federal legislation that may affect the public power community. This includes identifying measures to support lifeline critical infrastructure entities, like electric, gas, and water utilities, to ensure essential services are maintained and front-line workers are protected. It also includes pushing for robust funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to ensure those impacted by the pandemic can still pay their electric bills, as well as seeking access to payroll tax credits to offset the cost of new sick and Family Medical Leave Act requirements imposed on state and local governments, including public power utilities.

APPA is tracking COVID-19-related developments at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and other federal agencies. On March 18, FERC and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) issued a statement identifying several ways in which they will consider the coronavirus outbreak in applying NERC Reliability Standards.

We urge everyone to stay tuned to the CDC and the World Health Organization for the most reliable information.

For guidance from the Department of Homeland Security on risk management, please check out their Risk Management for COVID-19 document and recommendations on Defending against COVID-19 Cyber Scams.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us at Info@PublicPower.org.

APPA remains committed to serving the public power community during these difficult times while taking the proper precautions to protect the health and safety of our staff.

Best Regards,
After much thought and careful consideration, it is with a heavy heart I announce that I have decided to withdraw my candidacy for the FL-19 U.S. congressional seat.

We are in the midst of a global pandemic. Lives are at stake. The time for action is now. As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, we cannot run the type of campaign we wanted to run; one where we go to local events, meetings, schools and libraries, museums and restaurants, and speak to voters and hear about the issues that concern them, where we get our message out face-to-face with citizens at the grassroots level through an exchange of real conversations that matter, rather than in 30-second TV ads. Public safety is paramount, and an election health may be endangered to run a campaign by, for, and of the people is not one in which I can in good conscience continue.

To that end, I have decided to donate a portion of my campaign funds to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of South Florida and to the American Red Cross to assure our friends and neighbors are taken care of during this difficult and uncertain time.

I owe a debt of gratitude to my fiancé, Sarah, my family, my dedicated campaign staff, my friends and supporters, and everyone I spoke with over the past several months who shared their story, their concerns, their humanity - every one of you - thank you. I am humbled by your support and by your belief in me and in what we stand for.

We fought a good fight, and we should all be incredibly proud of that. Now, we turn our battle to a new horizon of much higher stakes and that will in the coming days and months impact us all. Stay safe. Stay strong. Together, nothing America can't do. While this campaign has reached its end, know that I'm not done fighting for you, Florida, and for our great nation.

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The Museum at Home

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

We hope everyone is faring well during these extraordinary and challenging times, and our hearts go out to all those affected by COVID-19. As you know, out of an abundance of caution, the Museum is temporarily closed to the public through April 3.

In the meantime, our incredible staff and board continue to work behind the scenes. I wanted to share with you that Kerrie Slattery, the Museum’s Chief Advancement Officer, will serve as interim director beginning in April while a national search is conducted. We remain grateful to Adam Levine for his continued leadership in preparing the Museum for a smooth transition, and we are confident our next chapter will be an inspiring one.

Thank you for being a part of the Cummer Museum community.

Pam D. Paul
Chair of the Board of Trustees
STAY-AT-HOME ACTIVITIES

Looking for fun stay-at-home activities for your children? Our Museum Educators have put together an extensive list of ideas to bring the galleries and exhibitions into your home.

Have fun creating together!

While the Museum is closed, we will invite you to stay connected with us through our social channels and website where we will share engaging content and highlights. We wish everyone well, and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.
MEAL DELIVERY

Our Cummer Café, catered by Chef’s Garden, is adapting to find novel ways to best serve you and our valued community. Chef’s Garden’s Meal Delivery Program offers dining options with ready to eat meals for your family dinners. View the full delivery menu here. As always, Chef’s Garden and our Cummer Café team are grateful for your support.

PLAN AHEAD FOR SUMMER!

Summer camp provides opportunities for children to observe and explore artwork in the Museum’s galleries and gardens, experiment with different art media in the studio, and create and display their artwork in a special open house.

Members $200, Non-Members $230 per week | Scholarships available
Registration required

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMP

Grades 1 through 6
Week 1: Line, Shape, and Color – June 8 through 12
Week 2: Rhythm, Pattern, and Balance – June 15 through 19
Week 3: Land, Water, and Sky – June 22 through 26
Week 4: Artful Animals – July 6 through 10
Week 5: Sculpt It – July 13 through 17
Week 6: Art Around the World – July 20 through 24

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
A.M. care: 7:30 to 9 a.m., $30 per week | P.M. care: 3:30 to 5 p.m., $30 per week
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP
Grades 6 through 9
Printmaking and Mixed Media – July 27 through 31

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | No extended care

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Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens
829 Riverside Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Phone: 904.356.6857

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Hi everyone. Sending this to the JIC list,

We know that all of you have important messaging, however, if you are not invited to a news conference, please understand that these are unusual times and circumstances and it’s not because we don’t value your messaging or authority. The maximum number of speakers for any press conference moving forward will be three. They will be seated a few feet apart in the 4th floor conference room of the Mayor’s Office at City Hall. We are limiting the total number of people in the room for press conferences to 15, including media. We are working with media to limit how many people they send and two outlets have agreed to pool a camera.

If someone from your department is asked to speak, please send no more than one person with them.

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From this point forward, we will send you notice HERE, through this email list of upcoming press conferences. You may also receive the advisory, but we will do our best to notify you prior to that being released. As you know, it’s a very fluid situation and since our PAO office is currently operating with half the normal staff, we are doing our best to keep everyone notified in a timely manner.

We really appreciate all of you. Thank you!

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Beaches Team –

I’ve spoken with Mayor Latham, and have set up a gotomeeting.com conference room. You can either Call in, or access from your computer. Please only use one option, either phone or computer and not both.

Beaches Executives Meeting
Thu, Mar 19, 2020 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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Local Government News

Cities asking Congress for $250 billion in aid

*Florida Politics*
America’s mayors are getting in line at Congress with dire predictions of overwhelmed city services, plunging local tax revenues and a request for $250 billion in flexible, emergency fiscal assistance, to address the coronavirus economic meltdown. “Without significant federal assistance, we soon will be faced with having to make decisions that could include laying off employees, cutting budgets, and reducing or eliminating critically needed services,” the U.S. Conference of Mayors stated in a letter sent Wednesday. In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate President Mitch McConnell and minority leaders of both chambers, the mayors called their cities “the economic engines of the nation and home to the workers who make those engines run.” [Source](https://www.floridapolitics.com/)

Panama City declares State of Emergency; Lynn Haven suspends utility shutoffs

*Panama City News Herald*
Local municipalities followed in the direction of the national and state governments Wednesday, declaring a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus pandemic. At specially called meetings, Panama City and Lynn Haven commissions unanimously voted in favor of the resolution. At the Panama City meeting, Sandon Speedling, Administrative Health Officer from Florida Department of Health, spoke briefly about the latest updates from FDOH. “I am happy to say that we do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Bay County at this time; there’s no community spread,” Speedling said, noting South Florida is battling community spread. “Our county is doing what it has to do.” [Source](https://www.panamacitynews.com/)

Treasure Coast governments balance open-meetings law with social distancing

*TCPalm*
Practicing social distancing could run local governments afoul of the state’s open-meetings law. Also known as the Sunshine Law, it requires all government business to be conducted in open, public meetings. According to the Attorney General’s Office, that means a majority of elected leaders must be physically present to have a quorum and the public must be allowed to attend ... in person. But with the spread of the coronavirus, and the federal government urging that gatherings be no more than 10 people, local
governments are making plans to use platforms programs such as Skype, YouTube and Zoom for holding their meetings and communicating with the public. Source

Coronavirus in Florida: How state's famed open meetings law may have to bend in age of self-distancing
The Palm Beach Post
In Palm Beach County and across the state, coronavirus is forcing elected officials to reconcile guidelines that limit the number of people who can gather in a room with Florida's imperative to conduct government business in public view. A solution to ease the state's famed Sunshine Law could be coming soon, a group representing counties says. It can't come soon enough for local governments with weekly and monthly meetings already scheduled. Aiming to flatten the curve of contagion, the latest advice from the Trump administration would cap any gathering at 10, but that's barely enough seats for the elected officials. Source

Another Viewpoint: The 2020 Census needs your response
The Ledger
It's easy to ignore that stuff that arrives in your mailbox but this time, pay attention. You may already have received an oversized envelope from the U.S. Census Bureau. A lot of junk mail dresses itself up to look like official communications and this predisposes people to toss out anything with a shield and an eagle in the return address. Don't do that this time. This is important for your community. The Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) and has been taken every 10 years since 1790. Your responses are confidential for 72 years. Identifiable personal information can't be shared with other government agencies. Disclosing such information is a federal crime. Source

State News

Florida coronavirus cases jump 52% — to 328 — as testing ramps up
Tallahassee Democrat
As the state continues to ramp up testing for the coronavirus, the number of positive results is going up and officials are running into a problem — a shortage of swabs and other supplies to collect samples. The number of newly diagnosed cases in Florida jumped dramatically overnight Tuesday to Wednesday afternoon by more than 100 — to 328 from 216 — the day after Gov. Ron DeSantis announced an aggressive push for more testing across the state. "My No. 1 priority is more robust testing," DeSantis said at a Wednesday news conference at the state's Emergency Operations Center, where he acknowledged that community spread was evident in Broward and Miami. There's been a big change in testing since Feb. 22, when the state started processing tests at its three labs, he added. And it's an even bigger increase since private labs started picking up the slack on March 8. Source

Despite coronavirus fears, a mass gathering of lawmakers set for Florida's Capitol
Sarasota Herald-Tribune
What may be among the last mass gatherings in Florida for the foreseeable future is set to take place Thursday at the state Capitol, with lawmakers defying federal coronavirus guidelines and convening to approve a $93.2 billion budget. The Senate is discouraging the public from attending and the House gallery will be closed; only a few staff members will be on hand. And lawmakers who don't want to mingle with others during debate can watch via television from their offices. The traditional sine die ceremony ending the session with a hanky drop amid a throng of onlookers also has been scrapped. Still, while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends limiting any gathering to no
more than 10 people, and Gov. Ron DeSantis has closed bars, reduced restaurant seating and has shut schools until at least April 15, most of the 40-member Senate and 120-member House will be on the floors of their respective chambers Thursday. Source

José Oliva outlines health precautions in advance of Thursday’s budget vote
Florida Politics
House staffers are taking “exceptional precautions” to sanitize the chamber of the novel coronavirus and clear people to vote on the state budget Thursday. In a memo sent to House members and staffers on Tuesday, Speaker José Oliva outlined the special measures the House will take to ensure the health and well-being of people in the Capitol. Health screening stations will be set up at the side entrances on either side of the House chamber, and they will provide the only access to the floor, the Speaker’s Office and the Members’ Lounge. The House will provide lunch boxes for members. Source

State urges banks to work with small businesses
News Service of Florida
The state is easing regulatory requirements as it urges financial institutions to work with small businesses and contractors suffering economic damage because of the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19. Russell Weigel, the state’s new Office of Financial Regulation commissioner, released a letter Wednesday encouraging bankers and other lenders to work with customers affected by the public health emergency. “Reasonable efforts to make new loans and modify the terms on existing loans of affected customers will not be subject to examiner criticism,” Weigel said in the letter. Source

Firefighters to take coronavirus health care role, says Jimmy Patronis
Florida Politics
With expectations being that COVID-19 will strain the health care system, expect some reinforcements from outside the field. Jimmy Patronis, the state’s CFO and Fire Marshal, said that “as health care services throughout Florida become further strained, Florida firefighters may be used to supplement health care and logistical operations.” “No doubt,” added Patronis, “the need for more beds, more supplies, and more personnel with medical experience will be needed as cases of COVID-19 continue to grow.” Among the areas firefighters could supplement: drive-thru testing, which will be ramping up statewide in the coming days. Source

Florida Republican becomes first lawmaker to test positive for coronavirus
The Hill
Florida Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R) announced Wednesday he tested positive for COVID-19 after developing symptoms Saturday. He is the first member of Congress to test positive for the novel coronavirus. Shortly after his announcement another House member, Rep. Rep. Ben McAdams (D-Utah), 45, announced he had also tested positive for the virus. Diaz-Balart, 58, has been in self-quarantine in his Washington, D.C., apartment since Friday. “On Saturday evening, Congressman Diaz-Balart developed symptoms, including a fever and a headache. Just a short while ago, he was notified that he has tested positive for COVID-19,” read a statement released by his office. Source

Capitol denizens can mark March 2 on calendars
News Service of Florida
With Florida lawmakers slated to finish the 2020 regular legislative session Thursday, it’s never too early to start looking forward to the 2021 session. Well, sort of. The 2021 session will start on March 2 and is scheduled to end April 30, according to a schedule posted on the Senate website. That is, of course, if the 2021 session ends on time. Lawmakers were supposed to end the 2020 session on Friday night but didn't finish a
budget in time. That is forcing the House and Senate to return to the Capitol on Thursday to approve a spending plan. Source

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**Federal News**

**Senate passes House's coronavirus aid bill, sending it to Trump**

*The Hill*

The Senate passed the House’s coronavirus aid package on Wednesday, sending it to President Trump, who is expected to sign it. Senators voted 90-8 on the bill that passed the House in a middle-of-the-night Saturday vote but needed dozens of pages of corrections and changes, which cleared the chamber on Monday. The measure, which the Joint Committee on Taxation estimates will cost $104 billion, is the second package that Congress has passed amid growing concerns about the widespread coronavirus outbreak in the United States that has already bludgeoned the economy. The vote on the second package comes as senators are already working on “phase three,” with Senate Republicans wanting to pass that next week. The third coronavirus bill is expected to include help for impacted small businesses, industries and families, including direct cash payments for Americans. Source

**McConnell takes reins of third coronavirus bill**

*The Hill*

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) is coming back to the negotiating table as lawmakers try to craft a mammoth stimulus package. The GOP leader and his caucus were sidelined during the negotiations between Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), which resulted in several Senate Republicans vocally opposing the $104 billion package. Now, the GOP leader is keeping a tight grip on the formation of a third coronavirus package that could top $1 trillion amid growing concerns that the spread of the virus could bludgeon the economy. Source

**Trump invokes Defense Production Act as coronavirus response**

*The Hill*

President Trump announced Wednesday that he will invoke the Defense Production Act (DPA), which would allow the administration to force American industry to manufacture medical supplies that are in short supply in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. Hospitals, health workers and state and local officials have said they are quickly running out of personal protective equipment (PPE), like masks, gowns and gloves, that are crucial to keeping doctors and nurses on the front lines of the pandemic safe. "There’s never been an instance like this where no matter what you have it’s not enough," Trump said at a White House briefing with reporters. "If we need to use it, we’ll be using it at full speed ahead," he said. Source

**Trump says US, Canada to close border to 'non-essential traffic' amid coronavirus**

*The Hill*

President Trump on Wednesday said the U.S. and Canada had agreed to close their border to non-essential travel as the two countries seek to blunt the spread of the coronavirus. "We will be, by mutual consent, temporarily closing our Northern Border with Canada to non-essential traffic. Trade will not be affected. Details to follow!" Trump tweeted. Specifics of the closure were not immediately available, but the new restrictions are likely to affect non-citizens traveling between the two countries. Trump and the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau discussed the situation on Wednesday morning, officials said. Source
Coronavirus halts U.S. Census field operations just as they kick into gear

*Tampa Bay Times*

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau has suspended its field operations for two weeks, the agency announced Wednesday. “The Census Bureau is taking this step to help protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees, and everyone going through the hiring process for temporary census taker positions,” said Steven Dillingham, the Bureau’s director, in a statement. Field operations are suspended until April 1, according to the statement. In addition, smaller surveys that the bureau conducts will replace in-person visits with phone calls where possible. The suspension comes just before what will be the busiest time of the year for the agency. April 1 is considered Census Day, the point in time at which the population is counted. But planning and hiring for the effort started years ago. [Source](#)

Florida’s congressional delegation raises concerns about census count during coronavirus outbreak

*Florida Politics*

Three Florida congressional members are signing onto a letter requesting additional steps be taken to ensure an accurate census count while the country deals with the COVID-19 outbreak. The accuracy of decennial census data is dependent upon participation by the population at large. That data on state and local populations can often affect the flow of federal funds. But calls to social distance could make that data collection complicated. U.S. Reps. Alcee Hastings, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell and Darren Soto have joined a letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham noting concerns about a possible undercount. [Source](#)

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**Land Use & Economic Development News**

Main Street Zephyrhills garners statewide recognition

*The Laker/Lutz News*

Main Street Zephyrhills annually puts on some of the city’s largest and most popular downtown events, such as the Festival of Lights, the Founder’s Day Parade & Heritage Festival, Music & Motorcycles, and others. The 501c3 nonprofit, too, has been a crucial component in several large public projects of late — cultivating interactive art murals and mounting wireless electronic speakers downtown to serve up daily music for pedestrians, for example. It also works with city leadership on other initiatives, such as installing public Wi-Fi downtown and more public park benches. The organization’s varied efforts have not gone unnoticed: It recently was designated Florida Main Street Program of the Month by Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee. [Source](#)

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I am emailing to make a suggestion concerning our beaches during the Coronavirus outbreak. As an alternative to shutting down our beaches, can we consider restricting them to residents only to allow for social distancing? Our beaches are a huge reason why we purchase property in Jacksonville Beach and can also serve as a way to help restore some employment to the local folks that have had to shutdown their bars and restaurants. Perhaps the city can hire, on a temporary basis, some of those that were checking identification at the bars to do so on the beach, ensuring only residents are using our beaches over the next few weeks as we hunker down and try to slow this virus. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, and thank you for your continued leadership.

Respectfully,
Brian Fenerty
Draft for your review.

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:47 PM
To: CPAAA - Charlie Latham <charlie@charlielatham.com>; Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net>; Stefen Wynn <cm@nbfl.us>; 'Corbin, Shane' <scorbin@coab.us>
Subject: Statement

Draft for your review.

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Submitted on Thursday, March 19, 2020 - 12:55pm Submitted by anonymous user: [216.238.153.148] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Beaches Staying Open
Message: Please keep our beaches open. Many of the beach properties are tiny and can't accommodate two children throwing a football. Please ask us for ID if necessary to limit to beaches residents only or use resources to enforce small group gathering only. Thank you for your consideration!

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net

--Contact Information--
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City, State, Zip: Jax Beach, FL, 32250
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E-mail Address: eileenftyrrell@gmail.com
Phone Number: 7324561678

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27590
I think we’re good with it. Was the 5 o’clock closing left out on purpose?

Thanks,
Shane

Get Outlook for iOS<https://aka.ms/o0ukef>

From: Stefen Wynn <cm@nbfl.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Mike Staffopoulos; CPAAA - Charlie Latham; Charlie Latham; 'Corbin, Shane'
Subject: RE: Statement

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Message:
With so many people working and staying home, we need a place to go and relax - our beaches! Police can help ensure there are not crowds, but small family groups should be allowed to gather and we need a place to walk & run!
thank you

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net

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http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/27591
Post-Legislative Session Call-In
(Previously Webinar)
Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Join the League’s Legislative Affairs team on March 25 to learn what passed and what failed during the 2020 Legislative Session.

Please Note: In order to accommodate staff members working remotely, this webinar has been changed to a conference call.
The call will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A recording of the call and PowerPoint slides will be available online following the call.

**Conference Call Number:** 888.585.9008  
**Conference Room Number:** 301-563-714

Questions? Contact Mary Edenfield at medenfield@flcities.com.
Find attached document for your review, let me know if you have any questions.
Thanks.

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Perfect! Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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<PRESS RELEASE - BEACHES STATUS.docx>
Rescheduled: 2020 OneJax Humanitarian Awards Dinner!

September 10, 2020

Reception: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner & Program: 6:45 p.m.
Dear OneJax Friends,

As always, OneJax is concerned for the welfare of all people in Jacksonville, especially during these unprecedented times. As a result, and as previously announced, all OneJax programming for the foreseeable future has been postponed. We hope to reschedule whatever we can, once the risks for infection have diminished. Check back to our social media pages for periodic updates.

In keeping with the CDC guidelines, our annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner, originally planned for May 7, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 10. If you have already purchased tickets or invested in a sponsorship, all tickets and sponsor tables will honored on the new, rescheduled date.

We encourage you to be conscious of elderly and/or compromised friends, family or neighbors who might welcome additional phone calls, emails or other assistance during this time of isolation. We are all in this together, and we will all weather the storm more easily and in better shape if we help one another. We know our marginalized communities will struggle the most for basic services such as food and shelter. Now would be a good time to make online donations to those nonprofit agencies working around the clock to help, such as the food banks and homeless shelters.

Also, think about using pickup or delivery services from local restaurants that are struggling to stay in business as their foot traffic declines.

We know Jacksonville can be the supportive and inclusive community we aspire to and there’s never been a better time to show what we can accomplish when we work together.

Be well and stay safe.

Warmly,

[Nancy Broner]

Executive Director, OneJax Institute
Simplify Your Daily Contractor Registration Work
The construction industry has more than **680,000 employers** with over **7 million employees** and creates close to **$1.3 trillion** worth of structures each year.

**How do you manage all that paperwork?**

MyGov knows that developing processes, managing a large workload, and organizing data related to Contractor Registration can be difficult. Join us to learn:

**Six Tips to Manage Your Contractor Registration Program with Ease**
Don’t miss out on simplifying your daily Contractor Registration work.

**Sign up and save your seat today!**

Join us Wed. March 25 @ 2 pm EST

_If you can't attend, register anyways, we'll send you a recorded link to watch on your time._

Forward this message to your colleague

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The emails listed below are ones that have been placed in your quarantine digest since the last quarantine summary was sent.

Your quarantine is protected and authentication is required to manage your messages.

Messages older than 60 days will be removed

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Click on the Deliver link to have that message delivered to your primary inbox.
Click on the Whitelist link to have that message delivered to your primary inbox and that sender whitelisted.
Click on the Delete link to remove that message from your quarantine.
Click on the View link to display that message in a new Message Details browser window.

Manage your allowed / blocked list

Set quarantine notification intervals

View your entire Quarantine Inbox or manage your preferences.
Thank you. V/R, Steve

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Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jim

On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 3:01 PM Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:

Jim,

I'm attaching a press release that explains our (JB, AB & NB) position concerning the beaches staying open.

All the best,

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Please see the announcement below from Christopher Krebs, Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), regarding the Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19, found here.

March 19, 2020

CISA Releases Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19

As the Nation comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16, the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that:

“If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.”

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security’s responsibilities as assigned under the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide strategic guidance, promote a national unity of effort, and coordinate the overall federal effort to ensure the security and resilience of the Nation's critical infrastructure. CISA uses trusted partnerships with both the public and private sectors to deliver infrastructure resilience assistance and guidance to a broad range of partners.

In accordance with this mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, CISA developed an initial list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” to help State and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list can also inform critical infrastructure community decision-making to determine the sectors, sub-sectors, segments, or critical functions that should continue normal operations, appropriately modified to account for Centers for Disease Control (CDC) workforce and customer protection guidance.

The list identifies workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and
repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing management functions, among others. The industries they support represent, but are not necessarily limited to, medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works.

We recognize that State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are ultimately in charge of implementing and executing response activities in communities under their jurisdiction, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. As State and local communities consider COVID-19-related restrictions, CISA is offering this list to assist prioritizing activities related to continuity of operations and incident response, including the appropriate movement of critical infrastructure workers within and between jurisdictions.

**Accordingly, this list is advisory in nature. It is not, nor should it be considered to be, a federal directive or standard in and of itself.**

In addition, these identified sectors and workers are not intended to be the authoritative or exhaustive list of critical infrastructure sectors and functions that should continue during the COVID-19 response. Instead, State and local officials should use their own judgment in using their authorities and issuing implementation directives and guidance. Similarly, critical infrastructure industry partners will use their own judgment, informed by this list, to ensure continued operations of critical infrastructure services and functions. All decisions should appropriately balance public safety while ensuring the continued delivery of critical infrastructure services and functions.

CISA will continue to work with you and our partners in the critical infrastructure community to update this list as the Nation’s response to COVID-19 evolves. We also encourage you to submit how you might use this list so that we can develop a repository of use cases for broad sharing across the country.

Should you have questions about this list, please contact CISA at CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov.

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For further information on the federal government’s response to COVID-19, please visit Coronavirus.gov.

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We have added a wealth of new links and documents to our Coronavirus Resource page to continue helping Florida’s municipalities as they work to protect residents. This comprehensive resource page now includes links to cities’ coronavirus pages; local emergency declarations; funding and technical assistance; and other local, state and federal resources. Read Press Release

The page will be updated daily as more cities make announcements and as more information is shared from the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and other state and federal partners. Access Resources

On March 17, the League sent a letter to Gov. DeSantis regarding public meeting requirements and local emergency orders. Click here to read the letter. The League also received a letter from the Florida Press Association asking cities to recognize news publishing and reporting as “essential” to public health and welfare, and thus exempt from any business shutdown mandate. Read the letter here.

Get the Latest COVID-19 News Delivered to Your Phone

In order to keep our members updated with the most current news on the coronavirus, the League will begin sending text message updates
on important developments and new resources to help keep you and your community safe.

To sign up for these text alerts, simply text FLCCV to 855.218.0584. You may opt-out at any time.

Text FLCCV to 855.218.0584 to Sign Up

New Federal Funding + Assistance Resources
The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Florida small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the coronavirus. The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Florida. Click here to view the SBA Working Capital Loans Fact Sheet. SBA Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources can be found here.

FDEM Offers Guidance on Procurement
The FDEM has shared some guidance on general procurement for commodities and services that may be needed during this event. They are also advising that emergency/exigency circumstances for the procurement of those goods and services may provide for an exemption for competitive procurement.

- Public Assistance: Procurement Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances.
- Federal Disaster Grants and Contracting Brochure.

Florida Public Assistance Program Activated
All Florida counties have been designated for Category B (emergency protective measures) under the Public Assistance (PA) program. Eligible applicants for the PA program are state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations, including hospitals, clinics and emergency medical providers.

The deadline to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to participate in the FEMA PA Program for COVID-19 is currently April 12. (Please submit your RPA by April 10.) Click here to learn more and access the necessary forms. Click here to view a summary of eligible expenses and additional guidance on FEMA federal assistance.

Contact Buck Dickinson at frederick.dickinson@em.myflorida.com or 850.815.4447 with any questions.
Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program Activated
The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties statewide that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19. These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance. Learn More

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Mayor and Council,

Below is a running log of COVID-19 updates:

March 16:
- We have declared a state of emergency
- We have enacted the same restrictions as COJ: no assemblies over 50 persons, no alcohol sales between midnight and 8:00 am
- Differing from COJ, we have NOT closed our parks or the beach; we do not have an effective means to enforce either of those restrictions if enacted, nor do we sanitize playground equipment from a manpower/resources perspective
- All special events and public meetings are canceled at least through the remainder of the month
- Employees are being allowed to stay home with their children using either sick or vacation leave, due to schools being closed
- Our EOC is technically activated (although not in a defined location like during a hurricane); Directors will hold a conference call daily at 4:00 pm starting tomorrow
- Departments are assessing their operational models and SOPs, and will adjust accordingly to ensure continuity of services in the event of mass illnesses; precautions are being discussed daily
- Public access to our buildings is being restricted to business activities only; additional safeguards will likely be implemented within the next 24 hours

March 17:
- The Governor passed Executive Order 20-68, which:
  - Restricts the sales of alcohol from bars and nightclubs for a period of 30 days
  - Requires restaurants to be at no more than 50% capacity, with parties of 10 or less and tables spaced at least 6’ away, and implement employee screening
  - Directs beach-goers to have parties of 10 or less, with groups spaced 6’ apart
- Mayor Curry held a press conference, clarifying that his order from March 16 of assembly no more than 50 works with the Governor’s declaration by whichever is more restrictive
- Given the Governor’s declaration for a 30 day window of additional restrictions, the City will continue with cancellation of special events for the equivalent 30 day window
- The City is reducing public transactions within City Hall, and is encouraging the use of on-line or electronic transactions
- In the absence of the second Council meeting in March, certain purchases are being authorized by the City Manager, and will be treated as emergency purchases, with documentation coming back to Council at the first available date

March 18:
- Leadership discussed various policy elements in the event infections become widespread, to include:
  - Essential vs. non-essential services and employees
  - Telecommuting
  - Split work shifts
The City has ordered twenty (20) laptop computers to assist with telecommuting efforts; arrival scheduled for middle of next week
Fire Marshal will be distributing CDC guidance to all department directors on what quarantine entails
City is considering closing of public restrooms in parks within the next 24-48 hours; this would not include beachfront or downtown
City is considering further restrictions on public access to city buildings for enactment within the next 24-48 hours
The City is targeting its next City Council meeting for April 20, 2020; awaiting for guidance from Governor’s office on meeting alternatives

NEW – March 19:
The three beach Mayors and City Managers conversed; decision to keep beaches open for now, with the following advisories:
  - Practice social distancing of groups less than 10, and 6’ separation
  - If entering the water, do so within 500 feet of a lifeguard chair due to limited staffing in Ocean Rescue
  - These conditions will be revisited as needed
Parks will be placing signs at playground equipment advising families that we do not sanitize playground equipment
All departments have assembled their lists of essential and non-essential personnel, should the need arise
The City is looking into the purchase of additional laptop computers; a total of 73 replacement computers were already approved in this year’s replacement schedule, of which 20 laptops were ordered March 18
President Trump signed the Family First Coronavirus Response Act last night; staff is still evaluating how it will impact the organization; the Act include:
  - Division C – FMLA Expansion Act
  - Division E – Paid Sick Leave Act
  - Division G – Tax Credits for Paid Sick and Paid Family Medical Leave
  - These Divisions go into effect April 2
City Hall, and other City buildings, will be closed to public access starting Monday, March 23
The City has developed a “Return to Work” policy and checklist for illnesses during the National Health Emergency
The City of Jacksonville is in the process of ramping up its mobile testing locations

No new directives were issued at the state or county level today. We continue to take this day by day.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM**
City Manager

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A Message from Kathy Wallis,
BFAS Executive Director

It is with great sadness that Beaches Fine Arts Series announces the cancellation of its final two concerts, art exhibits (featuring Keith Doles on 4/3 and Paul Riley on 4/24) and outreach activities for our 47th season of free programs.

These concerts, scheduled for April 3 (Rastrelli Cello Quartet/Invoke) and April 24 (The Kingdom Choir), were cancelled by us in mutual agreement with the performers, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope for brighter days ahead. We know that you have been looking forward to hearing The Kingdom Choir, Rastrelli Cello Quartet, and Invoke, and we do have a bit of good news—The Kingdom Choir will be a part of our 2020-2021 concert season! More details will follow.

We hope that all of our community will stay safe and healthy during this time of uncertainty. Please consider supporting your local businesses if you are able. Many of them, and their employees, are suffering now.

We will keep you informed about our future plans, and will announce our 48th season of concerts soon. Thank you for your continued support of our free programs!

Kathy Wallis
Executive Director
Good Afternoon All,

In an effort to help steer future legislation for COVID-19 relief, I am requesting your assistance.

Please reply back to me with information regarding costs that are being incurred by you, your business, or a business of which you know. It does not matter if it is a government entity, not-for-profit, or for profit business because there are a number of different bills being drafted by the House and Senate at this time. I am generally looking for costs that have not already been identified by a specific funding vehicle but will take a pass along all the information I can collect.

Please let me know the **type of business** and **general description of the costs** the business is currently incurring or expects to incur. An example would be the added costs of allowing quarantined employees to work from home, paying employees who are caring for a family member that has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or taking time off work to care for a child if school is not in session.

Please reply as soon as practicable as we only have a limited time in which to provide feedback.

Thank you for any information you are able to provide.

Very Respectfully,

______________________________
Captain Timothy J. Smith
City of Jacksonville, Emergency Preparedness Division
Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department
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Jacksonville, FL 32202
O: (904) 255-3125
In regards to my e-mail to your office, I have repeatedly contacted THESE PEOPLE REQUESTING CLOSING BARS, RESTAURANTS AND BEACHES IN JACKSONVILLE:
Governor DeSantis
Senators Rubio and Scott
Atlantic Beach City Manager, Shane Corbin
Atlantic Beach Mayor, Ellen Glisser
Neptune Beach Mayor, Elaine Brown
AND NOW MAYOR LENNY CURRY!!
I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU, I AM SICK AND TIRED OF ALL YOU POLITICIANS LOCALLY JUST PASSING THE BUCK TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROTECT US CITIZENS AND VOTERS. BELIEVE ME, I WILL NOT FORGET YOU AT LENNY CURRY'S OFFICE AND ALL THE ABOVE WHEN I ENTER THE BALLOT BOX NEXT TIME!!!!
"Politics and financial security above PUBLIC SAFETY!"
The impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our communities is astounding. The bravery and tenacity of our global healthcare workers who show up every day to care for our communities cannot be overstated. For those with family or colleagues who have fallen ill from the virus, our organization sends you strength and hope for a full recovery.

During this difficult time, I wanted to share how Johnson Controls is working to serve you while keeping our employee’s health and safety a top priority:

- **We are ensuring that our teams are available to support and meet the needs of our customers** by implementing local and regional contingency plans across the globe.
- **Our offices, branches and manufacturing facilities remain open** and operate business as usual with increased sanitation practices and restricted visitor policies, except where prohibited by law.
- **We restricted all unnecessary travel** that isn’t business or customer-critical to minimize risk to our employees and in support for public health efforts to contain the virus.
- **We activated an Enterprise Command Team** monitoring the situation 24/7 to ensure we have a real-time assessment of developing events to mitigate any potential impact.
- **We have encouraged our office-based employees to work from home** to minimize risk of exposure and disruption. While this is a change for many employees, I’m encouraged by examples I’ve seen of incredible virtual
collaboration and productivity for customers amongst our distributed colleagues.

We advance the safety, comfort and intelligence of your buildings to help you achieve your mission—and our commitment to that is stronger than ever. While COVID-19 is an unprecedented situation, I am inspired and incredibly proud of our employees who continue to serve our customers and communities. On behalf of our employees, we are more committed than ever to supporting you during this difficult time. We will continue to monitor the situation and are prepared to respond promptly as it changes.

We wish for your continued health and safety, and appreciate the ability to serve you.

Sincerely,

George Oliver
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

507 E. Michigan St.
Milwaukee, WI 53201

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Subject: Close the bridges
Message: Please consider closing the bridges to locals and necessary workers due to the coronavirus. The amount of crowds at the beach last weekend were staggering and unbelievable, not to mention the traffic. No cases have been reported in Jacksonville Beach thus far, and it seems irresponsible to allow people to come spread the virus solely for the social reason to enjoy the beach, while everything else is on lockdown. Without a doubt, the warm weather and "vacation mode" will bring mass crowds, with the majority coming from over the bridge due to sheer boredom. Even during the week, the beaches were pretty crowded, I fear what the weekend will bring. I truly believe this is something that should be considered and is imperative to prevent the spread here in the beaches communities, thank you!

Department: Mayor's Office
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Message: Dear Mayor and staff: This pandemic is bigger than all of us, and if more cases keep sprouting up in Jacksonville, the greater risk we and our local governments put upon ourselves simply for not locking down all public places. Now is your chance to save the public from more cases (which will rise) and from potential future deaths. It's for the best interest of our families and as a pregnant mother to be, it's in the best interest for us all so we can sustain ourselves and the lives of our future generations. The longer we put off shutting down public spaces, the longer this pandemic will last. I hope you will do something soon.

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Message:
Dear Mr Mayor,

Social distancing is not being practised at Jax Bch bars, president Trump's and Governor de Santis' recommendations are not being respected by the young people, which unfortunately will help propagate the coronavirus across our community. Please follow the example of the Mayor's of Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale and have the bars and the restaurants shut down, for our protection

Department: Mayor's Office
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Mr Latham, in a changing world, find comfort in trees and nature.

Dear Mr Latham,

Time. It’s what many of us seem to have to use differently these days as our country is asked to pause. And even though that time cannot be spent as we may have expected, it gives us a moment to take a deep breath. To appreciate the beauty in the little things. And to contemplate what is important.

It may come as no surprise that trees have been among my most thoughtful contemplations this week. Their steadfast presence is a comfort to me. While our world is changing at this time, one thing that hasn’t changed is that the world needs trees.

We’re grateful for members like you who help us plant trees across the country and around the globe every day. That work continues. Thank you.

Right outside your window, trees are (quite literally) budding with expectation and hope — ready to unfurl their leaves and bloom once more after a winter of quiet. Let us find strength in this idea. Let it bring us all together in a time that we must maintain physical distance.
We hope you are safe and well. If you can, take some time to connect with nature and allow it to inspire you.

Sincerely,

Matt Harris  
Chief Executive

P.S. If you are expecting trees or other membership gifts this spring, please be assured that we’re making every effort to ensure that they’ll arrive in time for planting and your enjoyment.
Just passing on a message from a 70 year old male resident in Jacksonville.

He is calling all the beaches Mayors and would like to request to close the beaches.

Did not want to provide a name, address or phone number.

Have an awesome day.

Thank you,

Chris Wright
City Manager's Office
904.270.1651
Dear Latham,

Join us for next week’s Electronic Records Readiness Live Virtual event. Watch from the convenience of your computer as government leaders from NARA, NOAA, NIH, DOL, DOT, and more discuss the records management requirements of M-19-21 and their real-life implications. They’ll explore cloud considerations for next-gen records management, automating information processing and classification, making the budget case, and more.

Plus, you'll be able to submit your questions and offer input for this interactive, live discussion.

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Speakers include:

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* Amanda Pomicter - Records Officer, National Institute of Health

* Lisa Haralampus - Director of Records Management, Policy and Outreach, National Archives and Records Administration

* Edward Norton - Senior Advisor and past Chief Administrative Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

* Laura Besong - Departmental Records and Information Management Officer, Department of Labor

* Christina Sills - Records Information Manager, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

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Electronic Records Readiness: A Practical Path to M-19-21 Compliance

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March 25, 2020
8:30am - 11:30am (ET)

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Thanks Erin,

FYI our “post legislative briefing” that was going to take place on April 1 has been postponed one month.

Thank you!

Charlie Latham
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On Mar 19, 2020, at 9:56 AM, Erin Ballas <erinballas@paconsultants.com> wrote:

Dear Charlie, Mike and Karen,

2020 Session is almost over ...

The regular 2020 session has concluded, with the exception of an extension for the budget, implementing and conforming bills. These will be voted on March 19th.

There were 3,517 bills filed in both the House and Senate Chambers. 207 bills passed both Chambers and now have the opportunity to become law. Currently, only 9 bills have been signed into law. Four of these bills were simple revising bills to Florida Statues. The other five are:

- Law Enforcement Vehicles, providing that condominium, cooperative, and homeowners’ associations, respectively, may not prohibit a law enforcement officer from parking his or her assigned law enforcement vehicle in certain areas;
- Domestic Violence Services, revises duties of DCF in relation to domestic violence program; removes duties & functions of Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence with respect to domestic violence; revises requirements of domestic violence centers;
- Practice of Pharmacy, authorizes pharmacists to test for & treat influenza & streptococcus;
- Consultant Pharmacists, expands the pharmacists scope of practice to include ordering and evaluating labs, conduct patient assessments, administer medications, and modify or discontinue medicinal drugs; and


Direct Care Works, requiring a licensed home health agency that authorizes a registered nurse to delegate tasks to a certified nursing assistant or a home health aide to ensure that certain requirements are met.

Once the Governor receives the other 198 bills, he will have 15 days act on the bills by signing them into law, vetoing the bill, or allowing the bill to become law without his signature.

We fully anticipate if not one, then multiple special sessions to take place following the resolution of the COVID-19 outbreak.

I hope you are all healthy and so are your families.

Erin Ballas
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Message: As a resident of Jacksonville Beach I am frustrated that so many people who do not live at the beaches are still on our beaches. Could you please get together with the leader ship of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach and make it so that if you are not a resident of one of the three beach communities you cannot go on any of the three Beaches. There’s no need to try to separate Neptune from Jax Beach, You could very easily just require that anyone on the beach have a drivers license proving that they live either in Atlantic Neptune or Jacksonville Beach. This is going to drag on so that we who live here cannot even go for a walk on the beach. We don’t want these other people here right now. Please protect us and our right to use our beaches.

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Local Government News

Florida League of Cities Announces Comprehensive Coronavirus Resource Webpage for Municipalities

The Florida League of Cities, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments for more than 90 years, today announced the launch of a comprehensive coronavirus resource webpage to help Florida’s municipalities as they work to protect residents. The webpage, flcities.com/coronavirus, includes links to cities’ coronavirus pages; local emergency declarations; funding and technical assistance; and other local, state and federal resources. The page will be updated daily as more cities make announcements and as more information is shared from the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and other state and federal partners. Source

Florida League of Cities launches coronavirus resource website

The Florida League of Cities launched a comprehensive coronavirus resource website on Thursday to help municipalities protect residents from the impact of the novel coronavirus. “Our member cities are constantly sharing strategies and working closely with each other, and this webpage is another resource to utilize in this global battle against the coronavirus,” said FLC Executive Director Michael Sittig. “As the information on our webpage continues to grow, we hope cities can use it to see what other cities have done, stay updated with state and federal news and apply what they learn with the resources in their own communities. We are incredibly proud of the herculean efforts of the leadership and staff of Florida’s 412 cities, towns and villages.” Source

City of Marco Island drafts Pandemic Incident Action Plan

The City of Marco Island announced the drafting of a Pandemic Incident Action Plan Tuesday. The plan involves the cancelation of city-run meetings and events. From March 17 to April 1, organized programming at Mackle Park, all city special events permits to be held at city locations, special event permits requiring city support, committee meetings, and The March Code Enforcement Magistrate Hearing are canceled. No new special
event permit applications will be accepted between those dates. Both and Racquet Center and Mackle remain open for "responsible public use." The Pandemic Incident Plan lays out several tasks including following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines, practicing social distancing and personal responsibility. Source

Fort Myers creates designated restaurant pickup zones in downtown
NBC 2
The City of Fort Myers is creating designated restaurant pickup zones in downtown Fort Myers. The city will also relax parking enforcement surrounding restaurants in the downtown. The city is doing this to keep others from congregating in public places due to coronavirus concerns. The accommodations are being made for picking up food and delivering food to help businesses and customers adapt to changing conditions due to COVID-19. Source

How Boynton is balancing meeting participation and health
Palm Beach Daily News
Boynton Beach commissioners will be allowed to attend meetings electronically until at least April 20 as the coronavirus pandemic continues to develop. That decision was approved Wednesday night at a commission meeting. Meetings will be recorded and made available online to the public and there will be a 48-hour window after meetings to call or write in comments. Commissioners also discussed taking public comments before and during meetings. The city’s Information Technology Services department now is exploring meeting and comment strategies including a webinar style, “depending on the platform we use and the options we select,” said John McNally, ITS director. Source

Editorial: Government in the sunshine mustn't be a victim of the coronavirus
Naples Daily News
Here we are, in the midst of Sunshine Week in Florida, and a darkness has fallen over the land. The coronavirus outbreak casts a pall over all aspects of life, from work to school to social life to just finding the essentials to get by. Amid all that, it would be easy to forget the purpose of Sunshine Week, an annual observance promoted by the News Leaders Association and Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press dating back 15 years. It is to put a spotlight on open government. With public gatherings discouraged and social distancing the order of the day, keeping tabs on our elected officials becomes more challenging. Dozens of public meetings have been cancelled as authorities scramble to stop the spread of the virus. When it comes to the work of advisory boards and councils, we see little alternative to doing just that. Source

Prioritize Equity in COVID-19 Response
Cities Speak
These are unprecedented times. However, it is important to speak up and ensure that equity is not being overlooked as leaders and community advocates respond to COVID-19 and the circumstances our neighbors confront in the coming days and months. The National League of Cities REAL Council wants to highlight examples of local action leaders can take to ensure that equity is at the center of how municipalities respond to this pandemic. Source

State News

Coronavirus cases reach 520, deaths hit double digits
Florida Politics
Health department officials reported an additional 88 coronavirus cases overnight to bring the total number of confirmed cases in the state to 520 Friday. A 10th person also died of the novel coronavirus, according to the Florida Department of Health (DOH). The 520 count includes 46 non-residents tested and isolated in the state. The DOH reported a total of 3,416 tests, including 1,870 negative. Officials await results from 1,026 tests even as cities across the state lack access to an adequate number of testing supplies. Broward County now has 124 confirmed cases while Miami-Dade County has 113. Palm Beach County has the next most with 34 and Hillsborough County now has 30 cases. Source

Government, hospitals prepare for increase in COVID-19 cases
News-Press
With tests for COVID-19 heading to every region of Florida, the state is seeing a huge uptick in cases being discovered, and officials are preparing for a potential surge by ordering more supplies than needed to meet the current demand. To fight the coronavirus pandemic, they are also preaching the gospel of social distancing, shutting down bars and nightclubs, closing beaches and parks and zoos, and trying to make sure hospitals have enough room to accommodate patients who have more extreme symptoms of COVID-19, the illness caused by the virus. Source

Ashley Moody, federal attorneys tackle coronavirus scams
Florida Politics
Attorney General Ashley Moody and the state's top prosecutors are working to stop coronavirus scams in the state. Moody, Florida’s three U.S. attorneys and state-level attorneys are committed to stopping scammers who want to take advantage of the pandemic for personal profit, according to a press release sent Thursday. The phishing scams purport to be official government health websites including the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Others offer fake COVID-19 cures. Source

Rick Scott, congressional Democrats urge closing all beaches
Florida Politics
How often do Republican Sen. Rick Scott and all 13 Florida Democratic members of Congress agree — and in opposition to what Gov. Ron DeSantis is doing? Not very. First Scott, and then all Florida’s Democrats in Congress, called Thursday for Florida to immediately close all public beaches out of concern for spread of the new coronavirus. Scott, the former Governor, made his appeal during an appearance on CNN Thursday morning, saying, "I think they ought to do everything they can to stop people from being on the beach, they ought to make sure the only way you can go on the beach if you are there by themself. Source

Florida lawmakers just passed a budget. Coronavirus will likely change it.
Tampa Bay Times
During a surreal two-hour meeting of the Florida Legislature on Thursday, lawmakers tried to put a good face on the $93.2 billion budget they were about to pass. It was a “responsible” budget, they said. It was based on the “best information we have,” they said. Republicans and Democrats alike praised it. In reality, the budget they unanimously passed Thursday is likely just a placeholder, a relic of the pre-coronavirus era of just two weeks ago. The virus, which has already shut down the state’s tourism-dependent economy, could cost the state billions in sales tax revenue, which would likely force lawmakers to scramble back to Tallahassee to overhaul the budget they passed Thursday. Source

Florida’s state budget looks good—for now
| Editorial
Tampa Bay Times
There was no large sine die ceremony after the Florida Legislature unanimously approved a $93 billion state budget Thursday and adjourned, no crowd of aides and lobbyists cheering on the fourth floor of the state capitol. In ordinary times, there would be great celebration for a budget that includes hundreds of millions to significantly raise teacher salaries, invest in affordable housing and protect the environment. But these are not ordinary times, and it is a safe bet the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic will require lawmakers to revisit the budget before the end of the year and make some tough decisions. Source

**Florida Lawmakers Confront 'Unprecedented' Task Of Budgeting During A Global Pandemic**
*WLRN*

On the last day of Florida’s annual legislative session, state lawmakers normally pass the budget for the next fiscal year and then adjourn “sine die” — which means, it’s over until next time. Then dozens of people crowd into the rotunda between the House and Senate chambers in the Capitol building in Tallahassee, waiting to see the ceremonial ending: Each house’s sergeant at arms drops a handkerchief to the floor at the same time. It’s a tradition that goes back nearly a century. But the coronavirus has discarded tradition. It has obliterated ceremony, halted normal. This year, there will be no hanky drop.

[UPDATE: The hanky drop happened, after all, despite repeated statements from House leadership that it wouldn't. Very few people were there to see it. Source]

**'Jungle primary' proposal, which would allow anyone to vote in a primary, is approved for Florida ballot**
*Orlando Sentinel*

Rejecting arguments by the Republican and Democratic parties and Attorney General Ashley Moody, the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday cleared the way for voters to decide whether to overhaul the state’s primary-election system. Justices, in a 4-1 decision, approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow registered voters to cast ballots in primary elections regardless of party affiliation. Under a so-called “jungle primary,” the two candidates getting the most votes would advance to the general election, even if they came from the same party. The measure will go on the November ballot. If approved, it would be a major change from Florida’s longstanding closed primary system, which generally limits primaries to voters registered with parties. Source

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**Federal News**

**Coronavirus checks to arrive in April, May, says Congressman Michael Waltz**
*Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Checks from the federal treasury should be arriving at households on April 6 and May 18, but that's just one of many efforts under way in Congress to keep the American economy afloat through the coronavirus pandemic. U.S. Rep. Michael Waltz, who represents Volusia and Flagler counties, said by phone Thursday morning from St. Johns County he is also working to help small and medium-sized businesses that have seen their revenues drop to nearly zero. Americans, including Waltz, are living under self-isolation. The stock market has taken severe hits. Travel has ground to a halt. A recession appears to be creeping closer. While the government sending checks might sound similar to a universal basic income proposal by a former Democratic presidential contender, Andrew Yang, it's not that. The stimulus checks will be similar to those in the Bush and Obama administrations, amid the Great Recession. Source
Trump signs coronavirus relief bill ensuring paid leave as White House eyes "phase 3"
CBS News
The Senate on Wednesday approved a coronavirus relief bill passed by the House last week that provides free testing and paid leave for certain workers as the White House solidifies plans for an even larger package to address the fallout of the pandemic. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which was endorsed by President Trump last week, passed the Senate with a bipartisan vote of 90 to 8. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell urged his fellow Republicans to pass the bill, known as "phase two," calling the package "a well-intentioned bipartisan product." Source

McConnell details GOP proposal for third coronavirus bill
The Hill
Senate Republicans are finalizing their proposal for the third tranche of coronavirus aid, which is expected to be unveiled Thursday. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), speaking from the Senate floor, outlined what will be included in the Republican package and said lawmakers must take "bold steps" amid the growing outbreak. "It is critical that we move swiftly and boldly to begin to stabilize our economy, preserve Americans' jobs, get money to workers and families and keep up our fight on the health front. That is exactly, exactly what our proposal will do," McConnell said. Source

Trump talking to Micky Arison about using Carnival cruise ships in COVID-19 response
Miami Herald
Carnival Corporation is offering governments its cruise ships to use as hospitals for non-COVID-19 patients in an effort to free up space in land-based hospitals for those suffering from the coronavirus. President Donald Trump said he spoke with Carnival Corp. chairman Micky Arison on Thursday morning about the possibility of using the cruise company's ships as part of the federal COVID-19 pandemic response. He added that the administration has not agreed to the offer and wanted to talk it over with governors from New York and California. Source

Mucarsel-Powell wants $760 billion infrastructure plan included in coronavirus relief
Miami Herald
Miami Democratic Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell says Congress' response to the coronavirus pandemic should include something that has eluded politicians for years: a $760 billion, long-term infrastructure package. In addition to short-term coronavirus responses like sending checks to every American, allowing businesses to take out no-interest loans and making coronavirus testing free for everyone, Mucarsel-Powell said the U.S. government should spend billions on building projects to put unemployed Americans to work and jolt the economy once social distancing measures abate. Source

Legislative News

Bills that passed, died during Florida legislative session
AP
Florida lawmakers filed more than 3,500 bills for the 2020 legislative session and roughly 200 passed both chambers of the Legislature before it adjourned its annual session on Thursday. The following is a look at some of the bills that succeeded and some of those that died. Source
Ten big issues from the 2020 Legislative Session

*Florida Politics*

Florida lawmakers finished the 2020 Legislative Session Thursday by passing a $93.2 billion budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1. The Republican-dominated Legislature dealt with a wide range of issues during the Session and grappled with uncertainty because of the outbreak of the coronavirus. Here are 10 big issues from the Session.

**Source**

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**Finance, Taxation & Personnel News**

Local Economies Most Vulnerable to Coronavirus-Driven Recession Identified in New Analysis

*Route Fifty*

Tourism and leisure destinations, along with towns that are hubs for oil and gas production, are among the places in the U.S. that would be most vulnerable economically as the coronavirus outbreak drags the nation’s economy towards a recession. That’s according to an analysis that researchers at The Brookings Institution published this week. “This is a very total event. At the same time, it won't affect everywhere the same way,” said Mark Muro, a senior fellow at the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program. “There are some places that will be more exposed,” he added. **Source**

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**Municipal Administration News**

Florida musters resources to combat ransomware and protect data, elections

*The Center Square*

With the presidential election months away and ransomware costing state and local governments millions, more than 365 bills dealing with cybersecurity have been heard in 2020 legislative sessions in 35 state capitols, according to the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL). State lawmakers have submitted bills requiring government agencies to implement cybersecurity training, policies and practices; increase penalties for computer crime; impose transparency requirements to ensure cyberattacks are reported; and create cybersecurity task forces. The Florida Legislature has done most of the above, creating the Florida Cybersecurity Task Force in 2019 and unanimously adopting at least two cybersecurity bills in 2020. **Source**

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**Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News**

Florida toll booths no longer staffed: tolls to be paid by transponder, exact change or pay-by-plate

*Orlando Sentinel*

Both the Florida turnpike system and the Central Florida expressway system are no longer staffing toll booths to handle cash payments and tolls now are being collected via transponders, at exact change lanes or with a pay-by-plate service. The state Department of Transportation will bill motorists according to their license plate information. The $2.50 transaction fee for each toll has been suspended. In pay-by-plate billing, the Central Florida Expressway Authority will charge the same as the posted cash rate. The state system spans 500 miles of tolled expressway from South Florida through Central Florida,
including Florida’s Turnpike and parts of state roads 528, 417 and 429 in the Orlando area. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

State-Wide Resiliency Office Bill 1 Of Hundreds That Died This Legislative Session

WJCT
As Florida’s 2020 legislative session comes to a close, lawmakers can celebrate the bills they passed. But hundreds of other proposals died along the way, including a bill that would have established a state-wide office of resiliency. Senate Bill 7016 and its companion, House Bill 1073, would have put together the proposed environmental office under the governor, to be headed by the state’s chief resilience officer. The legislation would also have created a state-wide Sea Level Rise Task Force. While the Senate voted unanimously in favor of its version of the bill, the House companion never made it to the floor - even though not one lawmaker voted against it in any committee stop. Source

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Good Afternoon,
My names is Stephanie Kopelousos and I serve as the Legislative Director for Governor Ron DeSantis. I have been sending updates on Covid-19 to the Florida Senate and House Members. The Governor has asked me to send the updates to you as well.

Many of you have contacted our office regarding public meetings. Attached is the Executive Order the Governor signed today that should assist you moving forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Stephanie

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Please note that under Florida law correspondence sent to the Governor's Office, which is not confidential or exempt pursuant to chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, is a public record made available upon request.
Mayor Curry will hold a news conference today at 2pm at City Hall, 4th floor. Director Woodard and Director Bruno from JSO will be in attendance.

This will likely be the last in-person news conference for a while. We are working on a virtual system. If you represent or are someone that may be part of a news conference at any time, please download and become familiar with Zoom. It’s important that your account be titled either your organization or you real name as that will appear on screen and ultimately, television, when you are speaking.

Thank you!
Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces One New Death Related to COVID-19, 11 a.m. Update

~474 positive cases in Florida Residents and 46 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

— To keep Florida residents and visitors safe, informed and aware about the status of the virus, The Florida Department of Health has launched a new COVID-19 Information Center. The Information Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 1-850-815-4940 or ESF14@em.myflorida.com. It has the most current positive COVID-19 cases (81 Florida residents and 7 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health. Currently there are 520 total** Florida cases.

The Florida Department of Health currently 474 positive cases in Florida residents and 46 positive cases in non-Florida residents. The Department of Health continues to partner with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of labs that perform tests in Florida. This will provide Floridians with the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

The introduction of private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from patients. Testing times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily updates aim to accurately and transparently share information.

Information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.
In Florida, there are 474 cases of COVID-19 in Florida Residents, 256 in labs, and 218 Florida Resident Cases. 6 of those are diagnosed & isolated out of state, and 10 more are positive.

View includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

On COVID-19

For up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated [COVID-19 website](#). For more information, please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information on travel advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the travel advisory website.

For questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-7-BEDROCK. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

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Dear Council

Attached are:

(1) Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-69 (3/20/20) that suspends Florida Statutes requirements for a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place, and that authorizes local governments to utilize technology and telephonic and video conferencing. It specifically does not waive any other requirement under the Fla. Constitution and Florida’s Government in the Sunshine including Ch. 286, F.S.

and

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My apologies. I should have also provided you with F.S. §120.54, as it is referenced by the Governor’s EO. He specifically references §120.54(5)(b)2.
The statute is attached.

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US-Canada Joint Initiative: Temporary Restriction of Travelers Crossing the US-Canada Land Border for Non-Essential Purposes

The US-Canada land border serves as an economic engine that supports over $1.7 billion (USD) dollars in trade. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States and Canada are temporarily restricting all non-essential travel across its borders. In each of our countries, we are encouraging people to exercise caution by avoiding unnecessary contact with others. This collaborative and reciprocal measure is an extension of that prudent approach.

“Non-essential” travel includes travel that is considered tourism or recreational in nature.

The United States and Canada recognize it is critical we preserve supply chains between both countries. These supply chains ensure that food, fuel, and life-saving medicines reach people on both sides of the border. Supply chains, including trucking, will not be impacted by this new measure. Americans and Canadians also cross the land border every day to do essential work or for other urgent or essential reasons, and that travel will not be impacted.

This decision will be implemented on March 21, 2020, at which time the US and Canada will temporarily restrict all non-essential travel across the US-Canada land border. The measure will be in place for 30 days, at which point it will be reviewed by both parties.

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Mayor, for your forwarding to Mayor Curry.

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Executive Order from Governor DeSantis

This morning, March 20, Governor DeSantls issued the following Executive Order relating to local government public meetings. We applaud the governor for his leadership and for establishing the tools and resources cities can use, while also understanding the importance of transparency.

E.O. 20-69 Emergency Management (COVID-19) - Local Government Public Meetings

Click Here
WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued the “15 Days to Slow the Spread” guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I wrote a letter to Attorney General Ashley Moody seeking an advisory opinion regarding concerns raised by local government bodies about their ability to hold meetings through teleconferencing and other technological means in order to protect the public and follow the CDC guidance regarding social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Attorney General Ashley Moody delivered an opinion to me indicating that certain provisions of Florida law require a physical quorum be present for local government bodies to conduct official business, and that local government bodies may only conduct meetings by teleconferencing or other technological means if either a statute permits a quorum to be present by means other than in person, or that the in person requirement for constituting a quorum is lawfully suspended during the state of emergency; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled, and that residents and visitors in Florida remain safe and secure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. I hereby suspend any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place.

Section 2. Local government bodies may utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes.

Section 3. This Executive Order does not waive any other requirement under the Florida Constitution and “Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Laws,” including Chapter 286, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall expire at the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, including any extension.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 20th day of March, 2020

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Mayor and Council,

Staff is currently reviewing the Governor’s Executive Order and the AGO opinion, and determining whether it is possible and practical for us to hold a public meeting within the next 1-2 weeks. If we are able to work out the logistics, we will notify Council of such, and schedule items only deemed critical at this time.

Please let either me or Chris know if you have any questions.

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Cc: Chris Wright <CWright@jaxbchfl.net>; Laurie Scott <lscott@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: Executive Order No. 20-69 and AGO 2020-03

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An Unprecedented Time: Prepare, Don't Panic

Now, more than ever, it's imperative that we prepare as best we can but that we don't panic. One way to do that is to be sure you are accessing and sharing information from credible sources. Below you will find several sites with accurate information from state government, which your tax dollars help support.
Update on Rep. Williamson's Bills

HB747: Coverage for Air Ambulance Services

This bill was passed unanimously by both chambers. It is now enrolled and headed to the Governor's desk. This legislation requires health insurers & health maintenance organizations to provide reasonable reimbursement to air ambulance services for certain covered services and sets guidelines specific to those reimbursements.

HB821: Public Records & Meeting/IT Security Info

This bill was passed unanimously by both chambers. It is now enrolled and headed to the Governor's desk. This bill provides exemptions from public records requirements for portions of records held by state agencies that contain sensitive IT-related infrastructure details and a corresponding public necessity statement.
HB593/SB936: Disability Retirement Benefits

Both bills (identical) passed unanimously in both chambers with SB936 enrolled and now headed to the Governor's desk. This bill allows members receiving care at a VA facility to use the certification given by the facilities' physicians as proof of total and permanent disability, which reduces the time it takes to receive their benefits.

HB1189: Genetic Information for Insurance Purposes

This bill passed both chambers and is headed to the Governor's desk. Filed by Speaker Designate Chris Sprowls, Rep. Williamson was the prime co-sponsor on this groundbreaking legislation that prohibits life insurers/long-term care insurers from canceling, limiting, or denying coverage, or establishing differentials in premium rates based on genetic information obtained during testing.

District 3 Appropriations in Budget

Representative Williamson filed a variety of Appropriations Projects that are included in the General Appropriations Act. The GAA was passed unanimously on Thursday, March 20 by the House. The Senate also passed its version unanimously as well.

Below are a list of those projects, along with additional funding, that will impact District 3. These projects will now be reviewed by the Governor's office for inclusion in his final budget.

The following projects were filed by Rep. Williamson:

- PSC Trucking Workforce Development - $500,000
- Pea Ridge Connector - $750,000
- Milton North Santa Rosa Regional Water Reclamation Facility - $500,000
- Town of Jay Roadway Improvements - $300,000
- Town of Jay Bray Hendricks Park Master Plan - $300,000
The following projects were filed by other member's of the House on behalf of Rep. Williamson for District 3:
- Holley-Navarre Fire District - $500,000
- Navarre Beach Pierce Saber Fire Pumper - $500,000
- Holt Volunteer Fire Station Replacement - $813,000

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- Crestview Public Safety Training Facility - $500,000
- Ocean City - Wright Fire Control District Education/Training Facility and Station - $500,000
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WEEK 8 Page:
Ryleigh Diamond
(Jay High School)

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Jackson Gambrell
(Milton High School)
April Constituent Service Days

In light of following social distancing guidelines from federal and state officials we are cancelling Constituent Service Days in Central and South Santa Rosa County as well as North Okaloosa County for April.
Thanks Chris!!

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On Mar 18, 2020, at 4:55 PM, Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:

Mayor:
I want to forward to you my response to Laura Griffin’s online submission to you, that essentially sought closure of the parks or limitations on the number of park visitors. And her reply to my response.
Please don’t hesitate to call me if you would like me to do anything else concerning Ms. Griffin.

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Chris, when crowds gathered on Bourbon Street in groups more than 50 and individuals were walking in gatherings with more than 10 without social distancing this violated CDC rules being enforced through the governor and police sent out patrol cars to send them home and now the streets are empty. When the Gov announced his restrictions he was trying to enforce these same CDC guidelines so that we can not overwhelm Florida's health care system. It violates the spirit if not the orders for the beaches to allow gatherings of more than 10 persons and parks filled to capacity of more that 50 because this is increasing the spread of this virus. This is making these children and adults spreaders because this virus is very contagious. They will spread the virus to other family members and playmates including the elderly and those at risk. This increases the chances of our beach hospitals and doctors from being overwhelmed as well as Jacksonville health care facilities being overwhelmed. The question is in this national and state emergency, "what increases the risk of spreading the virus"? That full capacity park in Jax Bch with no social distancing cried out for governmental action and none was taken.

On Mar 17, 2020 6:37 PM, Chris Ambrosio <cambrosio@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:

Hi Laura:

I’m responding to your submission to the Mayor’s office of City of Jacksonville Beach (COJB): “Why has Mayor Latham not closed the parks in Jacksonville Beach because the gathering at the South Beach Park was more than ten yesterday and more than 50 where people were intermixing without social distancing.”

There is no order to close COJB parks or place limitations on them at this time. The three beaches cities have their parks and beaches open at the moment. The activity and official orders in this situation seemingly change by the hour. We will continue to track State guidance on closing or limitations for parks. The Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-68 didn’t address parks. But it directs parties accessing the public beaches to follow CDC guidelines by limiting their gathering to no more than 10 persons, and distance themselves from other parties by 6 feet. I don’t speak for or represent the cities of Atlantic Beach or Neptune Beach, but we are in regular contact with them to try to remain reasonably consistent in these unfamiliar times.

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Subject: NEWS RELEASE AND TALKING POINTS
Attachments: 03.20.20 COJ RLS FEDERAL DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 TESTING SITE TO OPEN THIS WEEKEND.docx; 03.20.20 TP COVID-19 Update 1400.docx

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Dear Council:
Attached is Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-71 (3/20/20) pertaining to 1. Alcohol Sales, 2. Restaurants and Bars, and 3. Gyms and Fitness Centers.

(EO 20-70 is designated for Broward and Palm Beach Counties, in part to harmonize prohibitions and restrictions in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Counties)

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My apologies. I should have also provided you with F.S. §120.54, as it is referenced by the Governor’s EO. He specifically references §120.54(5)(b)2.
The statute is attached.

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Dear Council

Attached are:

(1) Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-69 (3/20/20) that suspends Florida Statutes requirements for a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place, and that authorizes local governments to utilize technology and telephonic and video conferencing. It specifically does not waive any other requirement under the Fla. Constitution and Florida’s Government in the Sunshine including Ch. 286, F.S.

and

(2) AGO 2020-03 Public meetings quorums using technology.

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A viral pandemic is as distressing to historians as it is to anyone. On the other hand, we look to events of the past to help understand our current moment, and the obvious place to look now is the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918. As reported in the October 1918 edition of The Courier - the precursor to Jacksonville History Matters - it was a little over a century ago that Jacksonville experienced the Great Flu, with effects similar to the rest of the U.S. and beyond.

In 2020, medicine and the science disciplines know vastly more about viruses and their transmission than they did a century ago. In 1918, exactly how people caught the flu was mysterious and thus scary. The best that could be done for victims a century ago was to offer comfort and palliative care. Today, we are lucky to live at a time when medicine better understands the spread of disease, even though we are little better equipped to treat and heal its victims. The evidence of the past suggests that the present virus will ultimately run its course, but also suggests that it or other viruses will reappear.

Among the resources for learning about the Great Flu of 1918 is the National Archives, which hosts a convenient landing page (click here). There you’ll find copies of original photos and documents testifying to the disastrous effects of the virus. For an authoritative yet accessible read on the Great Flu, it’s hard to beat “The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History,” by John M. Barry (Penguin Books, 2005). In 10 cogent chapters, Barry narrates the arc of a health crisis that touched families everywhere. Writing on March 17 in the New York Times, Barry reflected on that event, and its most important lesson: “Tell the truth.” (1) Confidence in the fabric of any society stems from trust, which faltered badly in 1918, owing in part to incoherent responses to the flu pandemic. In the decades ahead, we will look back and compare the present pandemic to that of 1918 and see whether today’s people handled it better.

(1) New York Times, March 17, 2020

Here at the JHS, events scheduled for the weeks ahead have been suspended in response to the coronavirus. Luckily, most of our presenters, sponsors and collaborating organizations are happy to re-schedule as circumstances allow it. If you have registered for any of our upcoming programs or events, please stay in touch via our website www.jaxhistory.org, or contact us at the JHS offices: info@jaxhistory.org or (904) 665-0064. Our offices and the archives are closed to the public until further notice, but we remain on the job, responding to research requests via phone and email. Contact archives@jaxhistory.org. We so much appreciate the ongoing support and engagement of the Society’s members and
friends, and can hardly wait to resume our normal service to Jacksonville’s people - but we will wait!

In the meantime, our board, staff and volunteers continue work on the various parts of our strategic plan. Fundraising for renovation of the Casket Factory building has continued to enjoy great support - particular thanks to the City Council of Jacksonville for a restricted donation of $35,000 in support of the project. Stay tuned for updates on the work beginning inside the building.

March is National Women’s History Month, and our program scheduled for the 18th was devoted to that commemoration. Former JHS Executive Director Emily Lisska’s intended presentation focuses on remarkable women of this city, and she looks forward to rescheduling at the earliest opportunity. Those who registered for the event were contacted directly about the change. If you were among those registered and have not heard from us, please connect with us at info@jaxhistory.org.

Jacksonville has an amazing musical heritage, which the JHS began exploring last year in a June program presented by archivist Mitch Hemann. Our program scheduled for this June is a continuation of that topic. If the health situation requires that it be cancelled, you can be sure that we will hold the event as soon as possible. Research into Jacksonville’s music history has enthused many of us about the prospects for an interpretive venue devoted to the subject. A remarkable number of this city’s people have created great music, and then shared their gifts across the U.S. and beyond. Stories such as those of Frederick Delius, James Weldon Johnson, Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Allman Brothers Band, or Dennis Yost and the Classics IV are among the many fascinating threads that are part of our Jacksonville. Do you know a story of Jacksonville’s music legacy? Help the JHS share it by contacting Mitch Hemann at archives@jaxhistory.org.

For now, we wish health to all our members and friends, and an early return to normal life in Jacksonville!

Alan Bliss
Executive Director

City Council approves funding request
Thanks to 16 of 19 City of Jacksonville Councilmembers, wheels are in motion for help from City Council to fund the $300,000 renovation campaign to establish a state-of-the-art archival processing and storage facility at the Jacksonville Historical Society. On March 10, a majority of Councilmembers (16:1 of those present) voted to appropriate $35,000 for renovation of the Florida Casket Company building.

Bill 2020-0115 was introduced to City Council Feb. 11 by Co-Sponsors Council President Scott Wilson and Council Member-at-Large Matt Carlucci. Following the Feb. 25 Council meeting, which included a public hearing, six Council members signed on as co-sponsors of the bill.

The bill was amended March 2 by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee to include an exception and a waiver of two ordinances, as well as a requirement. The appropriation of $35,000 from the City Council Operating Contingency invoked an exception to Sec. 126.107 (G) of the City's Municipal Code, which would allow a direct contract with the Jacksonville Historical Society, rather than requiring a competitive bid process. The waiver of Sec. 118.201 (F)(7) would allow upfront payments instead of payment upon project completion, coupled with a requirement for oversight by the Office of Grants & Compliance.

On March 3, the Rules and Finance Committees put their stamps of approval on the bill, which was voted on by City Council on March 10. With the release of these funds, JHS will be in a position to begin the first phase of second floor renovations, eventually resulting in an up-to-date, 4,500 square-foot archival processing and storage facility.

JHS is very grateful for the 10 Council members who ultimately signed on as co-sponsors: Tommy Hazouri (At-Large), Randy DeFoor (District 14), Ju'Coby Pittman (District 8), Terrance Freeman (At-Large), Aaron Bowman (District 3), Sam Newby (At-Large), Randy White (District 12), Reggie Gaffney (District 7), Ron Salem (At-Large) and Garrett Dennis (District 9).
Jacksonville deserves a tremendous public history archive. Will you help take the Jacksonville Historical Society to the next level?

Kate A. Hallock  
Director of Marketing and Communications

Donate to Casket Factory Campaign

Forgetting Mary Nolan, the Oldest Picket

As we commemorate the centennial of women’s suffrage and celebrate women’s history, it is appropriate to recognize an unlikely local figure in the Suffrage Movement: Mary A. Nolan. Ms. Nolan was born in Martinsburg, Virginia in 1844. She became involved in the Southern library movement, and was instrumental in establishing a library in Laurens, South Carolina. Her husband, John R. Nolan, was a superintendent for the Southern Railway. At the turn of the century, they moved to Jacksonville, where they had a home at 2212 Market Street. In 1913, John Nolan passed away and Mary moved in with her stepdaughter Amy and her family at 121 W. 7th Street.
In November 1917, at the age of 73 and disabled, Nolan traveled to Washington, D.C. and joined the pickets at the White House in support of women’s suffrage. On November 10th, she was among 41 women who were arrested for picketing. All charges were dismissed, but 31 of the women, including Nolan, returned an hour later to continue the protest. She was arrested again and sentenced to six days in prison. Nolan, and the rest of the suffragists, were sent to the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton, Virginia, where conditions were unsanitary and unsafe. There was a single bar of soap in the shower to share among them, and their food often contained worms. As a result, the prisoners staged a hunger strike, only to find themselves force-fed by tubes in their throats.

On November 14th, 1917, the guards retaliated against their protests by attacking the prisoners, including Nolan. The women were brutalized and tortured. Nolan herself suffered abuses, being thrown into her cell and landing on an iron bed.
After her release on November 20th, Nolan reported her experiences to the National Women’s Party. She also wrote an article published in The Suffragist, which became the first published account detailing the atrocities of what would become known as the Night of Terror.

Unfazed, Nolan’s involvement with the NWP continued. She participated in the Silent Sentinels and Watchfires of Freedom. On January 24th, 1919, Nolan burned one of President Woodrow Wilson’s speeches and was re-arrested. All told, she was arrested ten times and was jailed five times. In February 1919, Nolan and other suffragists embarked on a tour by rail called “The Prison Special” to attract support for women’s suffrage. Travelling on a train named “Democracy Limited,” they often dressed in prison uniforms, shared their experiences behind bars, and spread the message of their cause. On February 18th, 1919, “The Prison Special” pulled into Jacksonville, where on the following morning Nolan was the speaker at an NWP breakfast.
Mary A. Nolan passed away on May 18th, 1925. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, her grave was unmarked until 1982, when the local chapter of the National Organization for Women placed a headstone there.

Despite her record of contributions during the climactic years of the suffrage movement, very little scholarship exists relating to Nolan. Among the many who are celebrated for courageously and tirelessly asserting for women’s rights, Nolan has remained overlooked. Her legacy and her fierce spirit deserve preservation. As a Jacksonville woman who withstood adversity and faced daunting challenges, her strength of mind, character and body, all constitute another of Jacksonville’s many fascinating stories.

*Mitch Hemann
Senior Archivist*
Census 2020

Census Day will be observed nationwide April 1 -- no fooling! Did you know the U.S. Census began in 1790? For lovers of historical trivia, you might enjoy this timeline of the U.S. Census. Some of the nuggets include the fact that in 1850 the census recorded the names of all free persons in a household and in 1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe published the anti-slavery masterpiece "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Twenty years later the 1870 census recorded the name of every person living in a household and on March 30 of that same year, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave the right to vote to all men, regardless of race.

By April 1, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the Census, you tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

Why is this important? The results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, business decisions and more. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for our community. The trickle-down results of the census hit us at the local level when funds are provided by the City of Jacksonville to the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, which in turn provides grants for many nonprofit organizations, including the Jacksonville
Historical Society. In fact, the top motivator for participating in a census is funding for public services.

**Don't be fearful of the census!** Last January 2019, the U.S. Census Bureau released results of a study on census barriers, attitudes and motivators. The analysis revealed five barriers that might prevent people from participating in the census: concerns about data privacy and confidentiality, fear of repercussions, distrust in all levels of government, feeling that it doesn't matter if you are counted, and belief that completing the census might not benefit you personally.

The Census Bureau will never ask for:
* Social Security numbers
* Bank or credit card account numbers
* Money or donations
* Anything on behalf of a political party

Additionally, the 2020 Census will not include a question on citizenship.

To learn more about the 2020 Census, visit [www.coj.net/2020census](http://www.coj.net/2020census).

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**The 2020 Speaker Series**

Due to concerns about the coronavirus, the Jacksonville Historical Society regretfully made the decision to reschedule the March Lunch & Learn program, "Remarkable Women of North Florida," by Emily Lisska. We hope to hold it in July.

Again, due to uncertainties, we are also prepared to reschedule the April program (noted below); watch for updates on social media in the coming weeks.

The Jacksonville Historical Society Speaker Series is sponsored by [Retina Associates, Fred H. Lambrou, Jr., M.D.](http://www.coj.net/2020census).

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April 23, 2020: Joseph E. Lee presented by The Honorable Brian J. Davis
Join us Thursday, April 23, to hear the Honorable Brian J. Davis, a United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, speak about Joseph E. Lee, the first African American to practice law in Jacksonville, having been admitted to the Florida Bar in 1873. During his lifetime, Lee was also a municipal judge, minister, collector of customs and internal revenue, as well as a member of the Florida House of Representatives (1875-1880) and the Florida Senate (1881-1882). He also served as dean of the law department of Edward Waters College and was a trustee of the college for over 30 years.

Judge Davis was appointed a U.S. District Court Judge on Dec. 26, 2013 by President Barack Obama. A Jacksonville native, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University and a juris doctorate from the University of Florida. He practiced in civil and criminal arenas, serving on family, juvenile and civil benches in Jacksonville prior to serving as a state Circuit Court judge in the Historic Courthouse on Amelia Island.

Social Hour: 6-7 p.m., with presentation to follow.  
Location: Old St. Andrew’s Church, 317 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.  
Free to members of the Jacksonville Historical Society; suggested $10 donation for non-members.
Please watch social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the Jacksonville Historical Society website) for an announcement regarding the Great Fire Run, which may be rescheduled.

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**JHS Office Policy during COVID-19**

In continuing to adapt to developments related to the coronavirus pandemic, the Jacksonville Historical Society’s facilities, including the archives and research library, are closed to the public until further notice. As soon as normal operations resume, research appointments can be scheduled.

In the meantime, the JHS staff remains available and committed to serve the Jacksonville community by telephone and email. As some tasks are being performed remotely, requests for assistance will be answered as soon as possible. Contact our office by phone at (904) 665-0064, or email info@jaxhistory.org. For archives and research assistance, contact archives@jaxhistory.org. For any
additional questions or concerns, contact Executive Director Alan Bliss directly at alan.bliss@jaxhistory.org.

For additional information, please visit www.jaxhistory.org and follow news of the Jacksonville Historical Society through our social media channels. Thank you for continuing to support the work and educational resources of the JHS!

Our Mission
To educate and inspire the greater Jacksonville community to value its history, by fostering understanding of how the region’s past shapes our present.

JHS is thankful for the many organizations that support us in our mission!

Staff
Alan Bliss, Ph.D., Executive Director | Mitch Hemann, Archivist | Kate A. Hallock, Marketing & Communications Director | Imani Phillips, Archives &
Today, Gov. DeSantis issued three executive orders (EO-69, EO-70 and EO-71) regarding local government public meetings, the closure of certain beaches, and alcohol sales, restaurants and gyms, respectively. All of these orders are linked above and available on our Coronavirus Resources page.

Following the issuance of EO-69 (Public Meetings), the League sent a letter to Florida’s municipal attorneys summarizing the order and its directives. Click here to view the letter.

Gov. DeSantis Holding Press Conference at 4:30 p.m.

Gov. DeSantis will hold a press conference regarding the latest COVID-19 developments from the Emergency Operations Center at 4:30 p.m. ET this afternoon (March 20). Visit the Governor’s Facebook page to watch the live stream at 4:40 p.m.

Federal Update: News and Resources

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

HR 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act imposes substantial new sick leave and family medical leave requirements on government employers of all sizes. (Click here to view a summary of the Act on our resource page.)
However, tax credits that are provided to most employers to reimburse them for this new mandate will not be available to local government employers. The National League of Cities sent letters to Congressional leaders, as well as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Please ask your members of Congress to get this amended in the third stimulus bill so that these tax credits are available to local government employers.

**FEMA Assistance for the COVID-19 Pandemic**
Visit the [NLC Cities Speak](https://www.nlccities.org/) blog to read their recent post that provides guidance for cities seeking assistance through FEMA’s [Public Assistance](https://www.fema.gov/) program.

**Get the Latest COVID-19 News Delivered to Your Phone**
In order to keep our members updated with the most current news on the coronavirus, the League will begin sending text message updates on important developments and new resources to help keep you and your community safe.

To sign up for these text alerts, simply text FLCCV to 855.218.0584. You may opt-out at any time.

**Text FLCCV to 855.218.0584 to Sign Up**

**COVID-19 Funding and Technical Assistance**
The League has compiled numerous resources to assist your city and small businesses in your community. The resources below are also available on our [website](https://www.nlccities.org/)..

- Florida Public Assistance Information
- Florida Public Assistance Forms
- FEMA Assistance Guide
- Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program
- Business Damage Assessment Survey
- SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus
- SBA Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources
- SBA Working Capital Loans Fact Sheet

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Access Resources
MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Press
FROM: Helen Aguirre Ferré, Director of Communications, Governor Ron DeSantis
DATE: March 20, 2020
RE: Executive Order 20-72

Good afternoon:

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-72, regarding non-essential elective medical procedures. All hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners’ offices in the state of Florida are prohibited from providing any medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedure or surgery which, if delayed, does not place a patient’s immediate health, safety or wellbeing at risk, or will, if delayed, not contribute to the worsening of a serious or life-threatening medical condition.

A PDF copy of the Executive Order is attached to this email and provided below.

Sincerely,

Helen Aguirre Ferré
Director of Communications
Governor Ron DeSantis

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-72

(Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures)
WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms of cough, fever, and shortness of breath; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recommended providers limit all “non-essential” elective medical and surgical procedures, including dental procedures; and

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the State Surgeon General and the Secretary for the Agency of Health Care Administration have recommended, due to the current conditions caused by COVID-19 in this state, that appropriate measures must be taken to conserve all medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent or emergent nature; and

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, it is necessary to preserve essential resources for use by health care professionals and others responding to this emergency, including personal protective equipment, that may be used by physicians, dentists, and other health care provider practices; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled, and that residents and visitors in Florida remain safe and secure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:
Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, and based on recommendations from the Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration by reason of conditions arising from this emergency, I hereby employ the following measures and direct as follows:

Pursuant to section 252.36(7), Florida Statutes,

A. All hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners’ offices in the State of Florida are prohibited from providing any medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedure or surgery which, if delayed, does not place a patient’s immediate health, safety, or well-being at risk, or will, if delayed, not contribute to the worsening of a serious or life-threatening medical condition. Accordingly, all health care practitioners licensed in the State of Florida, including dentists, shall immediately cease performing these elective services.

B. As articulated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recommendation, examples of procedures to delay may include, but are not limited to, some endoscopy, most cataract and lens surgeries, non-urgent spine and orthopedic procedures, and cosmetic procedures.

C. As articulated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recommendation, permissible procedures include, but may not be limited to, removal of a cancerous tumors, transplants, limb-threatening vascular surgeries, trauma-related procedures, and dental care related to the relief of pain and management of infection.

Section 2. The Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Health shall utilize their authority under Florida law to further implement and enforce the provisions of this Executive Order and shall take additional measures as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 3. This Executive Order shall expire upon the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, including any extensions.

Please note that under Florida law correspondence sent to the Governor's Office, which is not confidential or exempt pursuant to chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, is a public record made available upon request.
Mayor and Council,

Below is a running log of COVID-19 updates. I have placed them in reverse chronological order, so the newest is at the top (easier to read):

NEW – March 20:

- Effective 5:00 pm Friday, March 20 all beaches are closed until further notice; decision was made by all four mayors (COJ, COJB, AB, NB).
  - Closure affects all three beach communities
  - Closure is 24/7
  - Closure is for all residents and visitors; no exceptions
  - Beach parking east of 1st Street N and S will be closed to support this effort; additional parking restrictions may be warranted at a later date
- Governor DeSantis issued two Executive Orders today: EO-72 cancels elective surgeries, and does not impact us; EO-71 does affect us, in that:
  - Restaurants are closed for dine-in service
  - Restaurants may continue to prepare food for delivery, pickup or drive-thru windows
  - Sales of alcohol for consumption on premise is now restricted
- The City is in the final phase of restricting public access to all City buildings. Final efforts will be in place for Monday morning.
- All public restrooms are being closed
- City Clerk’s Office and City Attorney are working through physical layout and logistics of holding a Council meeting, if necessary; decision will be made next week to continue with target date of April 20, or hold emergency meeting earlier
- The City is considering suspension/delay of certain fees; additional information to come next week
- COJ COVID-19 mobile testing sites are scheduled to be active starting this weekend; criteria for testing include age 65+ and temperature of 99.5F or higher

March 19:

- The three beach Mayors and City Managers conversed; decision to keep beaches open for now, with the following advisories:
  - Practice social distancing of groups less than 10, and 6’ separation
  - If entering the water, do so within 500 feet of a lifeguard chair due to limited staffing in Ocean Rescue
  - These conditions will be revisited as needed
- Parks will be placing signs at playground equipment advising families that we do not sanitize playground equipment
- All departments have assembled their lists of essential and non-essential personnel, should the need arise
- The City is looking into the purchase of additional laptop computers; a total of 73 replacement computers were already approved in this year’s replacement schedule, of which 20 laptops were ordered March 18
- President Trump signed the Family First Coronavirus Response Act last night; staff is still evaluating how it will impact the organization; the Act include:
March 18:

- Leadership discussed various policy elements in the event infections become widespread, to include:
  - Essential vs. non-essential services and employees
  - Telecommuting
  - Split work shifts
  - Leave policies
- The City has ordered twenty (20) laptop computers to assist with telecommuting efforts; arrival scheduled for middle of next week
- Fire Marshal will be distributing CDC guidance to all department directors on what quarantine entails
- City is considering closing of public restrooms in parks within the next 24-48 hours; this would not include beachfront or downtown
- City is considering further restrictions on public access to city buildings for enactment within the next 24-48 hours
- The City is targeting its next City Council meeting for April 20, 2020; awaiting for guidance from Governor’s office on meeting alternatives

March 17:

- The Governor passed Executive Order 20-68, which:
  - Restricts the sales of alcohol from bars and nightclubs for a period of 30 days
  - Requires restaurants to be at no more than 50% capacity, with parties of 10 or less and tables spaced at least 6’ away, and implement employee screening
  - Directs beach-goers to have parties of 10 or less, with groups spaced 6’ apart
- Mayor Curry held a press conference, clarifying that his order from March 16 of assembly no more than 50 works with the Governor’s declaration by whichever is more restrictive
- Given the Governor’s declaration for a 30 day window of additional restrictions, the City will continue with cancellation of special events for the equivalent 30 day window
- The City is reducing public transactions within City Hall, and is encouraging the use of on-line or electronic transactions
- In the absence of the second Council meeting in March, certain purchases are being authorized by the City Manager, and will be treated as emergency purchases, with documentation coming back to Council at the first available date

March 16:

- We have declared a state of emergency
- We have enacted the same restrictions as COJ: no assemblies over 50 persons, no alcohol sales between midnight and 8:00 am
- Differing from COJ, we have NOT closed our parks or the beach; we do not have an effective means to enforce either of those restrictions if enacted, nor do we sanitize playground equipment from a manpower/resources perspective
- All special events and public meetings are canceled at least through the remainder of the month
- Employees are being allowed to stay home with their children using either sick or vacation leave, due to schools being closed

- Division C – FMLA Expansion Act
- Division E – Paid Sick Leave Act
- Division G – Tax Credits for Paid Sick and Paid Family Medical Leave
- These Divisions go into effect April 2

- City Hall, and other City buildings, will be closed to public access starting Monday, March 23
- The City has developed a “Return to Work” policy and checklist for illnesses during the National Health Emergency
- The City of Jacksonville is in the process of ramping up its mobile testing locations
- Our EOC is technically activated (although not in a defined location like during a hurricane); Directors will hold a conference call daily at 4:00 pm starting tomorrow
- Departments are assessing their operational models and SOPs, and will adjust accordingly to ensure continuity of services in the event of mass illnesses; precautions are being discussed daily
- Public access to our buildings is being restricted to business activities only; additional safeguards will likely be implemented within the next 24 hours

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM**  
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Hi All:
Mike and I just spoke about a clarification of his March 20 update. The Governor actually issued four (4) Executive Orders today:

Released 03/20/2020
#2020-71 Executive Order re: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms
#2020-70 Executive Order re: Emergency Management – COVID-19 – Broward and Palm Beach County Closures

Mayor and Council,

Below is a running log of COVID-19 updates. I have placed them in reverse chronological order, so the newest is at the top (easier to read):
NEW – March 20:
- Effective 5:00 pm Friday, March 20 all beaches are closed until further notice; decision was made by all four mayors (COJ, COJB, AB, NB).
  - Closure affects all three beach communities
  - Closure is 24/7
  - Closure is for all residents and visitors; no exceptions
  - Beach parking east of 1st Street N and S will be closed to support this effort; additional parking restrictions may be warranted at a later date
- Governor DeSantis issued two Executive Orders today: EO-72 cancels elective surgeries, and does not impact us; EO-71 does affect us, in that:
  - Restaurants are closed for dine-in service
  - Restaurants may continue to prepare food for delivery, pickup or drive-thru windows
  - Sales of alcohol for consumption on premise is now restricted
- The City is in the final phase of restricting public access to all City buildings. Final efforts will be in place for Monday morning.
- All public restrooms are being closed
- City Clerk’s Office and City Attorney are working through physical layout and logistics of holding a Council meeting, if necessary; decision will be made next week to continue with target date of April 20, or hold emergency meeting earlier
- The City is considering suspension/delay of certain fees; additional information to come next week
- COJ COVID-19 mobile testing sites are scheduled to be active starting this weekend; criteria for testing include age 65+ and temperature of 99.5F or higher

March 19:
- The three beach Mayors and City Managers conversed; decision to keep beaches open for now, with the following advisories:
  - Practice social distancing of groups less than 10, and 6’ separation
  - If entering the water, do so within 500 feet of a lifeguard chair due to limited staffing in Ocean Rescue
  - These conditions will be revisited as needed
- Parks will be placing signs at playground equipment advising families that we do not sanitize playground equipment
- All departments have assembled their lists of essential and non-essential personnel, should the need arise
- The City is looking into the purchase of additional laptop computers; a total of 73 replacement computers were already approved in this year’s replacement schedule, of which 20 laptops were ordered March 18
- President Trump signed the Family First Coronavirus Response Act last night; staff is still evaluating how it will impact the organization; the Act include:
  - Division C – FMLA Expansion Act
  - Division E – Paid Sick Leave Act
  - Division G – Tax Credits for Paid Sick and Paid Family Medical Leave
  - These Divisions go into effect April 2
- City Hall, and other City buildings, will be closed to public access starting Monday, March 23
- The City has developed a “Return to Work” policy and checklist for illnesses during the National Health Emergency
- The City of Jacksonville is in the process of ramping up its mobile testing locations

March 18:
- Leadership discussed various policy elements in the event infections become widespread, to include:
  - Essential vs. non-essential services and employees
  - Telecommuting
  - Split work shifts
• Leave policies
• The City has ordered twenty (20) laptop computers to assist with telecommuting efforts; arrival scheduled for middle of next week
• Fire Marshal will be distributing CDC guidance to all department directors on what quarantine entails
• City is considering closing of public restrooms in parks within the next 24-48 hours; this would not include beachfront or downtown
• City is considering further restrictions on public access to city buildings for enactment within the next 24-48 hours
• The City is targeting its next City Council meeting for April 20, 2020; awaiting for guidance from Governor’s office on meeting alternatives

March 17:
• The Governor passed Executive Order 20-68, which:
  • Restricts the sales of alcohol from bars and nightclubs for a period of 30 days
  • Requires restaurants to be at no more than 50% capacity, with parties of 10 or less and tables spaced at least 6’ away, and implement employee screening
  • Directs beach-goers to have parties of 10 or less, with groups spaced 6’ apart
• Mayor Curry held a press conference, clarifying that his order from March 16 of assembly no more than 50 works with the Governor’s declaration by whichever is more restrictive
• Given the Governor’s declaration for a 30 day window of additional restrictions, the City will continue with cancellation of special events for the equivalent 30 day window
• The City is reducing public transactions within City Hall, and is encouraging the use of on-line or electronic transactions
• In the absence of the second Council meeting in March, certain purchases are being authorized by the City Manager, and will be treated as emergency purchases, with documentation coming back to Council at the first available date

March 16:
• We have declared a state of emergency
• We have enacted the same restrictions as COJ: no assemblies over 50 persons, no alcohol sales between midnight and 8:00 am
• Differing from COJ, we have NOT closed our parks or the beach; we do not have an effective means to enforce either of those restrictions if enacted, nor do we sanitize playground equipment from a manpower/resources perspective
• All special events and public meetings are canceled at least through the remainder of the month
• Employees are being allowed to stay home with their children using either sick or vacation leave, due to schools being closed
• Our EOC is technically activated (although not in a defined location like during a hurricane); Directors will hold a conference call daily at 4:00 pm starting tomorrow
• Departments are assessing their operational models and SOPs, and will adjust accordingly to ensure continuity of services in the event of mass illnesses; precautions are being discussed daily
• Public access to our buildings is being restricted to business activities only; additional safeguards will likely be implemented within the next 24 hours

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
City Manager
Dear Friends:

I hope everyone is well as we navigate this rapidly changing situation. I wanted to provide another update since my last one a week ago. The Beaches Museum continues to be closed to the public and we will assess next week to determine if closure beyond March 31 is called for.

Additionally, we are postponing or cancelling the following events:

**April 2: John Primer Concert**--cancelled
Due to the artist's touring schedule, we do not foresee rescheduling this one. If you are a ticket-holder you will hear from Museum staff.

**April 3: Springing the Blooms**--postponed to June 6

**April 18: Fletcher All Class Block Party**--postponed to June 20

Thank you to our board and committee leadership for working hard to make sure we can keep so many of our wonderful events on the calendar!

Please visit our website for more information about these and all of our events, ways you can join and support the Museum and more!

Thank you for your support and understanding. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Museum as soon as we can!

Sincerely:
Chris Hoffman
Executive Director

About the Beaches Museum

Beaches Museum is operated by the Beaches Area Historical Society whose mission is "to preserve and share the distinct history and culture of the Beaches area." To learn more about the Beaches Museum, please visit our website.

The Beaches Museum is generously supported by The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.
I hope this will be helpful related to EO-20-72.

Stephanie

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Please note that under Florida law correspondence sent to the Governor's Office, which is not confidential or exempt pursuant to chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, is a public record made available upon request.
I understand the seriousness of our current situation concerning the corona virus. My family and I have have followed the CDC suggestions, but the closing of the beaches along with all the other closures is going too far. I take my son surfing every morning to enjoy the sunrise and fresh air. We stay away from others on the beach and stay away from the crowded “tourist” sections. Perhaps a better solution to complete closures could be created (i.e., certain times or locations-private property versus in front of hotels ). I have lived at the beach my entire life and the government closing nature to the public outrages me. Please search for alternative solutions. Do not punish locals because tourists and spring breakers did not comply to CDC suggestions.
This week, Senator Rick Scott released a letter to the editors of Florida papers outlining steps that families can take to keep themselves safe and healthy, and help curb the spread of the Coronavirus in the U.S.

In the letter, Senator Rick Scott wrote, “The Coronavirus is a public health threat that is not going away anytime soon. Now is the time to get serious and take every precaution we can.

Always cover your cough, regularly wash your hands, and drastically limit your contact with others.

If you’re sick, or even feel sick, don’t travel. Airports and schools must start checking the temperature of everyone coming through; travelers with fevers took unnecessary risks and
flew to Florida, spreading the Coronavirus.

Localities must ensure those that our first responders and healthcare workers, who interact with the public, have the personal protective gear they need to keep themselves and the American people safe.

Florida, with its large population, needs an abundance of tests and testing centers. After I introduced the Coronavirus Mobile Collection Site Act to expand access to mobile Coronavirus testing, President Trump agreed with my plan and is now developing mobile sites across the nation.

We know seniors are especially susceptible to the Coronavirus, but young people are also not immune. It can infect anyone and cause them to become seriously ill; even if it doesn’t, young people can spread it to those with weaker immune systems.

Social distancing is the best way that every individual can limit the number of infections. Avoid restaurants, bars, and crowded events. With so many seniors in Florida, everyone has to avoid large groups and only leave their house when necessary.

We can survive this and come out on the other side, and we can curb the current outbreak, but we all must make serious adjustments to our everyday lives."

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Keeping families safe and healthy is Senator Scott’s #1 priority.
See a list of resources and information available to Floridians by visiting www.RickScott.senate.gov/CoronavirusResources.

See more of what Senator Scott has been up to this week below.

MAKING WASHINGTON WORK

Sen. Rick Scott: No Bailouts for Big Businesses

Senator Rick Scott wrote an op-ed for Fox Business outlining why U.S. taxpayer dollars should not be used to bail out large corporations that have enjoyed years of growth and prosperity, and what steps the federal government should take instead to support Americans affected by the Coronavirus, especially small businesses, hourly workers and individuals whose livelihoods depend on tips.

Senator Scott is recommending the following steps:

- **First, significantly increase federal assistance to state Unemployment Insurance programs, and change the corresponding regulations to allow states the ability to open the fund for workers to immediately access** if they are out of work, temporarily out of work, or have reduced hours. Senator Scott believes this is the quickest, most effective, and most fiscally responsible way to get money to the people who need it most.
- **Second, impose a 60-day moratorium on mortgages, rent, fees and utilities for both individuals making less than $75,000 a year and small businesses** with less than 250 employees. Those payments would be postponed and paid out over the following 12 months.
Senador Rick Scott: No debemos usar el dinero de los contribuyentes para rescatar a grandes empresas

El senador Rick Scott escribió un artículo de opinión para Univision explicando por qué los dólares de los contribuyentes estadounidenses no deberían usarse para rescatar a grandes corporaciones que han disfrutado años de crecimiento y prosperidad, y los pasos que el gobierno federal debe tomar como alternativa. Apoyar a los trabajadores estadounidenses y las pequeñas empresas afectadas por el Coronavirus, especialmente a los trabajadores por hora y las personas cuyos salarios dependen de las propinas, debe ser la prioridad.

Algunas de las propuestas del Senador Scott incluyen:

- **Aumentar significativamente la asistencia federal a los programas estatales de Seguro de Desempleo, y cambiar las regulaciones correspondientes para permitir a los estados abrir el fondo para que los trabajadores tengan acceso de inmediato si perdieron su trabajo, están temporalmente desempleados o tienen horas reducidas.** El senador Scott cree que esta es la forma más rápida, efectiva y fiscalmente responsable de hacer llegar el dinero a las personas que más lo necesitan.

- **Impor una moratoria de 60 días a las hipotecas, alquileres y servicios públicos para las personas que ganan menos de $75,000 al año y las pequeñas empresas con menos de 250 empleados.** Esos pagos serían pospuestos y pagados durante los siguientes 12 meses.

Lea más en el artículo de opinión del senador Scott para Univision AQUÍ.

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Sen. Rick Scott to Congress: Split Up Phase 3 Coronavirus Stimulus Package and Focus on Helping Individuals and Small Businesses

As Congress begins consideration of the ‘Phase 3’ Coronavirus rescue plan, which would provide relief to Americans and big industries, Senator Scott released the following statement calling on Congressional leaders to break up the stimulus package and focus on getting relief to those Americans who need it the most.

Senator Rick Scott said, "We have to solve the spread of the Coronavirus. And until we do, we cannot get a true handle on the economic impact and what will be needed to energize our economy. All levels of government – federal, state, and local – need to be careful before they make major decisions impacting their budgets until we understand the true cost and effect of this virus. Right now, Congress needs to focus on the Americans that are hurt most by the Coronavirus – our small businesses, hourly workers and individuals whose livelihoods depend on tips. I’ve heard from countless Floridians and small business owners about the devastating impact this virus is having on their lives... These are the people we should be helping. We shouldn’t be bailing out large corporations that have enjoyed years of growth and prosperity. That’s wrong and that’s why I’m calling on leadership to split up these bills, think critically about each proposal, and help American families that are struggling FIRST." Read more HERE.
Sen. Rick Scott Announces Legislation to Protect Healthcare Workers and First Responders and Limit Chinese Supply Chain to U.S.

Senator Rick Scott announced his plan to introduce the American-Made Protection for Healthcare Workers and First Responders Act to ensure the United States builds its stockpile of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) so our first responders and healthcare workers have everything they need to keep themselves safe from Chinese Coronavirus as they care for the sick. Senator Scott is focused on ensuring we promote American-made goods and get Communist China out of the U.S. supply chain. The American-Made Protection for Healthcare Workers and First Responders Act would address the current PPE shortage and build the national stockpile of goods from American-based producers to eliminate our dependence on foreign adversaries’ supply chains during a crisis.

Senator Rick Scott said, “It is unacceptable that we are running a shortage of PPE for our nation’s healthcare workers and first responders as they work to combat the Coronavirus and any future outbreaks. We have to do everything we can to quickly get them the gear they need to stay safe. We cannot continue to rely on countries like Communist China, who lied about the Coronavirus and refuses to be a partner in solving this crisis, for critical supplies. This outbreak has shown why we need to end our reliance on foreign supply chains. As a nation, we need to finally take a stand and demand that Communist China is removed from our supply chain. We need to build our own strategic stockpile of American-made protective gear to make sure we don’t face a shortage again.” Read more HERE.

Sen. Rick Scott Calls on Attorneys General to Take Action Against Price-Gouging

Senator Rick Scott released the following statement calling on the attorneys general in all 50 states to take action against bad actors that are taking advantage of this crisis and price-gouging on personal protective equipment, which is desperately needed to save lives and keep our healthcare workers and first responders safe from the Coronavirus.

Senator Rick Scott said, “Personal protective equipment is one of the most important tools our healthcare workers and first responders have to protect themselves, and I continue to hear from hospitals and law enforcement officials that there is a limited supply and they are being price-gouged. This is unacceptable. I am calling on the state attorneys general to use their authority to go after these bad actors. I am also asking Attorney General Barr to immediately implement a federal process to take action against these criminals. We must do everything we can to protect our healthcare workers and first responders so they can focus on caring for the sick.” Read more HERE.

Sen. Rick Scott to Trump Administration: Our Law Enforcement and First Responders Need More Resources to Protect Themselves from Coronavirus

Following a call with Florida’s sheriffs and police chiefs, Senator Rick Scott sent a letter to Vice President Pence urging the administration to increase domestic production of personal protective equipment and make sure local public safety and law enforcement agencies have all the resources they need to stay safe from Coronavirus while helping others. Read more, including the full letter, HERE.

Sen. Rick Scott Statement on Coronavirus Assistance Package
Senator Rick Scott released the following statement regarding the Coronavirus assistance package that was considered by Congress earlier this week.

**Senator Rick Scott** said, “We can’t forget that the best economic stimulus package is to stem the spread of Coronavirus. If we solve this problem, the economic problems will become much easier to solve. I’m glad both parties are coming together to help those affected by Coronavirus. Congress often acts slowly and it’s a real positive to see the urgency with which Congress is acting to get something done. There are many good things in this bill, including ramping up testing to ensure people who need a test can get one.

“But I am very concerned about some of the mandates in this bill that will hurt small businesses. And I’m concerned that adding layers of government bureaucracy, regulation and mandates will make it harder for help to get to the people that need it most – hourly workers, people who rely on tips, and workers in the gig economy. Whatever we pass should limit the unintended consequences for American job creators. After all, we’ll be looking to them soon to help us rebuild our economy and recover from this crisis.” Read more [HERE](#).

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**Sen. Rick Scott: Every County Across U.S. Needs to Have Mobile Testing NOW**

Senator Rick Scott called on the American people to come together and take action NOW to stop the spread of the Coronavirus in the United States. Senator Scott is urging every level of government to immediately take the following steps to keep families safe from the Coronavirus:

- **SOLVE THE TESTING ISSUE.** Every county in the country should have at least one mobile testing site – counties in hot spots like New York and South Florida need more than one. There’s no excuse anymore.
  - National Guard units as well as active-duty military personnel should be called upon to support these efforts.
- **Governors in states with community spread need to take extreme measures to prevent large social interactions.** As a former Governor, Senator Scott knows that they’re best-equipped to make these decisions for their states.
  - A national quarantine is difficult to enforce and a waste of much-needed resources.
  - But in hot spots, social distancing measures need to be strictly enforced.
- **Protect supply chains for protective equipment for healthcare workers and first responders.**
- **Crack down on price-gouging of healthcare equipment.**

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**IN THE NEWS**

**Sen. Rick Scott on Fox News: We’re in a Crisis; Americans Must Come Together to End Coronavirus**

Watch the interview [HERE](#) or below.
Senador Rick Scott: Tenemos que tomar medidas agresivas para proteger a los ciudadanos americanos
Mira la entrevista completa con Telemundo 49 AQUÍ.

Sen. Rick Scott on CNN: Americans Must Take Personal Responsibility and Get Off Florida’s Beaches
Watch the interview HERE or below.
CNN: Florida Sen. Rick Scott: 'Get off the beach'

Fox News: Sen. Scott on calls for Americans to practice social distancing, Florida’s decision to proceed with primary

Fox News: Sen. Rick Scott on coronavirus threat: 'I think we have to take even more extreme measures'

Fox Business: Coronavirus needs to be handled before worrying about economic stimulus: Sen. Rick Scott

Fox Business: Everyone should take coronavirus seriously: Sen. Rick Scott

New York Daily News: Florida Sen. Rick Scott says ‘get off the beaches’ amid coronavirus even as governor refuses to close them

The Hill: Florida senator: 'Get off the beach'

Biz Pac Review: Rick Scott contrasts Cuomo’s whining, urges states to step up: Federal govt can’t solve every problem

Breitbart: Rick Scott Calls for Closing U.S. Borders, Mobile Testing by Friday


Markets Insider: A Republican senator just called for a 60-day national moratorium on housing and utility payments for people earning below $75,000

Miami Herald: Rick Scott says large corporations shouldn’t be part of a coronavirus bailout package

Sun Sentinel: Sen. Rick Scott says Trump, Congress should not bail out big business. He’s right.

Sun Sentinel: Sen. Rick Scott pleads for people to get off Florida beaches as spring breakers party on

WJXT: Rick Scott speaks from self-quarantine, ‘optimistic’ Senate will pass COVID-19 bill

WEAR: Sen. Rick Scott calls on Attorneys General to take action against price-gouging

Florida Daily: Rick Scott: Ban TikTok on Government Phones Due to Cybersecurity, Chinese Spying Concerns

Florida Daily: Florida’s Senators Want More Transparency from Chinese-Government Run Confucius Institutes

Florida Daily: Rick Scott Urges Mike Pence to Offer More Protection for Law Enforcement and First Responders From Coronavirus

Florida Daily: Rick Scott: Families Should Take Every Precaution to Stay Safe and Stop the Coronavirus

Telemundo 49: Exclusiva: Rick Scott habla desde aislamiento
My friend @jacknicklaus wanted to share an important message: we need to be smart, be safe, be careful where we go. DON'T TAKE A CHANCE.

Our seniors are the most vulnerable population, but young people can get infected and spread the virus. #CoronaVirusUpdates
An important message from @CoachLouHoltz88: this is the land of the free and the brave but it doesn’t have to be the land of the stupid.

Everyone MUST take precautions to keep themselves and their families safe. #coronavirus

Just spoke with the President of the @NationalGrocers. Their supply chains are still working. I want to thank everyone in the grocery industry for all of their efforts to make sure Americans have everything they need.

Remember to buy what you need, not necessarily what you want.
Thank you @SBAgov for making SBA assistance available in the state of Florida.

During times of crisis we can’t forget about our incredible small businesses that contribute so much to our economy. This will help provide small businesses with the help they need.
Yesterday, I told a constituent on my Tele-Town Hall that I’d ask @Publix to open early for seniors to shop with peace of mind.

After speaking to the CEO of Publix, it’s great to see them stepping up! Thank you Publix, & thank you to the Floridian who brought it to my attention.

Publix is designating Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 7 – 8 a.m., as senior shopping hours for customers age 65 and over. This change in hours will begin Tuesday, March 24, and continue until further notice.

Publix Pharmacy will also be open at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to serve our senior population.

Our small businesses are getting hurt the most by the #Coronavirus, particularly bars & restaurants.

The state of Florida should consider immediately waiving regulations & allow bars to deliver alcohol. This will help keep many in business without laying off their employees.
Our office is in contact with the @StateDept & US Embassies & we’re working on a solution to ensure that Floridians in Honduras & Peru can get home.

The State Dept. has informed us that they’re working with airlines on options. Please be patient. We haven’t forgotten about you!

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On #NationalCertifiedNursesDay let’s take a moment to thank and appreciate the men and women who are putting American lives first and caring for those in need.

Thank you!

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The State of Florida Issues COVID-19 Updates

Tallahassee, Fla. - The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and arrest the spread of the coronavirus, the Florida Department of Health will issue this update every day, seven days per week.

Governor DeSantis is in constant communication with Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz and Dr. Richard J. Reddix, M.D., State Health Officer, and State Surgeon General of Florida Dr. John C. Morgan as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

Filing at the State Emergency Operations Center, Governor DeSantis announced more actions on COVID-19:

Governor DeSantis issued four executive orders:

**Executive Order 20-69:** this Executive Order waives in-person meeting requirements so that public officials can safely conduct business and carry out their responsibilities without impediment.

**Executive Order 20-70:** this Executive Order directs all movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, bowling lanes, bowling centers, bowling clubs, bowling alley and bowling alley bowling clubs, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches to close in Broward County and Palm Beach County.

**Executive Order 20-71:** this Executive Order directs all restaurants and food establishments within the state to suspend all on-premise service and all alcohol consumption for customers. The order also requires the closure of all gyms throughout the state.

**Executive Order 20-72:** this Executive Order prohibits medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedures at all hospitals.

The Florida Department of Health has more than 700 school nurses ready to help with the COVID-19 response.

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has approved the first two Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans brought by COVID-19.
DeSantis directed DEO to Waive Job Search Requirements for DEO Reemployment
ables DEO to no longer require a claimant to register with the state job search portal to actively seek employment.
DeSantis directed DEO to waive penalties to employers
currently an employer is “charged” for every employee that is laid off and this cost is reflected in the employer’s unemployment insurance paid to the state.
Waiving this penalty will eliminate any perverse incentive an employer may have to keep an employee on the payroll but not economically reduce or defer hours thereby preventing them from seeking unemployment assistance.
DeSantis directed DCF to waive work requirements for SNAP and TANF.
DeSantis directed DCF to work with the USDA to submit a plan to allow families whose children are eligible for free school lunch to receive SNAP benefits.
The federal “Families First Coronavirus Response Act” allows states to suspend these work requirements.
DeSantis directed DCF to pursue extending food, cash and Medicaid benefits for an extra two months for those families
to recertify to ensure that health care, food and cash assistance benefits are provided without interruption.
This will provide continuity for Florida families who are currently receiving SNAP, TANF or Medicaid benefits without recertifying with the department during this public health emergency.

on COVID-19

Up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 website.
Advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information on issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

Questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling the Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Did Know

Spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes and on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days after people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

Close contact with people who are sick;
Some when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
Touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
Your cough or sneezing into a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
Your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after sneeze or coughing or sneezing;
And water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands;
And disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. It is crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care setting) who experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after last exposure with community transmission should call ahead to their health care provider and local CHD and mention their recent travel.

People who have close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with someone confirmed COVID-19, he or she should call ahead to a health care professional and the CHD. The health care provider will determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

The Governor’s direction, a public-private partnership has been put in place between Memorial Healthcare in Broward and the local health care providers to set up a mobile testing unit. Of Governor DeSantis hiring additional epidemiologists from university health programs to help with workload.
DeSantis directed the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to extend all existing nursing home and assisted living facility licenses for 90 days to remove distraction from patient care.

**OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

In communities responding to COVID-19, Governor DeSantis has directed FDEM Director Jared Moskowitz to expedite reimbursement of over $170 million in Hurricane Irma reimbursements to cities, counties and hospital districts that have now reached the threshold to receive funds.

Conducting a thorough assessment of needs, Director Moskowitz has requested the following supplies through Direct Federal Enhanced Reimbursement. Supplies are being delivered on a rolling basis, and inventory is being distributed throughout the state 24 hours a day.

- 0 ventilators
- 0 hospital beds
- 000 two oz. bottles of hand sanitizer
- 0,000 coveralls
- 0,000 gloves
- 0,000 gowns
- 0,000 collection kits
- 0,000 16 oz. bottles of hand sanitizers
- 0,000 Personal Protective Equipment kits, including coveralls, gowns, and goggles
- 0 million N95 face masks

**HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

- Distributed telemedicine guidance to health care providers for behavior analysis services.
- Distributed an overview to iBudget providers of the revised payment methodology that will be used over the next few months.
- Distributing information regarding regulatory flexibilities created by waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This action will help skilled nursing facilities, critical access hospitals, home health agencies, durable medical equipment, providers of adult day training, residential habilitation, life skills development level 1-companion and in-home personal care payments will be made to give necessary financial support to providers who would otherwise not receive payment due to staffing constraints.

Mayhew is working directly with hospitals and large health systems to identify potential vacant wings or buildings to increase hospital inpatient capacity should it become necessary.

16, Florida became the first state to receive CMS approval of its 1135 Medicaid Waiver giving AHCA more flexibility over service delivery and reimbursement. This federal action lifts Medicaid prior authorization requirements for critical health care services and allows for critical access hospitals to accept Title XIX enrollment.

- Distributed a provider alert to licensed health care providers regarding the Division of Emergency Management’s new Enterprise Project ESS event.
- Distributed telemedicine guidance to health care providers for behavior analysis services.
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Participated in a collaborative call with the Florida Health Care Association, Florida Hospital Association and LeadingAge Florida to discuss patient transfer arrangements between health care facilities such as nursing homes and hospitals.

A Medicaid Program announced coverage of commercial testing for COVID-19 for dates of service back to February.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Shared information with all agency staff statewide pertaining to the declaration of a state public health emergency, stated as ordered in EO 20-51, and FDOH information and resources available on the dedicated FDOH COVID-19 webpage. Communication with staff has emphasized the best practices and preventive steps recommended by FDOH for impeding the spread of illnesses.

Emergency Coordinating Officer and State Mass Care Coordinator is supporting the initiation of FDOH’s joint information assistance as requested of State Emergency Support Function 6.


Incorporating informational comments on all on-site inspection reports issued to public lodging, public food service, and alcohol license holders that will promote situational awareness of the current public health emergency and will direct parties to the dedicated FDOH COVID-19 webpage for guidance and resources related to prevention best practices. Copies of informational flyers from the FDOH will also be available for inspectors to distribute when interacting with managers of these premises.

Suspended all official business visits, including inspections, that involve licenses located at a facility covered under the restrictions implemented pursuant to FDEM Emergency Order 20-002.

Hosted a senior management meeting with all program directors on Monday, 03.16.2020, to discuss the latest departmental operations associated with COVID-19 in Florida.

Providing guidance to appointed professional licensing boards related to procedural considerations and available technologies, web-based or telephonic board meetings.

Issued an emergency order, EO 2020-01 to extend license renewal deadlines and renewal requirements for a period of one month with an existing renewal deadline occurring in the months of March or April, 2020.

Distributed the Governor’s Executive Order (EO-20-68) regarding bars, nightclubs, beaches, and restaurants to all licensees of record for alcoholic beverage, public food service, and public lodging license holders. DBPR will continue to push this guidance relating to the directives of EO 20-68 to impacted parties through the DBPR Emergency Information Page, social media, and outreach to industry and public sector partners.

Launched a dedicated emergency information page (http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/emergency/) with direct links to the COVID-19 webpage as well as information on agency emergency orders, schedule and meeting changes for divisions and agencies, and important departmental information during this emergency.

Distributed a document titled Frequently Asked Questions Related to Restaurant, Bars and Nightclubs pursuant to Governor’s directive.

Implemented the DMS restrictions on public access at DMS-managed facilities and has adopted the same approach across privately-leased facilities. DBPR will continue to provide customer service and licensing support by phone and other methods to enable continuity of operations during these facility restrictions.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Office of Children and Families’ (DCF) Office of Child Welfare is sending regular communication about COVID-19 specifically to child care providers, directing them to follow the CDC’s Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). An FAQ document for providers was also posted on DCF’s Child Care webpage.

Office of Child Welfare is disseminating a survey to licensed child care providers to assess closures throughout the state, with no close is at the discretion of each individual facility.

Vice President Chad Poppell continues to send regular communication to all DCF staff, contracted partners, and licensed facilities and providers) about COVID-19, including precautionary measures (as outlined by the CDC) and temporary policy updates.
working with DOH to develop precautionary protocols for child welfare professionals and adult protective investigators to ensure the safety of those vulnerable populations. 

Status update calls with both internal leadership and leadership from external contracted partners. For the time being, these calls take place twice weekly, every Tuesday and Friday.

Established strategies for COVID-19 prevention at all three state mental health treatment facilities, as well as the South Florida facilities run by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, a contracted partner. They are reporting daily updates to ensure compliance and monitor potential outbreaks.

Restricted visitation at all state-owned and contracted mental health treatment facilities through April 15. Meanwhile, all staff are being screened according to CDC/DOH guidelines prior to entry.

Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency is communicating with DEO regarding work requirements and CareerSource operations.

Department of Economic Opportunity has temporarily closed all economic self-sufficiency storefronts to the public. Customers of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF), and Medicaid programs are encouraged to utilize the online Self-Serve, also make phone calls or submit information through secure drop boxes that have been placed outside at existing store fronts.

Federal Services staff throughout the state are working with lessors and janitorial contractors to increase sanitizing measures, especially restrooms and common areas. They also began taking inventory of sanitizing supplies (disinfecting wipes, sanitizer, etc.) and are ordering more as needed.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time. Community Corrections officers are working with offenders on supervision to adjust reporting schedules to minimize contacts with offices and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Office of Health Services coordinates with the Department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring as it is disseminated from the Department and the CDC.

Suspended visitation at all correctional institutions statewide through April 5, 2020. The decision to reinstate the normal visitation will be evaluated in consultation with the Department.

Inmates will continue to have access to mail, email, phone calls and video visitation. Legal visits will not be impacted.

Department of Health Services has partnered with vendors to provide some complimentary phone and video visitation services. Activities within correctional institutions statewide have been suspended.

Entering a correctional institution will be screened, and entrance will be restricted if they: 

- Have traveled internationally or on a cruise within the last 14 days.
- Have signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as cough or shortness of breath.
- Have had contact with someone who has been or is under investigation for COVID-19.

Inmate transfers have been suspended. Critical inmate transfers and intakes have been restricted. Inmate work squads have been restricted.

A plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases. The Department has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19. Policies are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness are being followed per CDC recommendations.

OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

DeSantis’ request to the federal U.S. Small Business Administration to make the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program available to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 has been granted. Small businesses are eligible to apply for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans that offer up to $2 million in economic assistance to help small businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue caused by COVID-19.
A Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has created a Frequently Asked Questions document for individuals whose business has been negatively impacted by mitigation efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by DEO, provides short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced injury from COVID-19. The application period is open and runs through May 8, 2020. Interested businesses should visit FloridaSmallBusinessLoans.org for more information.

A Damage Assessment survey is activated to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations. The survey, managed by DEO, will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so that appropriate relief programs can begin. The survey can be taken online at https://floridadisaster.biz/.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Secretary of Education Richard Corcoran directed public and private K-12 and career and technical center campuses to cancel all testing for the 2019-2020, and institute distance learning by March 30th. School districts are encouraged to operate virtually or through other non-classroom-based means to the greatest extent possible to implement distance learning.

School districts should be prepared to extend their educational calendars through June 30, 2020, to the extent feasible and necessary. Duval, Sumter and Union county school districts, which are completing their extended spring break on March 20th, will remain closed through April 15, 2020, although they will begin instruction virtually on March 23.

School districts should prepare students with identified IEP-related services who may have a disruption in services, school districts are given flexibility in the latter part of the school year to provide alternative services or delay services until later in the summer months, in coordination with the student and IEP team.

Florida, Sumter and Collier school districts have implemented distance learning which will begin on March 23rd upon the completion of the extended spring break. All other school districts will begin distance learning on March 30th.

Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner Corcoran cancelled all remaining assessments for school readiness, voluntary prekindergarten, and final course grades will be evaluated as though those assessments which were cancelled.

School districts will not be calculated for 2019-2020 and schools in turnaround may continue their current status for 2020-2021, except in the event of extended school closures. Student grades will not be calculated for 2019-2020 and schools in turnaround may continue their current status for 2020-2021, except in the event of extended school closures.

Commissioner of Education may reduce required instructional hours as necessary to accommodate for closures.

A Department of Education and K-12 school districts were instructed to redirect unspent 2019-2020 funds from Reading Instruction Allocation, the Digital Classroom Allocation and the Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services.

School districts are permitted to redirect unspent 2019-2020 funds from the Safe Schools and Mental Health allocations to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services.

Facilitate the remote connection between teachers and students, K-12 school districts are further permitted to redirect 2019-2020 funds from the Mental Health Counseling Services to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services.

School districts are permitted to redirect unspent 2019-2020 funds from the Safe Schools and Mental Health allocations to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services.

Districts are strongly recommended for Florida Bright Futures scholarships shall be based on available data and results. Tests that were not available to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services.

Facilitate the remote connection between teachers and students, and therefore staff and contractors can be paid fully, through June 30, 2020, as though there was no disruption in extended school closings. Exam fees for teacher certification-related examinations will be waived, and test takers who were unable to test due to test site locations closing will be granted an extension to meet these requirements.

Commissioner Corcoran urged adherence to the CDC’s guidance for higher-risk populations by cancelling any mass gatherings, and therefore staff and contractors can be paid fully, through June 30, 2020, as though there was no disruption in extended school closings. Exam fees for teacher certification-related examinations will be waived, and test takers who were unable to test due to test site locations closing will be granted an extension to meet these requirements.

Commissioner Corcoran strongly recommend school readiness and voluntary prekindergarten programs adhere to the CDC’s guidance for higher-risk populations by limiting students and employees to no more than 10 people convening in a single occupied space, the school day into groups as necessary, maintaining social distancing best practices and proper hygiene.
services provided by the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to clients shall be provided solely through.

The department will work with appropriate federal authorities to seek waivers for any federal requirements that may be impacted by the pandemic. State colleges, and private college and campuses and buildings are closed for the remainder of the spring semester. Institutions are encouraged to operate virtually or through other non-classroom-based means to the greatest extent possible.

Students should be prepared to extend their educational calendars through June 30, 2020, to the extent feasible and necessary.

Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance and response and will be holding daily calls to update districts on preparation efforts.

She established a resource website for educators, parents, and students to utilize free resources that help students during COVID-19 at http://www.fldoe.org/em-response.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Prudom hosted a conference call with the Director of Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Secretary of DCF to discuss APS high-risk referrals in the current crisis.

The Aging Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) Program distributed the SHINE press release—offering guidance for seniors to protect themselves from Medicare fraud—to more than 4,000 recipients including Area Agencies on Aging and DOEA independent agencies.

The department shared the Florida Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (FLVOAD) guidelines for volunteers and volunteers’ organizations during the COVID-19 outbreak in Florida with leadership at the Florida Association of Senior Centers (FASC) for distribution to the senior center network.

The department disseminated the FLVOAD guidelines to over 2,500 individuals who receive Florida’s Livable Communities elder-friendly program, providing ongoing technical assistance to all 11 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) regarding the provision of meals, telehealth services, Adult Day Care closures and subsequent services being provided in clients homes, transportation, health and wellness check-ins, virtual wellness checks, and respite services.

The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) continues to work with LTCOP staff and Regional Ombudsman Managers on issues relating to COVID19.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Florida State Parks remain open for day use; however, all Florida State Parks have changed day-use visitation hours to continue to keep the public updated on park operational status through the Florida State Parks web page and social media. In order to balance necessary resources, the following parks are currently closed, effective March 19:

- Caladesi Island State Park
- Fort Pierce Inlet State Park
- Florida State Caverns State Park
- County ordinances closing adjacent public beaches, the following parks are currently closed, effective, Friday, March 20:
  - Dinosaur Park
  - Dinosaur Beach State Park
  - Dry Lake State Park
  - Anderson Beach State Park

Additionally, in order to implement the Governor’s directive to limit crowds on public beaches to less than 10, effective March 19, the visitor capacity at State Parks with beaches and swimming areas. The department will actively evaluate the effectiveness of these actions and will take additional actions if warranted up to and including park closures. The following parks will be subject to these reductions and could be subject to closure if social distancing objectives are not achieved or adhered to:

- Andrews State Park (includes Shell Island)
- Ponce de Leon Springs State Park
- Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park
- Ichetucknee Springs State Park
- Rainbow Springs State Park
- Manatee Springs State Park (includes Anderson’s Landing)
Administrative offices remain open and operational from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Based on guidance from the Department of Health Services to help protect our visitors and employees, DEP will temporarily close all DMS-managed facilities to the public beginning March 19 until Sunday, April 19. We look forward to continuing to assist residents by phone or email. DEP Regulatory information can be found here: https://floridadep.gov/districts.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Section of Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor has issued an Emergency Order to waive current state regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be delivered quickly and efficiently throughout the state. The Florida Highway Patrol is deploying personnel and equipment to assist Broward Memorial Healthcare System and Florida's drive-through testing efforts.
URANCE REGULATION

Issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-03M directing all insurers and other entities regulated by OIR to review and update continuity and/or continuity of operations plans. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity and/or continuity of operations become compromised so it can work with insurers to avoid any disruption in consumer service. Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level. Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Commissioners to share information and resources.

Issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to use every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and DOH information and resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation. OIR is working with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and

all practicable options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19. OIR has issued Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to ensure that prescription refills following the Governor’s Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.

spoken with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to treatment.

aching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly informing policyholders.

Issued notices to all of its employees providing resources regarding COVID-19 and outlining the steps recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Florida Department of Health to take preventative health measures.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

A Department of Juvenile Justice’s Office of Health Services developed COVID-19 guidance for all facilities serving youth. This included Center for Disease Control criteria on how to assess and care for youth who are exhibiting fever and respiratory symptoms, environmental cleaning and disinfection recommendations.

A Department of Juvenile Justice has modified screening protocols and procedures for youth taken into custody by Law Enforcement who are brought to juvenile assessment centers and detention screening units to now include precautionary coronavirus screening protocols. This modified screening protocol was shared with law enforcement partners statewide.

A Department of Juvenile Justice has issued an emergency order that will suspend visitation at all state-operated juvenile detention and juvenile residential commitment programs until April 15, 2020 and then will evaluate the health and safety of resuming visitation protocols. DJJ has also instituted additional screening measures for outside vendors who work within juvenile facilities. Family members and friends are still permitted to visit youth for treatment purposes, instructional personnel are permitted to provide educational services, and legal advocates are permitted to conduct legal visits with youth.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

A Department of Law Enforcement’s (FDLE) Firearm Purchase Program processed more than 53,000 transactions since March 17, including 11,645 transactions on March 19, an all-time single-day record and a 430% increase over the average for this time of year.

Working with state and local agencies and the Florida National Guard to set up testing collection sites in multiple locations and for any responses needed.

Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and Florida’s General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.

Distributed a COVID-19 legal guidance document to all its law enforcement partners in reference to Governor DeSantis and continues regular communication with them.
Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with this information.

RECOVERY

Every day, all Florida Lottery offices remain open to the public. We are continuing to limit public access to a maximum of 10 people at a time, in accordance with the CDC’s social distancing recommendations.

Security Agents at each office are screening anyone who does attempt to enter, mirroring the screening questions required to enter the EOC.

We have also reduced the seating in district office lobbies to ensure at least 6 feet of space is between each chair.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order that waived rules to allow for state employees to use any type of leave related to COVID-19, including self-isolation after potential exposure, staying home with children due to child care disruptions, and time needed to take care of dependents like an elder parent. The order also waived rules to expand the ability for state employees to give to fellow employees.

DeSantis directed the Department of Management Services Secretary Jonathan Satter to allow state employees to use their available leave time to other state employees to mitigate the impacts of school closures.

DeSantis directed the Department of Management Services’ (DMS) Emergency Support Function-7 (ESF-7) Logistics team to work with the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management on identifying the equipment or supplies that may be needed to respond to COVID-19.

The Division of Human Resource Management has provided guidance to agencies on implementing preventive actions in the workplace, including screening for symptoms, using leave, utilizing health insurance benefits, and applying travel restrictions and telework policies.

The Division of State Group Insurance continues to coordinate with health plan providers to ensure that state employee health care providers receive the health benefits that can assist them and their dependents if needed.

The Division of Real Estate Development and Management (REDM) continues to provide guidance to agency facility managers on steps to take to prevent workplace contamination and to pre-position environmental vendors to mobilize in the event additional supplies are needed.

The Division of Real Estate Development and Management continues to identify, purchase, and distribute additional hand sanitizing supplies to state-maintained facilities.

The Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with users and vendor of the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio (SLERS) vendors to ensure the continuation of mission critical services if a reduction of staffing resources occurs.

The Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with statewide public safety communications personnel to ensure emergency communications systems are not impacted by potential reductions in staffing resources.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS


The State National Guard continues to support the State’s COVID-19 response as we enter the operational phase of the Community Based Drive-Through Screening operations. Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical (TFM) elements in support of Florida Department of Health’s (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations. Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical (TFM) elements in support of Florida Department of Health’s (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations. Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical (TFM) elements in support of Florida Department of Health’s (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations. Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical (TFM) elements in support of Florida Department of Health’s (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations. Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical (TFM) elements in support of Florida Department of Health’s (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations. Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical (TFM) elements in support of Florida Department of Health’s (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations.

A National Guard has activated Guardsmen to augment the State Emergency Operations Center and local emergency management at the state.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

AHCA sent information to all Providers on provider payment flexibility due to adjustments being made as a result of COVID-19.
Implementing telework for employees throughout the state as directed by Governor DeSantis to reduce possible exposures to APD-licensed group homes, as well as APD’s three state-run centers in Marianna, Gainesville, and Chattahoochee, as well as APD-licensed group homes, are in compliance with the Executive Order to protect the health and safety of our customers. Continues to provide an up-to-date status on COVID-19, best practices, preventative tips, and CDC guidance, in addition to APD providers, Waiver Support Coordinators, Stakeholders, and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Property Tax Oversight (PTO) program is reminding county property appraisers of their existing statutory authority to grant extensions beyond the April 1 deadline for taxpayers to file tangible personal property tax returns. PTO is also advising taxpayers about this deadline to contact their county property appraisers’ offices for more information about requesting a tax extension. Department of Revenue has temporarily closed all offices in Florida to the general public. The Department is encouraging customers to use the alternative electronic options detailed below while in-person services are suspended. Department has added a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers at com/childsupport/coronavirus. The website includes comprehensive information for alternative options for handling many routine child support case activities without visiting an office. Efforts also include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of court hearings related to their child support cases in the local courts where the hearings are scheduled in case the courts have new requirements, such as appearing to testify. Department of Revenue has established a dedicated team to address tax-related issues pertaining to COVID-19 and has created a resource, COVID19TAXHELP@floridarevenue.com, where taxpayers can send questions and concerns. The Department is advising child support customers who are scheduled for court hearings related to their child support case to use our e-services applications to file and pay taxes or contact the call center at (850) 488-6800. Department of Revenue’s General Tax Administration (GTA) program is working with its tax processing vendor to ensure payment processing.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

a Department of State is working to solidify its telework policy and to identify essential employees. Additionally, with the public, we are continuing plans to develop and share valuable resources to the public digitally via social media, website, and increased cleaning of high-traffic areas in the public areas of service centers.

CAREER SOURCE FLORIDA

Communication from Board Chairman Kevin Doyle and President and CEO Michelle Dennard to the CareerSource Florida board with a status update on state workforce system issues related to COVID-19 March 20 and on a recurring basis. Communication with the Department of Economic Opportunity, survey to be distributed March 20 to local workforce development boards requesting information on needs related to Reemployment Assistance processing and other COVID-19 related issues. An email message to LWDB chief executives, board chairs, COOs and communications people requesting appropriate for business partners, links to the most current digital tools and resources provided by state partners and distribution March 19 of digital toolkit with a list of social media accounts to follow and draft social media posts. Department of Economic Opportunity is working with its tax processing vendor to ensure payment processing. Department of Economic Revenue has established a dedicated team to address tax-related issues pertaining to COVID-19 and has created a COVID19TAXHELP@floridarevenue.com, where taxpayers can send questions and concerns. The Department is advising child support customers who are scheduled for court hearings related to their child support case to use our e-services applications to file and pay taxes or contact the call center at (850) 488-6800. Department of Revenue’s General Tax Administration (GTA) program is working with its tax processing vendor to ensure payment processing.
This outreach can quickly be expanded statewide and updated in real time with appropriate messaging depending that may become available. Will be digital and will direct to online rather than in-person resources.

**SITY SYSTEM**

has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the Spring semester. Those who can return home should return home. has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university will develop an alternate schedule or method of delivery.

**RTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**RTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

March 11, 2020, FDVA is restricting visitor access to its State Veterans’ Nursing Homes and Domiciliary until further notice. This is to temporarily restrict access to essential visitors, such as family members of those residents undergoing end-of-life care. In addition, we are temporarily restricting admissions in our network of state veterans’ homes. Thank you for your understanding.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also temporarily restricted access to their nursing and community living center campuses to essential visitors until further notice.

Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8) is taking additional steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 to protect healthcare workers, veterans and veterans. Facilities within the VISN 8 Network include the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, Veterans’ Hospital and Clinics, Miami VA Healthcare System, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Orange Park VA Medical Center, VA Caribbean Healthcare System, and the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center.

**EDUCATION**

on the importance of social distancing as we maintain an unprecedented remote learning environment. Educational materials have been posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest stops. Educational materials have been posted at all FDOT work sites across the state to help educate contractors, vendors, and stakeholders. Educational materials have been posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and exits. Trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to frequently throughout the day.
SN 8 facilities are transitioning to virtual appointments to the fullest extent to allow veterans to stay at home, avoid exposure, and reduce their risk; Veterans with appointments will be contacted several days beforehand to discuss virtual appointments available to them.

Veterans can help with this transition by visiting the VA Video On-Demand webpage for more information: https://mobile.va.gov/content/getting-started-0.

Veterans enrolled for care within VISN 8 can continue to use the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center for 24/7 virtual urgent care, call 777-741-3400 (toll free) or by using the VA Health Chat App. Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms or a cold should contact the center first before coming to a VA facility.

SN 8 facilities will cease non-urgent elective procedures. Any impacted veterans will be contacted directly by their health care providers to reschedule. Urgent and emergent elective procedures will continue during this period.

SN 8 facilities are further restricting visitations. Only one visitor will be permitted per veteran if required to provide assistance to and from an appointment, providing support to an inpatient in a palliative or hospice care unit, or for veterans undergoing major procedures. Visitors who screen positive will not be granted access to the medical centers.

These newly announced actions do not supersede or replace activities announced by VISN 8 last week. All VISN 8 facilities have mandatory and enhanced screening protocols for all patients, employees and visitors, have restricted visitations to essential personnel, and have taken many other actions to mitigate the infection and spread of the virus.

Centers in Florida, which provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to veterans and families, are operating with enhanced screening protocols. At this time, veterans may appear in person or opt in advance for an optional phone appointment.

Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries are open for burial and visitation by the public. Florida has nine National Cemetery locations. To schedule a burial, please call 800-535-1117, option 1. In light of concerns regarding COVID-19, some families with direct interments of their loved ones and postpone the formal committal services to a later date. Beginning March 23, committal services will no longer be provided at Florida’s National Cemeteries. Contact your local National Cemetery for additional information.

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Regional Offices will be closed to the public starting March 19. The St. Petersburg Regional Office will remain open, but will no longer accept walk-ins for claims assistance, scheduled appointments, counseling and other in-person services. Veterans can continue to get information about benefits or file a claim for benefits by visiting our website at va.gov. Veterans with other questions may request information via Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS)or telephone at 1-800-827-1000. All services provided to veterans, families, and survivors will continue to be delivered throughout the duration of COVID-19 efforts. As of March 23, the Board is suspending all video, travel board, and VA Central Office hearings through at least August 31.

A VA Homeless Veteran Coordinator in Florida, call toll free 1-800-827-1000.

Flights have been postponed nationwide until May 31, 2020. VA facilities remain fully operational. Visit FloridaVets.org for the latest information.

VISIT FLORIDA is wholly focused on providing health and safety information to travelers and Floridians. This includes the activities which includes the latest updates from state emergency response professionals hosted on VisitFlorida.com. All promotions are paused.

VISIT FLORIDA is planning for future marketing campaigns to ensure that Florida’s tourism industry has a strong, unified voice.

VISIT FLORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact visitor sentiment to Florida. VISIT FLORIDA remains in close contact with industry partners and travel organizations and is committed to providing the latest information as it becomes available.
FLORIDA

As an agency for volunteerism and service, Volunteer Florida is working to support voluntary organizations across the state in accessing resources, surveying needs and requesting that continuity of operations plans be created to avoid any service delivery gaps. Volunteer Florida continues to work with Mass Care on the anticipated need of volunteers and safety guidelines that should be followed by volunteers and clients.

Florida encourages volunteers to screen themselves for COVID-19 (per CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines) before serving.

AND WILDLIFE CONVERSATION COMMISSION

Officers are assisting Bay County SO with beach patrol related to social distancing (EO 20-68).

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March 21, 2020

Mayor Bryan K Barnett
President
The United States Conference of Mayors

Mayor Greg Fischer
Vice President
The United States Conference of Mayors

Mayor Nana Whaley
Second Vice President
The United States Conference of Mayors

Dear Mayors Barnett, Fischer and Whaley,

Thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented health crisis being faced across America. As a nation, we will continue to collectively rise to the challenge to navigate the threat of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and we believe our nation will come out of this stronger and more unified. To meet critical needs, the hardworking men and women of the non-alcoholic beverage industry are working in your communities around the clock to bring beverages from bottling plant to retailer and into the hands of consumers.

During this time, it is crucial that essential personnel and the American public at-large have access to beverages such as bottled water, teas, sports drinks and other functional beverages that not only serve as hydration, but can also provide electrolytes, antioxidants and other essential vitamins and minerals. In order to keep grocery stores and retail establishments stocked, it is critical you encourage your fellow mayors to work with their governors to align on this serious issue.

As the leaders of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), we respectfully request that you work with your fellow mayors on the following:

- **Follow Federal Guidance on Essential Workers**: On Thursday, the Department of Homeland Security issued guidance on essential infrastructure and workforce, which reflects the aligned position of the nation’s health, food safety, transportation, workforce and national security agencies. The guidance identified “workers supporting groceries, pharmacies and other retail that sells food and beverage products” as “essential critical infrastructure workers.” We request that mayors and local officials adhere to this guidance so that the food and beverage industry can support them in meeting the challenge of keeping our retail and grocery establishments stocked with foods, beverages, medical supplies and other goods required by their consumers.
Doing so will ensure continuity of the food and beverage supply – as well as other essential goods and services for Americans – and limit any potential confusion from state to state. Earlier this week, the American Beverage Association (ABA) wrote to President Donald Trump and the leadership of the National Governors Association (NGA) making a similar request.

Mayors and other locally elected officials are in a difficult time, when critical action may need to be taken to ensure the health and safety of their constituents. We recognize these decisions are far from easy. USCM is a powerful platform to support mayors across our nation in understanding the importance – and constituent benefit – of following, together, on these critical issues.

As we have communicated throughout this crisis, American consumers should know that, building on decades of good business practices and responsible regulatory policies for good manufacturing and food safety, the food and beverage industry will continue to follow all federal, state and local regulations and guidance.

Again, I thank you both for your leadership, and the difficult but necessary actions you have taken to protect the citizens in your cities. I would greatly appreciate USCM urgently considering this request.

Katherine Lugar
President & CEO
American Beverage Association

CC:

Tom Cochran
CEO and Executive Director
The United States Conference of Mayors

Mayors across the U.S.
Dear Hon. Latham,

In response to the ongoing Coronavirus public health and economic crisis, Mercatus is publishing timely, short essays to address pressing policy questions affecting Congress, state and local governments, and the American economy.

Policymakers and the public have called for bold actions to limit the contraction of markets and provide direct assistance to struggling American families. One concern of direct cash payments is that they can be costly to taxpayers and difficult to quickly distribute to those with the greatest need. Today, Mercatus published an essay by Kevin Erdmann, titled "Get Cash to More Families That Need It Now." Erdmann argues that financial intuitions should be given more discretion in providing customers home equity loans and mortgage refinancing.

Erdmann's commentary was also published in Politico this morning: How Mortgages Can Ease the Downturn.

The main benefits to these policy changes:

- Approximately 81 million homeowners would have access to nearly $19 trillion in home equity on properties valued at nearly $30 trillion.
- It creates a temporary avenue for secured bank lending and providing a way for American families to decide for themselves who needs short-term cash, and to accept responsibility for repayment when the economy stabilizes.

Please regularly check our website for all of the Mercatus Center’s up-to-date research and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Should you have any questions or would like to learn more about this timely report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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US-Mexico-Canada Travel Restrictions

Decisive action taken today will protect Americans, slow the spread of the virus, and help save lives:

- The United States is cooperating closely with Canada and Mexico to ensure that North America has a coordinated approach to combating the pandemic caused by the coronavirus.
- The United States and Canada have agreed to restrict travel at our land border to essential travel only.
- Similarly, the United States and Mexico are finalizing an agreement that will facilitate only essential travel at our southern border.

We are maintaining cross-border activities with Canada and Mexico that support health security, trade, commerce, supply security, and other essential activities while taking critical steps to protect our citizens and to curb spread of the virus.

For more information on these measures please visit the White House fact sheet.

Combatting Disinformation on COVID-19
FEMA Coronavirus Rumor Control Website

The purpose of this FEMA page is to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis, stay informed with our updated myth vs. facts related to the federal (COVID-19) response. Please share with your communities and stakeholders to combat disinformation.
https://www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit coronavirus.gov. You can also visit FEMA's coronavirus (COVID-19) response page for more updates on the federal response.

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Two New Deaths Related to COVID-19, 11 a.m. Update

~603 positive cases in Florida Residents and 55 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

— To keep Florida residents and visitors safe, informed and aware about the status of the virus, The Florida Department of Health has launched a new web-based dashboard that will be updated twice daily. Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 658 total** Florida cases.

There have been a total of 34 deaths in COVID-19 related deaths. One in Broward County and one in Duval County.

These numbers include:

- All positive COVID-19 cases (93 Florida residents and 2 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- Currently 603 positive cases in Florida residents and 55 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

This dashboard allows Floridians to follow the status of the virus in real-time and accurately and transparently share information.

Additional cases and deaths will be added as the Florida Department of Health becomes aware of them.

Future updates to this dashboard will be posted on Florida COVID-19 Cases.

The Florida Department of Health is working with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests run daily, allowing more Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

COVID-19 testing times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily dashboards provide an accurate and transparent share of information.

For more information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.
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For up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 website. For more information on state travel advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information on travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

Questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-7-BEDROPS (1-866-7-233678). The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Florida Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all Florida residents through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Visit the Department of Health on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @HealthyFla. For more information please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov.

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, 6 p.m. Update

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Today, as of 6 p.m., there are 763 total** Florida cases.

These include:

- 1,031 total positive COVID-19 cases (103 Florida residents and 2 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- Currently 706 positive cases in Florida residents and 57 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

The Florida Department of Health continues to partner with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests that are performed, allowing more Floridians to receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Testing at private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from patients. Testing times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports will accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.
On Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard [here](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDEM/bulletins/2827e60).

 Cases that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

 Overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

### On COVID-19

For up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated [COVID-19 website](https://www.floridahealth.gov/coronavirus). For more information on COVID-19 advisories from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), please visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). For more information on the travel advisory issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the [travel advisory website](https://www.travel.state.gov).

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Florida Department of Health

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Visit [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDH.QRS.114), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/HealthyFla) and Twitter at [@HealthyFla](https://twitter.com/HealthyFla). For more information please visit [www.FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.FloridaHealth.gov).

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The State of Florida Issues COVID-19 Updates

Tallahassee, Fla. - The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and avoid the spread of the virus, the Florida Department of Health will issue this update every day, seven days per week.

Governor Ron DeSantis is in constant communication with Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz and Secretary of Health Dr.lat Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

During Governor Ron DeSantis' press briefing at the State Emergency Operations Center, Governor DeSantis announced more actions on COVID-19: 

- Memorial Healthcare System drive-through test site collected 745 samples in the first day of operation. The site received 1,500 collection kits for use.
- A new location for federally supported test sites will be opening in the next week in Jacksonville, Orlando and Miami. These sites will test symptomatic patients, asymptomatic patients, and first responders and healthcare workers regardless of symptoms.
- The Jacksonville site at TIAA Bank Field Lot J opened today.
- The Miami-Dade County site at Hard Rock Stadium is set to open on Monday.
- The Orlando site at the Orange County Convention Center is set to open on Wednesday.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management sent collection kits out to the following areas: Baptist health in Jacksonville: 600
  Orlando health: 600
  University of Tampa test site at Raymond James Stadium (partnership with County and city): 900
  Martin County Cleveland Clinic: 300
  Palm Beach County Health Department: 300
DeSantis directed state officials to identify facilities that could also be used to augment available hospital capacity if needed.

**COVID-19 Overview**

There are more than 18,000 hospital beds available statewide, including nearly 1,700 adult intensive care unit beds.

For the latest on COVID-19, visit the Department's dedicated COVID-19 website. For up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department's dedicated COVID-19 website. For more information on the COVID-19 Advisory, please visit the travel advisory website. For questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-7-BED-FL. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

**Did Know**

COVID-19 is spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. The virus can also be spread on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days after exposure to the virus. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems such as heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department recommends everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Stay home when you are sick;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after coughing or sneezing;
- And wash your hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty; and
- Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

It is not recommended that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases. Masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. Masks are crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a healthcare setting). If you or someone you care for experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after the last contact with community transmission should call ahead to their health care provider and local CHD and mention their recent travel and symptoms.
had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with someone who has confirmed COVID-19, he or she should call ahead to a health care professional and the CHD. The health care provider will determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

What has taken to prepare for and respond to COVID-19:

On March 9, Governor DeSantis issued four executive orders:

Executive Order 20-69: this Executive Order waives in-person meeting requirements so that public officials can safely conduct business without impediment.

Executive Order 20-70: this Executive Order directs all movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches to close in Broward County and Palm Beach County.

Executive Order 20-71: this Executive Order directs all restaurants and food establishments within the state to suspend all food and alcohol consumption for customers.

Executive Order 20-72: this Executive Order prohibits medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedures.

OF HEALTH

In accordance with the direction of Governor DeSantis, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19. Governor DeSantis announced that the State ordered an additional 2,500 test kits to supplement the adequate resources already in place. These additional test kits will enable the Department of Health, working with Florida health care providers, to test 625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in state and all out-of-state travel for state employees.

The Florida Department of Public Health (DOH) immediately activated a dedicated incident command post for on-site response activities.

The DOH held three public health and health care stakeholder conference calls to provide statewide updates on the current outbreak actions and guidance for pandemic planning. Over five hundred participants joined the calls.

Governor DeSantis also established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19. The call center launched Monday, March 2.

The DOH has updated the Florida Health website with frequently asked questions and disseminated an updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying COVID-19 PUIs.

The DOH had a health care provider letter regarding enhanced surveillance and preparedness for COVID-19 to associations, license and certification coalitions and CHDs.

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Section of Governor DeSantis hiring additional epidemiologists from university health programs to help with workload. DeSantis directed the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to extend all existing nursing home and assisted living care licenses for 90 days to remove distraction from patient care.

**OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Operations Center is activated at a Level 1. In communities responding to COVID-19, Governor DeSantis has directed FDEM Director Jared Moskowitz to expedite an $170 million in Hurricane Irma reimbursements to cities, counties and hospital districts that have now reached the threshold to receive funds.

After a thorough assessment of needs, Director Moskowitz has requested the following supplies through Direct Federal Support. Supplies are being delivered on a rolling basis, and inventory is being distributed throughout the state 24 hours a day, to support mobile intensive care units:

- 100 ventilators
- 100 hospital beds
- 1,000 two oz. bottles of hand sanitizer
- 1,000 coveralls
- 1,000 gloves
- 1,000 gowns
- 1,000 collection kits
- 1,000 16 oz. bottles of hand sanitizers
- 1,000 Personal Protective Equipment kits, including coveralls, gowns, and goggles
- 1 million N95 face masks

**HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

Director Mayhew distributed telemedicine guidance to health care providers for behavior analysis services.

Director Mayhew distributed an overview to iBudget providers of the revised payment methodology that will be used over the next few months. Payments will be made to give necessary financial support to providers who would otherwise not receive payment due to funding requirements.

Director Mayhew is working directly with hospitals and large health systems to identify potential vacant wings or buildings to expand hospital inpatient capacity should it become necessary.

In May, Florida became the first state to receive CMS approval of its 1135 Medicaid Waiver giving AHCA more flexibility in funding efforts. This federal action lifts Medicaid prior authorization requirements for critical health care services and allows for expedited enrollment.

Director Mayhew distributed a provider alert to licensed health care providers regarding the Division of Emergency Management’s new ESS visitation restrictions at residential and long-term care facilities.

Coordination with the DEM and the Department is hosting ongoing statewide calls for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, group homes, and adult family care homes in conjunction with the Florida Health Care Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees are continuing to address critical issues impacting nursing home visitation and providing updates.

Coordination with DEM and the Department is hosting ongoing statewide calls for hospitals in conjunction with the Florida Hospital Association. Secretary Mayhew and Surgeon General Rivkees to provide the most up-to-date information to hospital partners caring for aging and vulnerable populations.

Previously opening an event on the Emergency Status System (ESS) for hospitals to enter census information, emergency and isolation beds, AHCA expanded the ESS event to track nursing homes and assisted living facility bed capacity, etc.

Director Mayhew is working directly with hospitals and large health systems to identify potential vacant wings or buildings to expand hospital inpatient capacity should it become necessary.
Distributing information regarding regulatory flexibilities created by waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to skilled nursing facilities, critical access hospitals, home health agencies, durable medical equipment, providers of hospice care, and other health care providers and suppliers.

Participated in a collaborative call with the Florida Health Care Association, Florida Hospital Association and LeadingAge Florida to discuss patient transfer arrangements between health care facilities such as nursing homes and hospitals.

The Medicaid Program announced coverage of commercial testing for COVID-19 for dates of service back to February 2020.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

Shared information with all agency staff statewide pertaining to the declaration of a state public health emergency, state of emergency as ordered in EO 20-51, and FDOH information and resources available on the dedicated FDOH COVID-19 webpage. Communication with staff has emphasized the best practices and preventive steps recommended by FDOH for impeding the spread of illness.

Emergency Coordinating Officer and State Mass Care Coordinator is supporting the initiation of FDOH’s joint information assistance as requested of State Emergency Support Function 6.


Incorporating informational comments on all on-site inspection reports issued to public lodging, public food service, and alcoholic beverage license holders that will promote situational awareness of the current public health emergency and will direct parties to the dedicated COVID-19 webpage for guidance and resources related to prevention best practices. Copies of informational flyers from the FDOH will also be available for inspectors to distribute when interacting with managers of these premises.

Suspended all official business visits, including inspections, that involve licenses located at a facility covered under an FDOH suspension issued pursuant to FDEM Emergency Order 20-002.

Hosted a senior management meeting with all program directors on Monday, 03.16.2020, to discuss the latest departmental operations associated with COVID-19 in Florida.

Providing guidance to appointed professional licensing boards related to procedural considerations and available teleconferencing, web-based or telephonic board meetings.

Issued an emergency order, EO 2020-01 to extend license renewal deadlines and renewal requirements for a period of time with an existing renewal deadline occurring in the months of March or April, 2020.

Distributed the Governor’s Executive Order (EO-20-68) regarding bars, nightclubs, beaches, and restaurants to all known license holders for alcoholic beverage, public food service, and public lodging license holders. DBPR will continue to provide guidance relating to the directives of EO 20-68 to impacted parties through the DBPR Emergency Information Page, social media, and outreach to industry and public sector partners.

Launched a dedicated emergency information page ([http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/emergency/](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/emergency/)) with direct links to the Florida Department of Health’s COVID-19 webpage as well as information on agency emergency orders, schedule and meeting changes for divisions and divisions, resources and other emergency information. It also includes links to: the Florida Business Damage Assessment Survey Program, Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program, Reemployment Assistance Program, and U.S. Small Business Administration resources.

Distributed a document titled [Frequently Asked Questions Related to Restaurant, Bars and Nightclubs](https://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/emergency/) pursuant to Governor’s directive.

Implemented the DMS restrictions on public access at DMS-managed facilities and has adopted the same approach for privately-leased facilities. DBPR will continue to provide customer service and licensing support by phone and other methods to enable continuity of operations during the facility restrictions.

Distributed the Governor’s Executive Order (EO-20-71) regarding alcohol sales, restaurants and gyms to all known license holders for alcoholic beverage, public food service, and public lodging license holders. DBPR will continue to provide guidance relating to the directives of EO 20-71 to impacted parties through the DBPR Emergency Information Page, social media, and outreach to industry and public sector partners.
Coordinating with specific providers to issue provisional licenses for child care services to support Florida’s first responders.

H, and DOE are developing guidance for child care providers to assist with COVID-19 prevention in facilities and safety. They consolidated all entrances to state and contracted mental health treatment facilities into one entrance to ensure all staff and visitors are screened prior to entrance. Visitation has also been suspended at all facilities until April 15.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time. Community Corrections officers are working with offenders on supervision to adjust reporting schedules to minimize congestion of facilities and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Office of Health Services coordinates with the Department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring information as it is disseminated from the Department and the CDC. Suspended visitation at all correctional institutions statewide through April 5, 2020. The decision to reinstate the normal visitation schedule will be evaluated in consultation with the Department.

Inmates will continue to have access to mail, email, phone calls and video visitation. Legal visits will not be impacted.

FDC has partnered with vendors to provide some complimentary phone and video visitation services.

Inmates have been screened prior to entrance. Activities within correctional institutions statewide have been suspended. Activities within the institution will be screened, and entrance will be restricted if they:

- Have traveled internationally or on a cruise within the last 14 days.
- Have signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as cough or shortness of breath.
- Have had contact with someone who has been or is under investigation for COVID-19.
- Have been symptomatic.

Inmate transfers and intakes have been restricted. Inmate work squads have been restricted. FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases. FDC activated its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.

FDC has been provided to staff, inmates, and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19. Protocols are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness. Provisions are being followed per CDC recommendations.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has approved the first two Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans for Florida small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

DeSantis directed DEO to Waive Job Search Requirements for claimants (i.e., individuals who file for Reemployment Assistance). In addition to waiving the online work registration requirement, enabling DEO to suspend the requirement, he also directed DEO to waive benefit charges for employers, by waiving the benefit charges, employers may be rewarded by increased benefits paid to employees.

DeSantis’ request to the federal U.S. Small Business Administration to make the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program available to Florida’s small businesses impacted by COVID-19 has been granted. Small businesses are eligible to apply for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans that offer up to $2 million in economic assistance to help small businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue caused by COVID-19.

Governor DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by DEO, provides short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experience financial hardships due to the pandemic.

The Florida Department of Emergency Management Damage Assessment survey is activated to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations. The report, by DEO, will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so that appropriate relief programs can begin. The survey can be taken online at https://floridadisaster.biz/.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran directed public and private K-12 and career and technical center campuses to close by March 23, 2020, and institute distance learning by March 30th. School districts should be prepared to extend their educational calendars through June 30, 2020, to the extent feasible and necessary, for Duval, Sumter and Union county school districts, which are all completing their extended spring break on March 20, 2020, and will remain closed through April 15, 2020, although they will begin instruction virtually on March 23.

Students with identified IEP-related services who may have a disruption in services, school districts are given flexibility to provide alternative services or delay services until later in the summer months, in coordination with the IEP team.

Ron DeSantis and Commissioner Corcoran cancelled all remaining assessments for school readiness, voluntary prekindergarten, K-12, career and technical centers and state college programs will receive the Reading Instruction Allocation, the Digital Classroom Allocation and the Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance funds for Florida Bright Futures scholarships shall be based on available data and results. Tests that were not available to students grades will not be calculated for 2019-2020 and schools in turnaround may continue their current status for 2020-2021 to school leadership and operations.

Commissioner of Education may reduce required instructional hours as necessary to accommodate for closures. The Department of Education and K-12 school districts were instructed to redirect unspent 2019-2020 funds from Reading Instruction Allocation, the Digital Classroom Allocation and the Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services.

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Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance and response and will be holding daily calls to update districts on preparation efforts.

They established a resource website for educators, parents, and students to utilize free resources that help students during this time at http://www.fldoe.org/em-response.

OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Secretary Prudom has reached out to DBPR Secretary Beshears to discuss how the agencies may work together and with the business community and workers in the restaurant business with the needs of the elderly and meal delivery services.

Working with private food vendors including Mom’s Meals and Feeding Florida to expand current emergency meal capabilities. They also worked with Livable Communities in Florida to assist seniors not currently enrolled in DOEA food programs on how to locate sites and the sites’ food delivery and drive-thru food services.

Created content messaging for caregivers and the Dementia Care and Cure Initiative as it relates to strategic tips during this crisis.

Holds a daily conference call with Executive Directors from the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and their program staff to address the needs of the elderly and implementing program flexibility to ensure ongoing provision of services.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Florida State Parks remain open for day use; however, all Florida State Parks have changed day-use visitation hours to continue to keep the public updated on park operational status through the Florida State Parks webpage.

To address staffing shortages and balance necessary resources, the following two (2) parks are currently closed, effective today, March 21.

Florida State Caverns State Park

Fanning Springs State Park

Under the Governor’s direction and CDC guidance, effective today, March 21, the Department is closing state beach parks to prevent large gatherings along the beaches of Florida. While these beach parks will be closed, we have many other Florida State Parks open for day-use recreation, including hiking and biking. It is extremely important that visitors continue practicing social distancing to enjoy the beautiful nature outside. To locate other state parks in their region, visitors can use the “Find A Park” feature on stateparks.org.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and the Department will continue to provide daily updates on socialmedia.
administrative offices remain open and operational from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Based on guidance from the Department Services to help protect our visitors and employees, DEP will temporarily close all DMS-managed facilities to the public beginning March 19 until Sunday, April 19. We look forward to continuing to assist residents by phone or email. DEP Regulatory Information can be found here: https://floridadep.gov/districts.

DEP continues to work to identify ways to develop a safe and sustainable work environment for all of our employees that will allow us to perform all of our core functions and meet our agency’s mission. DEP has developed initial plans that will enable staffing beginning March 20, 2020. These plans are designed, and are expected to be, adaptive to meet any new guidance that may arise, as well as ensure that unique staffing needs are appropriately addressed.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

section of Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor has issued an Emergency Order to extend driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards that will expire in the next 30 days. The Department continues to encourage Floridians through social media and other channels to use convenient online options to continue to perform all of our core functions and meet our agency’s mission. DEP has developed initial plans that will enable staffing beginning March 20, 2020. These plans are designed, and are expected to be, adaptive to meet any new guidance that may arise, as well as ensure that unique staffing needs are appropriately addressed.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) has been in regular communication with the Florida Tax Collectors Association as well as Tax Collectors across the state. FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes has waived common service regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be delivered quickly and efficiently throughout the state.

The department has been in close communication with the Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, and all other relevant partners regarding the department’s emergency orders impacting Florida driver licenses and commercial vehicles. Florida Highway Patrol has deployed personnel and equipment to assist the Florida National Guard and healthcare partners in existing efforts in Broward and Duval.

URANCE REGULATION
issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-03M directing all insurers and other entities regulated by OIR to review and/or update continuity and/or continuity of operations plans. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity and/or if business operations become compromised so it can work with insurers to avoid any disruption in consumer service. Commissioner David Altmaier is actively engaged with insurers and key partners at the state and national level.

Commissioner Altmaier is collaborating with other state insurance commissioners and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to share information and resources.

Issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-01M to all health insurers and health maintenance organizations, directing them to utilize every channel available to them to communicate with their policyholders and share official CDC and DOH information. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity of operations plans fall short of the minimum necessary resources to inform consumers of available benefits, quickly respond to inquiries, and avoid and dispel misinformation. Companies are also directed to work with public health officials to do everything possible to prepare and respond; and establish viable and practical options to reduce the barriers of cost-sharing for testing and treatment of COVID-19. OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to fill prescription refills following the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida.

Commissioner Altmaier spoke with multiple insurers who are voluntarily waiving cost-sharing for consumers in an effort to remove barriers to testing and treatment of COVID-19. OIR is reaching out to insurers regarding their response to COVID-19 and working with insurers to make sure they are properly communicating to consumers.

Issued notices to all of its employees providing resources regarding COVID-19 and outlining the steps recommended by the Department of Health and Florida Department of Health to take preventative health measures.

ARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Department of Juvenile Justice’s Office of Health Services developed COVID-19 guidance for all facilities serving youth. The guidance included Center for Disease Control criteria on how to assess and care for youth who are exhibiting fever and respiratory symptoms, environmental cleaning and disinfection recommendations.

A Department of Juvenile Justice has modified screening protocols and procedures for youth taken into custody by law enforcement and brough to juvenile assessment centers and detention screening units to now include precautionary coronavirus screening measures. This modified screening protocol was shared with law enforcement partners statewide.

A Department of Juvenile Justice has issued an emergency order that will suspend visitation at all state-operated juvenile residential commitment programs until April 15, 2020 and then will evaluate the health and safety of resumption plans. DJJ has also instituted additional screening measures for outside vendors who work within juvenile facilities. Youth are still permitted to visit youth for treatment purposes, instructional personnel are permitted to provide educational services, and law enforcement personnel are permitted to conduct legal visits with youth.

ARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Coordinating with the FBI and the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council to obtain a federal rule and perform name-based criminal history record checks. This will enable regulatory agencies the ability to quickly backfill positions such as nurses and doctors that are coming out of retirement to support the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working with state and local agencies and the Florida National Guard to set up testing collection sites in multiple locations.

A Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security Command for any responses needed.

Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and the Department of Law Enforcement's General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.

Distributed a COVID-19 legal guidance document to all its law enforcement partners in reference to Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order 20-60, which continues regular communication with them.

Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as links to Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with tips.
In light of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, all Florida Lottery offices remain open to the public. We are continuing to limit public access to a maximum of 10 per office in accordance with the CDC’s social distancing recommendations. Security Agents at each office are screening anyone who does attempt to enter, mirroring the screening questions required into the EOC.

We have also reduced the seating in district office lobbies to ensure at least 6 feet of space is between each chair.

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

In accordance with Governor DeSantis, DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order that waived rules to allow employees to use any type of accrued leave for instances related to COVID-19, including self-isolation after potential exposure due to child care or school closures, and time needed to take care of dependents like an elder parent. The order expands the ability for employees to donate leave to fellow employees.

Emergency Support Function-7 (ESF-7) Logistics team continues to coordinate with the Department of Health and the Department of Financial Regulation on identifying the equipment or supplies necessary for a mass response to COVID-19.

The Division of Human Resource Management has provided guidance to agencies on implementing preventive actions in the workplace, including using leave, utilizing health insurance benefits, and applying travel restrictions and telework policies.

The Division of State Group Insurance continues to coordinate with health plan providers to ensure that state employee health plans will receive the health benefits that can assist them and their dependents if needed.

The Division of Real Estate Development and Management continues to provide guidance to agency facility managers across the state to prevent workplace contamination and to pre-position environmental vendors to mobilize in the event a virucidal product is needed.

The Division of Real Estate Development and Management continues to identify, purchase, and distribute additional hand sanitizer supplies to state-maintained facilities.

The Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with users and vendors of the Statewide Law Enforcement System (SLERS) to ensure the continuation of mission critical services if a reduction of staffing resources occurs.

The Division of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with statewide public safety communications personnel to ensure emergency communications systems are not impacted by potential reductions to staffing.

**OF MILITARY AFFAIRS**

1,010 Florida National Guardsmen activated in support of COVID-19.

The National Guard continues to support the State’s COVID19 response as we expand our operational support in coming days with Community Based Testing Sites augmentation in Broward, Orlando, and Miami. The Community Based Testing Site (CBTS) in Broward conducted public health assessments for coronavirus, which are then processed by LabCorp.

The National Guard has activated medical professionals (Army Combat Medic Specialists and Air Force Medical Technicians) in the Department of Health’s (DOH) Drive-Through Screening operations. Guardsmen have reported in and formed Task Force Medical, which is now providing support to the Department of Health.

The National Guard has activated Guardsmen to augment the State Logistics Readiness Center, the State’s Logistics Branch, as a logistics magnification center to provide the logistics needs of the Florida National Guard formations on mission.

The National Guard has activated Guardsmen to augment the State Emergency Operations Center and local emergency management representatives within the state.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

AHCA sent information to all Providers on provider payment flexibility due to adjustments being made as a result of Governor DeSantis implementing telework for employees throughout the state as directed by Governor DeSantis to reduce possible exposure of the state’s three state-run centers in Marianna, Gainesville, and Chattahoochee, as well as APD-licensed group homes, and to ensure compliance with the Executive Order to protect the health and safety of our customers.
needs to provide an up-to-date status on COVID-19, best practices, preventative tips, and CDC guidance, in addition to APD providers, Waiver Support Coordinators, Stakeholders, and APD employees.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Property Tax Oversight (PTO) program is reminding county property appraisers of their existing statutory authority to grant extensions beyond the April 1 deadline for taxpayers to file tangible personal property tax returns. PTO is also advising taxpayers to contact their county property appraisers’ offices for more information about requesting the extension. The Department of Revenue has temporarily closed all offices in Florida to the general public. The Department is encouraging customers to use the alternative electronic options detailed below while in-person services are suspended.

PTO is also advising taxpayers about this deadline to contact their county property appraisers’ offices for more information about requesting the extension. The Department of Revenue has added a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers at www.floridarevenue.com/childsupport/coronavirus. The comprehensive information for alternative options for handling many routine child support case activities without visiting an office. Efforts also include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of appointments.

The Department of Revenue is advising child support customers who are scheduled for court hearings related to their child support cases to contact their county property appraisers’ offices for more information about requesting the extension.

The Department of Revenue has established a dedicated team to address tax-related issues pertaining to COVID-19 and has added a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers at www.floridarevenue.com/childsupport/coronavirus. The Department is advising child support customers who are scheduled for court hearings related to their child support cases to contact their county property appraisers’ offices for more information about requesting the extension.

The Department of Revenue’s General Tax Administration (GTA) program is working with its tax processing vendor to ensure payment processing.

The Department has increased messaging on preventative measures through the deployment of DOH/CDC posters, ensured and increased cleaning of high-traffic areas in the public areas of service centers.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Department of State is working to solidify its telework policy and to identify essential employees. Additionally, with the public, we are continuing plans to develop and share valuable resources to the public digitally via social media.

CAREER SOURCE FLORIDA

Communication from Board Chairman Kevin Doyle and President and CEO Michelle Dennard to the CareerSource Florida Board with a status update on state workforce system issues related to COVID-19 March 20 and on a recurring basis.

The Department of Economic Opportunity, survey to be distributed March 20 to local workforce development boards, is requesting information on needs related to Reemployment Assistance processing and other COVID-19 related issues. A (or more frequently as needed) email message to LWDB chief executives, board chairs, COOs and communications professionals will also be sent to advise appropriate for business partners, links to the most current digital tools and resources provided by state partners.

A digital toolkit with a list of social media accounts to follow and draft social media posts was developed in March 2019 and continued to expand and update as needed.

A friendly landing page (www.floridaregional.org/coronavirus) with links to the Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program managed by the Florida SBDC Network, the Florida Business Damage Assessment survey and other state and federal programs was available. This resource is to complement existing websites that may not be mobile responsive.

CareerSource Florida is adjusting its board-approved outreach budget for digital advertising to direct employers and career seekers. The outreach will be digital and will direct to online resources.

WELFARE SYSTEM
has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the Spring semester. All students who can return home should return home.

has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university will announce an alternate schedule or method of delivery.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

In accordance with Executive Order 20-71 issued by Governor DeSantis, FDOT has discontinued food services at all of its service plazas, public restrooms, dog walks and convenience stores will remain open at this time.

Monday, March 23, FDOT is closing its SunPass Customer Service Walk-In Centers located throughout the state, including: Upper Creek Milepost 19, Florida Turnpike, Miami; 7902 NW 36th Street, Unit 203, Doral; 7911 Glades Road, Boca Raton; 10137 E. Adamo Drive, Suite 800A, Tampa; Pinellas Bayway Administration Center, 4501 54th Avenue S, St. Petersburg; Ocoee Walk-In Center, 9405 W. Colonial Drive, Ocoee; 1200 White Point Road, Niceville; Emerald Point Bridge, 555 Avalon Boulevard, Milton.

Coordinating with USDOT, the Florida Trucking Association, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Florida Highway Patrol to help mitigate the impacts on the transportation and logistics industries.

To keep toll collectors safe and distanced from customers, FDOT is not accepting cash payments for tolls temporarily. Tolls are accepted via SunPass or Toll-By-Plate until further notice.

Coordinated with transit agencies throughout the state to ensure the safe return of the Florida residents who were quarantined and had previously been aboard the Grand Princess voyage outside of California.

As provided portable roadway signage to the National Guard and is coordinating with other state and local agencies to surround the temporary testing site in Broward County. FDOT is publicizing testing site information regularly on its social media channels.

As provided portable variable message signs to Brevard and Pinellas counties to assist with temporary closure messages.

Completed a request to provide necessary supplies to harbor pilots working at seaports.

In coordination with Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with South Florida Rivkees, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports throughout the state to update the ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.

Secretary Thibault and staff from the department continue to host weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and airports to provide updates related to COVID-19.

Monitoring temporary lane closures near hospitals and Department of Health facilities. If congestion near these facilities occur, FDOT will remove lane restrictions to help ensure mobility within the area.

To Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Thibault has suspended size and weight restrictions on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and necessary agricultural commodities. COVID-19 educational materials have been posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest stops.

COVID-19 educational materials have been posted at all FDOT work sites across the state to help educate contractors, vendors, and stakeholders. FDOT has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and exits. Trains are being cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and encouraged to frequently throughout the day.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

March 11, 2020, FDVA is restricting visitor access to its State Veterans’ Nursing Homes and Domiciliary until further notice. This includes limiting non-essential visitors, such as family members of those residents undergoing end-of-life care. In addition, we are temporarily suspending admissions in our network of state veterans’ homes. Thank you for your understanding.
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also temporarily restricted access to their nursing and community living center visitors until further notice.

Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8) is taking additional steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 to protect healthcare workers, veterans and healthcare workers and veterans. Facilities within the VISN 8 Network include the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, Veterans' Hospital and Clinics, Miami VA Healthcare System, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Orlando Health System, VA Caribbean Healthcare System, and the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center.

Facilities are transitioning to virtual appointments to the fullest extent to allow veterans to stay at home, avoid exposure, and reduce their risk; Veterans with appointments will be contacted several days beforehand to discuss virtual appointment options. Veterans can help with this transition by visiting the VA Video On-Demand webpage for more information: https://mobile.va.gov/content/getting-started-0.

Facilities are further restricting visitations. Only one visitor will be permitted per veteran if required to provide assistance, such as family and from an appointment, providing support to an inpatient in a palliative or hospice care unit, or for veterans who have special needs. Visitors who screen positive will not be granted access to the medical centers.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries are open and will continue to provide interments for veterans. However, effective March 23 — as part of the agency’s response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) — committal services of military funeral honors will discontinue until further notice. Immediate family members (limited to no more than 10) may witness the interment if requested. Families choosing to continue with interment may schedule a committal service. Families wishing to postpone an already scheduled interment to a later date should contact the cemetery as soon as possible to honor their wishes. Although VA national cemeteries remain open to visitors, guests are strongly urged to obey local travel restrictions and necessary travel. Certain portions of a cemetery typically open to the public, such as public information centers or chapels, are open to the public. Contact your local cemetery for updates regarding closures. For more information, contact NCA at 202-897-6181, or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 or schedule a burial arrangement online.

Benefits Administration (VBA) Regional Offices are closed to the public. The St. Petersburg Regional Office will continue to provide employee services. Veterans, families and survivors will continue to be delivered throughout the duration of COVID-19 impacts. VA Homeless Veteran Coordinator in Florida, call toll free 1-800-827-1000.

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which includes the latest updates from state emergency response professionals hosted on VisitFlorida.com. All promoti

ORIDA is planning for future marketing campaigns to ensure that Florida’s tourism industry has a strong, unified voice

To maintain the health and safety of the traveling public and staff, VISIT FLORIDA’s four welcome centers will be closed until further notice. ORIDA is tracking traveler sentiment across online platforms and social media to monitor how COVID-19 may impact travel decisions heading to Florida. VISIT FLORIDA remains in close contact with industry partners and travel organizations and is communicating as it becomes available.

FLORIDA

As the state agency for volunteerism and service, Volunteer Florida is working to support voluntary organizations across the state in obtaining resources, surveying needs and requesting that continuity of operations plans be created to avoid any service delivery gaps. Volunteer Florida participated in a call with partners for all 67 counties.

Florida continues to work with Mass Care on the anticipated need of volunteers and safety guidelines that should be developed.

Florida encourages volunteers to screen themselves for COVID-19 (per CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines/serving.

AND WILDLIFE CONVERSATION COMMISSION

Officers are assisting Bay County SO with beach patrol related to social distancing (EO 20-68).

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CAO Hughes, Dr. Elias and Director Woodard to update media at 4pm at media staging area at TIAA bank field.

If you have any messaging to include, please let me know by 2pm.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

On behalf of U.S. Treasury Secretary Mnuchin, please see an important message regarding financial service sector guidance to State and local officials as they work to protect their communities while ensuring continuity of critical functions to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

A message from U.S. Treasury Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection David B. Lacquement:

Workers across the financial services sector play an important role in supporting the American people and our Nation’s economy. Consistent with the need to ensure access for essential financial services workers, Secretary Mnuchin issued the attached memorandum. This memorandum points to guidelines from the President and the Department of Homeland Security, which provides guidance to State and local officials as they work to protect their communities while ensuring continuity of critical functions to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

Everyone should follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as State and local officials regarding strategies to limit disease spread. We are dedicated to working closely with all of you to ensure the safety of the workforce and ensure the continued operations of the financial services sector in support of our Nation’s economy.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, 6 p.m. Update

~Information released now includes data by city to keep Floridians informed~

— To keep Florida residents and visitors safe, informed and aware about the status of the virus, The Florida Department of Health has launched twice daily case-by-case updates. The case-by-case daily report now includes city-level data to provide more information for Florida residents across the state.

Currently 937 positive cases in Florida residents and 70 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

The Florida Department of Health has partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of positive COVID-19 cases (169 Florida residents and 8 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.

Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from individuals' patients with a positive test result. Testing times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports will accurately and transparently share information.

Information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.
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Florida Resident Cases

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Questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 211. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Florida Department of Health

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The State of Florida Issues COVID-19 Updates

, Fla. - The State of Florida is responding to COVID-19. In an effort to keep Florida residents and visitors safe and avoid the virus, the Florida Department of Health will issue this update every day, seven days per week. Governor DeSantis is in constant communication with Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz and state health commissioner Dr. Mark. Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

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Questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by dialing [1-866-532-4832](https://florida.gov/coronavirus). The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

**Did Know**

COVID-19 is spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes, or are deposited on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose and mouth. COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days after exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems such as heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.

There is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The Department offers everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- close contact with people who are sick;
- staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with persons in poor health;
- touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- covering your cough or sneezing into a tissue, then disposing of the tissue;
- washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after coughing or sneezing;
- if soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands if they are visibly dirty; and
- disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

It is not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases. Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. It is most crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a healthcare setting) who experiences a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days of exposure to community transmission should call ahead to their health care provider and local CHD and mention their recent travel. If the person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area or been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19, he or she should call ahead to a health care professional and the CHD. The health care provider will determine if the person should be tested for COVID-19.

**What has taken to prepare for and respond to COVID-19:**

Governor DeSantis issued four executive orders:

- **Executive Order 20-69**: this Executive Order waives in-person meeting requirements so that public officials can safely conduct business without impediment.
- **Executive Order 20-70**: this Executive Order directs all movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling lanes, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches to close in Broward County and Palm Beach County.
- **Executive Order 20-71**: this Executive Order directs all restaurants and food establishments within the state to suspend indoor and outdoor dining and alcohol consumption for customers.
Executive Order 20-72: this Executive Order prohibits medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedures.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

In accordance with Executive Order 20-72, the Governor’s Proclamation, the Department of Health, working with Florida health care providers, has prioritized the testing of 1,625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in state and out-of-state travel for state employees.

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Myers, the Florida Division of Emergency Management sent collection kits out to the following areas:
- Baptist health in Jacksonville: 600
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y of Tampa test site at Raymond James Stadium (partnership with County and city): 900
rtin County Cleveland Clinic: 300
val County Health Department: 300
ami-Dade County Health Department: 1,200
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HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

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ver providers.
highlighted current testing requirements and criteria for the elderly and medically vulnerable in a health care provider a

PARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

ared information with all agency staff statewide pertaining to the declaration of a state public health emergency, state
as ordered in EO 20-51, and FDOH information and resources available on the dedicated FDOH COVID-19 webpage.
ication with staff has emphasized the best practices and preventive steps recommended by FDOH for impeding the spread
 illnesses.
added a web banner with information on COVID-19 and link to the Florida Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19
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ncorporating informational comments on all on-site inspection reports issued to public lodging, public food service, and
license holders that will promote situational awareness of the current public health emergency and will direct parties to the
webpage for guidance and resources related to prevention best practices. Copies of informational flyers from the FDOH
also be available for inspectors to distribute when interacting with managers of these premises.
suspended all official business visits, including inspections, that involve licenses located at a facility covered under
is implemented pursuant to FDEM Emergency Order 20-002.
ted a senior management meeting with all program directors to discuss the latest departmental actions and prepara-
D-19 in Florida.
providing guidance to appointed professional licensing boards related to procedural considerations and available tec-
, web-based or telephonic board meetings.
ued an emergency order, EO 2020-01 to extend license renewal deadlines and renewal requirements for a period of one
with an existing renewal deadline occurring in the months of March or April, 2020.
has distributed the Governor’s Executive Order (EO-20-68) regarding bars, nightclubs, beaches, and restaurants to all known holders of record for alcoholic beverage, public food service, and public lodging license holders. DBPR will continue to publicize the directives relating to the EO-20-68 to impacted parties through the DBPR Emergency Information Page, social media, and outreach to industry and public sector partners.

DBPR launched a dedicated emergency information page (http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/emergency/) with direct links to the COVID-19 webpage as well as information on agency emergency orders, schedule and meeting changes for divisions, resources and other emergency information. It also includes links to: the Florida Business Damage Assessment Survey, Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program, Reemployment Assistance Program, and U.S. Small Business Administration.

DBPR distributed a document titled Frequently Asked Questions Related to Restaurant, Bars and Nightclubs pursuant to EO-20-68). This document helps to clarify the agency’s role in the enforcement of the Executive Order as well as guidelines for Governor’s directive.

DBPR implemented the DMS restrictions on public access at DMS-managed facilities and has adopted the same approach to privately-leased facilities. DBPR will continue to provide customer service and licensing support by phone and other means to enable continuity of operations during these facility restrictions.

DBPR distributed the Governor’s Executive Order (EO-20-71) regarding alcohol sales, restaurants and gyms to all known holders of record for alcoholic beverage, public food service, and public lodging license holders. DBPR will continue to publicize the directives relating to the EO-20-71 to impacted parties through the DBPR Emergency Information Page, social media, and outreach to industry and public sector partners.

OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Coordinating with specific providers to issue provisional licenses for child care services to support Florida’s first responders.

DH, and DOE are developing guidance for child care providers to assist with COVID-19 prevention in facilities and safe consolidating all entrances to state and contracted mental health treatment facilities into one entrance to ensure all staff and visitors are screened prior to entrance. Visitation has also been suspended at all facilities until April 15.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Department of Corrections (FDC) has no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 within its correctional institutions at this time. Community Corrections officers are working with offenders on supervision to adjust reporting schedules to minimize contact with offices and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Office of Health Services coordinates with the Department for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring any new information as it is disseminated from the Department and the CDC.

Suspended visitation at all correctional institutions statewide through April 5, 2020. The decision to reinstate the normal schedule will be evaluated in consultation with the Department.

Inmates will continue to have access to mail, email, phone calls and video visitation. Legal visits will not be impacted.

FDC has partnered with vendors to provide some complimentary phone and video visitation services.

All activities within correctional institutions statewide have been suspended.

Entering a correctional institution will be screened, and entrance will be restricted if they:
- traveled internationally or on a cruise within the last 14 days.
- have signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as fever, cough or shortness of breath.
- have had contact with someone who has been or is under investigation for COVID-19.
- have had contact with an inmate who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- have had contact with someone who is suspected to have COVID-19.
- have had contact with someone who is under investigation for COVID-19.
- have had contact with someone who has been confirmed to have COVID-19.

All inmate transfers have been suspended.

All commitments and intakes have been restricted.

Mate work squads have been restricted.

A plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.

FDC has activated its Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.

FDC has been provided to staff, inmates and visitors to prevent the spread of any infectious disease, including COVID-19.
Inmates are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness are being followed per CDC recommendations.

OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

A Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has approved the first two Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans by COVID-19.

DeSantis directed DEO to Waive Job Search Requirements for claimants (i.e., individuals who file for Reemployment are not required to submit to DEO the information on the number of employers they contact each week).

DeSantis directed DEO to waive the online work registration requirement, enabling DEO to suspend the requirements and a claimant to register with the state job search portal (Employ Florida).

DeSantis directed DEO to waive benefit charges for employers, by waiving the benefit charges, employers may be required to pay benefits paid to employees.

DeSantis’ request to the federal U.S. Small Business Administration to make the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program available to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 has been granted. Small businesses are eligible to apply for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster loans that offer up to $2 million in economic assistance to help small businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue caused by COVID-19.

DeSantis has created a Frequently Asked Questions document for individuals whose employment has been negatively impacted by the spread of COVID-19.

Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by DEO, provides short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experience a temporary loss of revenue caused by COVID-19. The application period is open and runs through May 8, 2020. Interested businesses should visit www.Florida Disaster.Biz for more information.

An economic Damage Assessment survey is activated to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations. The DEO, will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so that appropriate relief programs can begin. The survey can be taken online at https://floridadisaster.biz/.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Ron DeSantis and Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran directed public and private K-12 and career and technical center campuses to close on March 23, 2020, and institute distance learning by March 30th.

School districts should be prepared to extend their educational calendars through June 30, 2020, to the extent feasible and necessary. Duval, Sumter and Union county school districts, which are all completing their extended spring break on March 20, will remain closed through April 15, 2020, although they will begin instruction virtually on March 23.

For students with identified IEP-related services who may have a disruption in services, school districts are given flexibility to extend the length of the school year to provide alternative services or delay services until later in the summer months, in coordination with the IEP team.

Ron DeSantis and Commissioner Corcoran cancelled all remaining assessments for school readiness, voluntary pre-alignment assessments for graduation and promotion, and final course grades will be evaluated as though those assessments which were not administered.

School grades will not be calculated for 2019-2020 and schools in turnaround may continue their current status for 2020-2021 to school leadership and operations.

For Florida Bright Futures scholarships shall be based on available data and results. Tests that were not available to be counted.

Commissioner of Education may reduce required instructional hours as necessary to accommodate for closures.
A Department of Education and K-12 school districts were instructed to redirect unspent 2019-2020 funds from ReadingInstruction Allocation, the Digital Classroom Allocation and the Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance to help low-income students purchase digital devices and establish Internet services.

To facilitate the remote connection between teachers and students, K-12 school districts are further permitted to redirect unspent 2019-2020 funds from the Safe Schools and Mental Health allocations to the mental health counseling services for students who need emotional support due to COVID-19.

For readiness, voluntary prekindergarten, K-12, career and technical centers and state college programs will receive the same, and therefore staff and contractors can be paid fully, through June 30, 2020, as though there was no disruption in education. Next 120 days, exam fees for teacher certification-related examinations will be waived, and test takers who were unable to test site locations closing will be granted an extension to meet these requirements.

Commissioner Corcoran urged adherence to the CDC’s guidance for higher-risk populations by cancelling any mass gatherings, extracurricular activities, including sports of more than 10 people in a single occupied space at any educational program, voluntary prekindergarten, public and private K-12, career and technical centers, and public and private colleges and universities. Commissioner Corcoran strongly recommend school readiness and voluntary prekindergarten programs adhere to the CDC’s guide for higher-risk populations by limiting students and employees to no more than 10 people convening in a single occupied space, the students into groups as necessary, maintaining social distancing best practices and proper hygiene.

Resources provided by the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to clients shall be provided solely through electronic methods to the extent possible.

The Department will work with appropriate federal authorities to seek waivers for any federal requirements that may be impacted, state colleges, and private college and campuses and buildings are closed for the remainder of the spring semester. All students, faculty, staff, and contractors are encouraged to operate virtually or through other non-classroom-based means to the greatest extent possible.

Commissioner Corcoran is in constant communication with Florida Superintendents and districts to provide guidance and response and will be holding daily calls to update districts on preparation efforts.

He established a resource website for educators, parents, and students to utilize free resources that help students during this time at http://www.fldoe.org/em-response.

OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Joined in a conference call with the Executive Director from The Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Florida to assist in the procurement and meal services through local Emergency Operations Centers and additional community food bank resources in the area. All needs also communicated at the state EOC level.

Information on USDA waiver request allowing non-congregate meals and meals outside of set hours to be provided directly through the Food Programs. The process may start immediately and allows providers to offer meals for pick-up, drive thru, or delivery. This is especially important in the light of Adult Day Care closures throughout the state.

Ongoing technical assistance to the all eleven Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) regarding meal procurement, distribution, logistics, and feeding elders not currently enrolled in food programs.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Florida State Parks remain open for day use; however, all Florida State Parks have changed day-use visitation hours to continue to keep the public updated on park operational status through the Florida State Parks website and social media. To address staffing shortages and balance necessary resources, the following two (2) parks are currently closed, effective March 21 for
Florida State Caverns State Park
Juniper Springs State Park

Under the Governor’s direction and CDC guidance, effective March 21, the Department is closing state beach parks as crowd control due to large groups along the beaches of Florida. While these beach parks will be closed, we have many other state parks and recreation, including hiking and biking. It is extremely important that visitors continue practicing social distancing with
ful nature outside. To locate other state parks in their region, visitors can use the “Find A Park” feature at floridastateparks.org. Due to the rapidly evolving situation, and the Department will continue to provide daily updates on social media and the state parks website.

Each parks currently closed include:
- Amelia Island State Park
- Anastasia State Park
- Clam Key State Park
- John D. McLarty State Park
- Manasota Key State Park
- Nokomis State Park
- Bahia Honda State Park
- Card Sound Point State Park
- Talbot Island State Park
- Baggs Cape Florida State Park
- Black Island State Park
- St. Mary’s Key State Park
- Markham Hammock State Park
- Clear Lake State Park
- Two Rivers-Wiggins Pass State Park
- Biscayne Island State Park
- Shad Island State Park
- Ponce de Leon Inlet State Park (includes Eagle Island) State Park
- Fort Clinch State Park
- Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park
- Caloosahatchee River State Park
- Gasparilla Island State Park
- Bonita Beach State Park
- Nokomis State Park
- Indian Pass State Park
- Fort Myers Beach State Park
- Matlacha State Park
- Gasparilla Island State Park
- Sanibel Inlet Preserve State Park
- Manasota Key State Park
- St. Joseph Peninsula State Park
- Indian Pass Beach State Park
- Stone Memorial State Park
- Gasparilla Island State Park
- Bonita Springs State Park
- Washington Oaks Gardens State Park

Administrative offices remain open and operational from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Based on guidance from the Department of Management Services (DMS), DEP will temporarily close all DMS-managed facilities to the public beginning Monday, April 19. We look forward to continuing to assist residents by phone or email. DEP Regulatory District Office contact can be found here: https://floridadep.gov/districts.

We continue to work to identify ways to develop a safe and sustainable work environment for all of our employees that will allow us to perform all of our core functions and meet our agency’s mission. DEP has developed initial plans that will enable state
Beginning March 20, 2020. These plans are designed, and are expected to be, adaptive to meet any new guidelines that may arise, as well as ensure that unique staffing needs are appropriately addressed.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Section of Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor has issued an Emergency Order 20-52 extending driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards that will expire now through April 15, 2020.

AARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor Ron DeSantis, FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes has waived commercial driver license regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be mobilized and efficiently throughout the state.

AARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

A Department of Juvenile Justice’s Office of Health Services developed COVID-19 guidance for all facilities serving youth. This included Center for Disease Control criteria on how to assess and care for youth who are exhibiting fever and respiratory symptoms; environmental cleaning and disinfection recommendations.

A Department of Juvenile Justice has modified screening protocols and procedures for youth taken into custody by law enforcement to juvenile assessment centers and detention screening units to now include precautionary coronavirus screening protocols. This modified screening protocol was shared with law enforcement partners statewide.
A Department of Juvenile Justice has issued an emergency order that will suspend visitation at all state-operated juvenile and juvenile residential commitment programs until April 15, 2020 and then will evaluate the health and safety of resumption of protocols. DJJ has also instituted additional screening measures for outside vendors who work within juvenile facilities; they are still permitted to visit youth for treatment purposes, instructional personnel are permitted to provide educational reams permitted to conduct legal visits with youth.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Coordinating with the FBI and the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council to obtain a federal rule and to perform name-based criminal history record checks. This will enable regulatory agencies the ability to quickly background occupations such as nurses and doctors that are coming out of retirement to support the COVID-19 pandemic.

Working with state and local agencies and the Florida National Guard to set up testing collection sites in multiple locations.

A Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Regional Operations Centers are working with Regional Domestic Security for any responses needed.

Office of Mutual Aid prepared and distributed a law enforcement guide on COVID-19 for law enforcement partners and the Governor’s General Counsel prepared a law enforcement guide for protocols in a quarantine.

Commissioner Rick Swearingen sent an email to all members outlining simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and Florida Department of Health and CDC websites. Signs have been posted in all FDLE Regions and at Headquarters with a

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Every, all Florida Lottery offices remain open to the public. We are continuing to limit public access to a maximum of 10 people in accordance with the CDC’s social distancing recommendations.

Security Agents at each office are screening anyone who does attempt to enter, mirroring the screening questions requested to enter into the EOC.

have also reduced the seating in district office lobbies to ensure at least 6 feet of space is between each chair.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Section of Governor DeSantis, DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order that waived rules to allow employees to use any type of accrued leave for instances related to COVID-19, including self-isolation after potential exposure, time due to child care or school closures, and time needed to take care of dependents like an elder parent. The order also expands the ability for employees to donate leave to fellow employees.

Emergency Support Function-7 (ESF-7) Logistics team continues to coordinate with the Department of Health and the Department of Management on identifying the equipment or supplies necessary for a mass response to COVID-19.

Section of Human Resource Management has provided guidance to agencies on implementing preventive actions in their facilities, symptoms, using leave, utilizing health insurance benefits, and applying travel restrictions and telework policies.

Section of State Group Insurance continues to coordinate with health plan providers to ensure that state employee health plans receive the health benefits that can assist them and their dependents if needed.

Section of Real Estate Development and Management-continues to provide guidance to agency facility managers across the state to prevent workplace contamination and to pre-position environmental vendors to mobilize in the event a viricidal

Section of Real Estate Development and Management continues to identify, purchase, and distribute additional hand sanitizers and supplies to state-maintained facilities.

Section of State Technology-Public Safety Unit continues to coordinate with users and vendors of the Statewide Law Enforcement System (SLERS) to ensure the continuation of mission critical services if a reduction of staffing resources occurs.
OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

A National Guard continues to support the State's COVID-19 response as we expand our operational support in Community Based Testing Sites augmentation in Broward, Orlando, and Miami. The CBTS in Broward continues public testing of 1446 patients in the last two days. Development of CBTS operations in Miami-Dade and Orange counties continues as the Florida National Guard will conduct checks in Orange county, with a projected opening date for Wednesday, 25 March.

A National Guard has activated our medical professionals, Army Combat Medic Specialists and Air Force Medical Technicians, to support the Florida Department of Health's (DOH) Community Based Testing Sites. Our Guardsmen have reported in and for medical.
A National Guard has activated Guardsmen to augment the State Logistics Readiness Center, the State's Logistics state wide logistics needs of the Florida National Guard formations on mission.
A National Guard has activated Guardsmen to augment the State Emergency Operations Center and local emergency cross the state.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

A Department Provider Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on its website, apdcares.org, to provide guidance during this time.
AHCA sent information to all Providers on provider payment flexibility due to adjustments being made as a result of implementing telework for employees throughout the state as directed by Governor DeSantis to reduce possible expos

cy’s three state-run centers in Marianna, Gainesville, and Chattahoochee, as well as APD-licensed group homes, are in compliance with the Executive Order to protect the health and safety of our customers.
Avenues to provide an up-to-date status on COVID-19, best practices, preventative tips, and CDC guidance, in addition to APD providers, Waiver Support Coordinators, Stakeholders, and APD employees.

OF REVENUE

erty Tax Oversight (PTO) program is reminding county property appraisers of their existing statutory authority to grant beyond the April 1 deadline for taxpayers to file tangible personal property tax returns. PTO is also advising taxpayers about this deadline to contact their county property appraisers’ offices for more information about requesting the Department of Revenue has temporarily closed all offices in Florida to the general public. The Department is encouraging customers to use the alternative electronic options detailed below while in-person services are suspended. The Department has added a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers at com/childsupport/coronavirus. The comprehensive information for alternative options for handling many routine child support case activities without visiting the office. Efforts also include rescheduling genetic testing sample collection appointments and postponing other types of child support. The Department of Revenue is advising child support customers who are scheduled for court hearings related to their child support the local courts where the hearings are scheduled in case the courts have new requirements, such as appearing to use our e-services applications to file and pay taxes or contact the call center at (850) 488-6800. The Department of Revenue’s General Tax Administration (GTA) program is working with its tax processing vendor to ensure payment processing.
The Department has increased messaging on preventative measures through the deployment of DOH/CDC posters, ensured and increased cleaning of high-traffic areas in the public areas of service centers.
A Department of State is working to solidify its telework policy and to identify essential employees. Additionally, with the public, we are continuing plans to develop and share valuable resources to the public digitally via social media.

CAREER SOURCE FLORIDA

A communication from Board Chairman Kevin Doyle and President and CEO Michelle Dennard to the CareerSource Florida leadership with a status update on state workforce system issues related to COVID-19 March 20 and on a recurring basis. Cooperation with the Department of Economic Opportunity, survey to be distributed March 20 to local workforce development boards requesting information on needs related to Reemployment Assistance processing and other COVID-19 related issues (or more frequently as needed) email message to LWDB chief executives, board chairs, COOs and communications personnel in expanding messaging to local employers and career seekers as well as sample email copy to draft broader messages.

friendly landing page (com/covid-19/) with links to the Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program managed by the Florida SBDC Network, the Florida Business Damage Assessment survey and other state and federal resources available. This resource is to complement existing websites that may not be mobile responsive. CareerSource Florida is adjusting its board-approved outreach budget for digital advertising to direct employers and career seekers, in hardest-hit counties to this landing page, as we did after Hurricane Michael and other recent hurricanes. As the situation evolves, this outreach can quickly be expanded statewide and updated in real time with appropriate messaging dependent that may become available.

will be digital and will direct to online resources.

EDUCATION SYSTEM

has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the Spring semester. Students who can return home should return home.

has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university will announce an alternate schedule or method of delivery.

TRANSPORTATION

has provided roadway equipment and is coordinating with other state and local agencies to help ensure mobility around Orange County. FDOT will continue publicizing testing site information regularly on its social media channels. In accordance with Executive Order 20-71 issued by Governor DeSantis, FDOT has discontinued food services at all of its service plazas, public restrooms, dog walks and convenience stores will remain open at this time.

Monday, March 23, FDOT is closing its SunPass Customer Service Walk-In Centers located throughout the state, including Hopper Creek, Milepost 19, Florida Turnpike, Miami, 7902 NW 36th Street, Unit 203, Doral

Bay Walk-In Center, 9405 W. Colonial Drive, Ocoee

Bay Bridge, 1200 White Point Road, Niceville

Bay Point Bridge, 555 Avalon Boulevard, Milton

coordinating with USDOT, the Florida Trucking Association, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Highway Patrol to help mitigate the impacts on the transportation and logistics industries.
deep toll collectors safe and distanced from customers, FDOT is not accepting cash payments for tolls temporarily. To protect collected via SunPass or Toll-By-Plate until further notice.

Coordinated with transit agencies throughout the state to ensure the safe return of the Florida residents who were quarantined via SunPass or Toll-By-Plate until further notice.

As provided portable roadway signage and is coordinating with other state and local agencies to help ensure mobility accessibility. FDOT is publicizing testing site information regularly on its social media channels. FDOT completed a request to provide necessary supplies to harbor pilots working at seaports.

section of Governor DeSantis, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, along with Sunshine Republicans, hosted a conference call with all Florida ports and their governing bodies as well as all public use airports to discuss the ongoing response to the COVID-19 virus.

The department continue to host weekly conference calls with all passenger seaports and public use airports to provide updates on the COVID-19.

monitoring temporary lane closures near hospitals and Department of Health facilities. If congestion near these facilities occur, FDOT will remove lane restrictions to help ensure mobility within the area.

do Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FDOT Secretary Thibault has suspended size and weight restrictions on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and necessary agricultural commodities. FDOT has posted COVID-19 educational materials have been posted in FDOT facilities, which include welcome centers, service plazas and rest stops.

9 materials have been posted at all FDOT work sites across the state to help educate contractors, vendors, and stakeholders. FDOT has posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and exits. Trains continue to be cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and sanitizing alcohol frequently throughout the day.

PARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

March 11, 2020, FDVA restricted visitor access to its State Veterans’ Nursing Homes and Domiciliary until further notice. This includes all essential visitors, such as family members of those residents undergoing end-of-life care. In addition, we are temporarily restricting admissions in our network of state veterans’ homes. Thank you for your understanding.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also temporarily restricted access to their nursing and community living centers as well as posted COVID-19 educational materials inside all trains and on all platforms, focusing on areas near entrances and exits. Trains continue to be cleaned and sanitized daily and SunRail staff have been provided sanitizing towelettes and sanitizing alcohol frequently throughout the day.

Sunshine Healthcare Network (VISN 8) is taking additional steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 to protect healthcare workers, veterans and veterans. Facilities within the VISN 8 Network include the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, Orlando VA Healthcare System, VA Caribbean Healthcare System, and the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. These actions include:

- VISN 8 facilities are transitioning to virtual appointments to the fullest extent to allow veterans to stay at home, avoid exposure, and reduce their risk; Veterans with appointments will be contacted several days beforehand to discuss virtual appointments available to them.
- Veterans can help with this transition by visiting the VA Video On-Demand webpage for more information: https://mobile.va.gov/content/getting-started-0.
- Veterans enrolled for care within VISN 8 can continue to use the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center for 24/7 virtual urgent care by calling 777-741-3400 (toll free) or by using the VA Health Chat App. Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of COVID-19 should contact the center first before coming to a VA facility.
- VISN 8 facilities will cease non-urgent elective procedures. Any impacted veterans will be contacted directly by their healthcare providers to reschedule. Urgent and emergent elective procedures will continue during this period.
- VISN 8 facilities are further restricting visitations. Only one visitor will be permitted per veteran if required to provide assistance to and from an appointment, providing support to an inpatient in a palliative or hospice care unit, or for veterans undergoing major procedures. Visitors who screen positive will not be granted access to the medical centers.

These newly announced actions do not supersede or replace activities announced by VISN 8 last week. All VISN 8 facilities have taken many other actions to mitigate the infection and spread of the virus.

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Centers in Florida, which provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to veterans and families, are open and will continue to provide services to veterans as normal. However, effective March 23 — as part of the agency's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) — committal services of military funeral honors will discontinue until further notice. Immediate family members (limited to no more than 10) may witness the interment if requested. Families choosing to continue with interment may schedule a committal service.

Families wishing to postpone an already scheduled interment to a later date should contact the cemetery as soon as possible to ensure the cemetery has the necessary travel. Certain portions of a cemetery typically open to the public, such as public information centers or chapels, will be closed to the public. Contact your local cemetery for updates regarding closures. For more information, contact NCA at 202-829-0900; call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 or schedule a burial arrangement online.

Benefits Administration (VBA) Regional Offices are closed to the public. The St. Petersburg Regional Office will operate remotely, and employees will be asked to telework. Veterans can continue to get information about benefits or file a claim for benefits online at va.gov. Veterans with specific or other questions may request information via Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS) or telephone at 1-800-827-1000. VBA benefits and services provided to veterans, families, and survivors will continue throughout the duration of COVID-19 impacts.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has suspended Travel Boards until May 1, 2020, due to COVID-19 efforts. As of March 23, the Board is suspending all video, travel board, and VA Central Office hearings through at least May 31, 2020. This includes the latest updates from state emergency response professionals hosted on VisitFlorida.com. All promotions have been suspended.

Volunteer Florida is working to support voluntary organizations across the state by providing volunteer resources, surveying needs and requesting that continuity of operations plans be created to avoid any service delivery gaps. Volunteer Florida is continuing to work with Mass Care on the anticipated need of volunteers and safety guidelines that should be followed by volunteers and clients.

ORIDA is continuing to work with Mass Care on the anticipated need of volunteers and safety guidelines that should be followed by volunteers and clients.

ORIDA is having preliminary conversations with warehousing partners (should the need arise).
Florida encourages volunteers to screen themselves for COVID-19 (per CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines/serving. Florida is asking service organizations to track volunteer hours.

AND WILDLIFE CONVERSATION COMMISSION

Officers are assisting Bay County SO with beach patrol related to social distancing (EO 20-68).

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