Charlie,

We have shown that a limited beach opening works. Let's take another step forward and eliminate the time restrictions. They are arbitrary and only create a need for LEO enforcement on the beachfront that could be used elsewhere. Exercise only from dawn to dusk with self regulation and limited LEO presence it a good option.

“For a policy to be effective, it must be evenly applied, logically sound, and in the public’s best interest.

If social distancing can be maintained, does it really matter if you are social distancing in the ocean or on land? Does it make a difference if you are six feet apart from one another while walking on the sidewalk versus walking on the beach?

If you are catching fish from your boat, are you more of a danger to the public’s health than buying fish at the grocery store?

Of course not. Six feet is six feet.

Enforcement of these prohibitions is not in the public’s interest. These orders are an abuse of power that infringe on basic civil liberties and defy common sense while putting the health of the public and enforcement officers at risk.

The public deserves to be treated with trust and respect. Policies that are arbitrary, inconsistently applied, and criminalize harmless activities erode the public’s trust.” Mayor Rich Bailey

Thank you for your time and service,

Tom

Help others, make friends and have fun!

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 3:58 PM Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:

Hi Tom,

Thank you for your email. I understand that you and many others are upset with the decision to close the beaches. This was a joint (and unanimous) decision between mayors Brown, Glasser, Curry and myself. The decision was not an easy one, but it was the right thing to do. Some examples of our safety concerns include:
1) The day before the beaches were closed, (because many businesses had implemented the “work from home” option), we had crowds at all three beaches that were larger than a normal July 4th. In Jax Beach, we had enough lifeguards to man four chairs, but with the crowds our Lifeguard Captain stated we would have normally manned 15 chairs. Because most of our lifeguards are still in school, we would have to add police officers to enforce the social distancing requirement of 6 feet. At the same time, we would be exposing our police officers and lifeguards to potential carriers of the virus.

2) Although social distancing is possible at low tide, it is not possible during high tide. As I’m sure you are aware, we see high tides once or twice a day and the time(s) varies each day.

3) The Los Angeles Times recently reported that a researcher at the University of California (San Diego) advises everyone to stay off the beach since coastal breezes often carry the virus greater than 6 feet.

4) Some young & healthy people may have less to worry about, and may be less careful about social distancing. It only takes minimal exposure for the older adults (and those with respiratory issues) to become infected. Currently 9% of the citizens of Jax Beach are over 75.

5) As of today, we have 30 known infected citizens in Jax Beach including two Jax Beach employees. We also have 575 known infected citizens in Duval County. One can only imagine how many unknown infected are in Duval County. All it takes is one or two of these infected people to walk down a crowded beach front to spread the virus to potentially hundreds of people. People have asked us to allow only beach residents to go to the beaches, but federal law prohibits us from doing so.

6) This global pandemic is killing people every day. So far 11 have died in Duval County from the COVID 19 virus.

I am contacted daily about this issue. Surprisingly, about half are against closing the beaches, and half are in favor. Here’s a portion of an email I recently received from a medical doctor who lives on Jax Beach:

“Dear Mayor Latham,

I would like to commend your performance as Mayor during this extraordinary time. As a physician, I applaud your decision to continue to keep the beaches closed. Everyone misses the beach, and I am sure you are hearing it from all sides. I believe it is important to see the big picture in order to continue to keep citizens safe, the virus in check, and serve the greater good of the public.

As we have seen over the years, tourists, townies, and residents alike break the law here. It is unlikely people will follow “social distancing” if it is not enforced or if consequences are not significant enough to be a deterrent. If the city cannot effectively enforce “distancing,” it is our duty to keep the entire beach closed, as it is much easier and cost effective to enforce…”

There is no question that this is an emotional issue. Rest assured that all of the mayors in Duval County agree… public safety is our primary responsibility. We will reopen the beaches as soon as we can do so safely.

All the best,
Charlie

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Submitted on Thursday, April 9, 2020 - 9:53am
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--Subject and Message--
Subject: Board sports
Message:
Mayor Latham,

I was away on essential travel yesterday and I had the opportunity to see how Volusia County is implementing their beach access protocols. I will say that I was impressed that they were able to allow paddle sports and fishing with the use of very little manpower. This is what I saw;

1) Citizens on Patrol watching a popular access point, Ponce Inlet, ensuring people entering the beach had paddle sport or fishing equipment with them.
2) There were significant limits placed on public parking.
3) Signs were placed at beach access points explaining what was and was not allowed.

As I drove the length of the A1A back to Jacksonville Beach I saw people responsibly and voluntarily complying with the restrictions. If a phased reopening of the beaches is the goal I would implore you to look to Volusia County as a way forward. As you and I have previously discussed, hiking, biking, boating and golfing are essential, why aren’t ocean board sports? After all I can paddle the river, ICW and back creeks without restriction
so why not the ocean.

On a side note, our surfing is essential petition now has 11,069 signatures.

Thank you for your time again,

Tom

1st amendment

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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Help others, make friends and have fun!
Great job, Charlie! Jax Beach is lucky to have you as our mayor, and I’m honored to have had the opportunity to serve with you.

Bruce

Sent from my iPad
Local Government News

Cities brace for economic fallout of coronavirus
_Sun Sentinel_

Layoffs, furloughs and painful budget cuts — three rare prospects in government — might soon become the norm for counties and cities across the nation in the wake of the downturn triggered by the coronavirus crisis, a recent poll warns. The bleak financial outlook is expected to impact locales across South Florida, from the bigger cities of Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood and Boca Raton to the smaller towns of Hallandale Beach, Cooper City and Southwest Ranches. "There could be some tough decisions this year," Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor Steve Glassman said. "That's all to come." [Source](#)

Fort Walton Beach hosts grocery drive-thru giveaway
_WJHG_

The City of Fort Walton Beach and the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce teamed up with Farm Fresh and Patriot Emergency Response Team to put on a drive-thru food giveaway for people in Fort Walton Beach. "We know there's a lot of people out of work, and we want to make sure that everyone can sustain themselves. We know this is going on in other places, and we have a great location at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. We are hoping that this is just the first of as many as we need to do of these types of events," said the Fort Walton Beach City Manager, Michael Beedie. 65,000 pounds of food was delivered Friday night to the Northwest Florida Fair Grounds where more than 100 volunteers met up to package and distribute the food Saturday morning. [Source](#)

North Port, a sleeping giant ahead in the census count
_Sarasota Herald-Tribune_

Fee-fi-fo-fum, North Port knows how to get things done. At just 60 years old, a sleeping giant of a city with a grandiose voice has risen. North Port is that giant, now the largest municipality in Sarasota County, both in land and in population. The behemoth — at 104 square miles wide and more than 73,000 strong — is bellowing for good reason. It's no more evident than in the early self-reporting numbers of those taking the 2020 U.S. Census. North Port appears to be the first city of any size in Florida to pass 50 percent participation. That means more than 36,000 North Porters have already been counted,
just from clicking or tapping on a few questions at www.2020census.gov. That's a big accomplishment. Source

State News

Task force on Florida ‘rebound and resurgence’ to return advice by week’s end
Florida Politics
Gov. Ron DeSantis’ task force on reopening Florida amid the coronavirus pandemic will meet Monday and return its initial findings by the end of the week. This week’s report will outline the state’s short-term response, the first of three stages the Governor has planned for Florida. The three-phased approach follows a template laid out by the White House Thursday. “When you kind of think about these things — but then when you actually sit down and write down the number of things that we’ve got to be smart about, it’s going to be very helpful to have that I think,” DeSantis told reporters Saturday. Source

Saturday coronavirus caseload shows signs of slowing
Florida Politics
New COVID-19 cases barely ticked up Saturday evening with 223 new cases reported, less than half the number of new cases reported overnight, as Gov. Ron DeSantis moves forward with strategies to reopen the state. DeSantis announced Saturday, just moments before new data became available, that the state’s task force studying reopening strategies will be announced Monday, the same day the group meets by phone for the first time. The Florida Department of Health now reports 25,492 cases, up from 25,269 Saturday morning. Statewide cases have begun to slow, a trend evidenced in a report predicting COVID-19 has already peaked in the state. Source

DeSantis must give Florida elections supervisors power to innovate | Editorial
Pensacola News Journal
The coronavirus is attacking Americans’ health, our economy and our voting systems, too. We saw it in Palm Beach County on March 17, Election Day for Florida’s presidential primary and some local elections. More than 800 poll workers, leery of contagion, called in to say they wouldn’t show up. Property managers withdrew their sites as polling locations. It took all of Elections Supervisor Wendy Sartory Link’s powers of persuasion to keep them open. Source

Federal News

Congress, Trump administration close to deal on new aid package
POLITICO
Congress and the Trump administration are quickly nearing a more than $400 billion deal on emergency funding for small businesses hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, with passage expected in the coming days. A deal could be announced as early as Sunday or Monday, according to congressional aides. On a conference call with President Donald Trump and Republican senators on Sunday afternoon, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) told Republicans that the only portion of the package not agreed to focused on coronavirus testing, according to a person briefed on the call. McConnell and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin also said the money for state and local government funding, as well as food stamp aid requested by Democrats, would not be included in the deal. Source
OUR VIEW: Governor should veto overloaded SB 410
Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Senate Bill 410 — which may be dropping on the desk of Gov. Ron DeSantis for his signature or veto as you read this — started out life last October as a flimsy little two-page exercise in legislative overkill. The ostensible purpose: To exalt the rights of private property owners in Florida, ceremoniously and conspicuously. The effect: To create an added layer of paperwork and expense at the county and municipal level, requiring attorneys to craft language that is totally superfluous, since the rights of landowners are already exalted in federal and state law. The Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, and the environmental watchdog group 1,000 Friends of Florida all opposed the bill and its House companion, calling it unnecessary and costly. Still, compared to some of the heavy-gauge destructive potential of other notions barreling through the Legislature this year, SB 410 seemed relatively innocuous. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Poll: Floridians willing to pay for clean water; coalitions: here’s how they should do it
TCPalm

Florida voters cherish clean water and are willing to pay for it. In a recent statewide poll of registered voters, 62.4% said they’d be willing to pay an extra $2 a month for projects to clean up Florida’s waterways. So the poll’s sponsors, the Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition and the Clean Water Coalition of Indian River County, are asking the state’s five water management districts to raise their property tax rates by 0.1 mills, or 10 cents for every $1,000 of taxable value. That would be an extra $18.70 a year, or $1.56 a month, for a $237,000 home (the median assessed value for a house in Florida) with a $50,000 homestead exemption. With Florida’s $16 trillion real estate base, the slight tax increase would raise an estimated $160 million a year. Source
Subject: Beach Opening
Message:
You are a fool. You choose politics over science and are ignoring health officials.

I have yet to see one photo from the beach that shows everyone socially distancing themselves. The sea breeze on the beach does not allow for a 6 foot distance to be safe. You ignore this and people will suffer because of it.

You are true scum.

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Catherine Butler
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Submitted on Monday, April 20, 2020 - 9:33am Submitted by anonymous user: [162.207.47.27] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Great job!!
Message: Thank you for not following the rest with fear mongering politicians by opening the beaches in your city. I can only hope more will quickly follow suit before the economic disaster becomes irreversible. I am a NYer living in Calif watching both Govs destroy our economies. Your brave and intelligent decision is not going unnoticed around the country. Hopefully you started a trend which more will follow by the end of the week. God Bless you and the people of Jacksonville.

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During these challenging times, we could all use a break from the non-stop news cycle and a positive connection with fellow human beings.

Start your week with insight and encouragement as Dr. Scott Paine and Shwanda Barnette host engaging conversations that take us beyond today’s headlines.

Join us this morning at 10:00 a.m. (ET) for the second installment in this series, which explores what cities are doing and can do to turn the challenges of the present into better futures for our cities and our residents.
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Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on the President’s Executive Order on Duties and Fees Deferment for Certain Importers

“I applaud the President for signing this Executive Order, which gives the Administration the ability to help the trade community and U.S. businesses who keep critical supply chains for U.S. manufacturers moving during this unprecedented time. As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic response has created serious economic issues for many American businesses. This President and this Department have, and always will, put the American worker first.

This EO will give the Administration the flexibility to allow importers who have faced a significant financial hardship during the COVID-19 response to defer the payment of certain duties, taxes, and fees for 90 days. This payment flexibility will be available only for importers with a significant financial hardship. Duties and fees associated with antidumping and countervailing duties (AD/CVD), and Section 201, 232 and 301. Trade Remedies are not included in this relief effort.”

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Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Announces Launch of Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced $75 million is now available to local governments through the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program. The Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program allows local governments and state agencies to increase the resilience of critical facilities that serve a public safety purpose for local communities.

The funds are allocated through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) newly created Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program formed in response to the 2016 to 2017 presidentially declared disasters.

Local governments and state agencies may apply individually or partner with non-profits and non-governmental agencies for funding to propose projects that meet program requirements, including benefiting low-to-moderate income (LMI) populations.

The application window will be open for 75 days and DEO staff will be available to provide technical assistance to communities during the application process. The deadline to complete an application is June 30, 2020. For more information about the program, including how to complete an application, visit the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program’s webpage.

To provide local governments and state agencies with more information about the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program, DEO will host a webinar at 2:00 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Click here to register.

According to the guidelines set by the Federal Register, at least 50 percent of CDBG-MIT funds must be spent in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas, with the remaining funds spent in state-designated MID areas. The CDBG-MIT funding is available for use in 51 Florida counties.

DEO is the governor-designated state authority responsible for administering all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) long-term recovery funds awarded to the state. Launched in September 2018, Rebuild Florida uses federal funding for
Florida’s long-term recovery efforts from the devastating impacts of natural disasters. For more information, visit RebuildFlorida.gov.

About DEO

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity combines the state’s economic, workforce and community development efforts, expediting economic development projects to fuel job creation in competitive communities and promote economic resiliency. For more information, including valuable resources for employers and job seekers, please visit www.floridajobs.org.

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Chris Wright

From: City of Jacksonville Beach <no-reply@jacksonvillebeach.org>
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Message: Your not the brightest crayon in the box. And we’re talking about the big box.

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Message:
I THOUGHT RON DE SANTIS WAS THE STUPIEST ELECTED OFFICIAL IN FLORIDA BUT I MUST ADMIT I WAS WRONG.

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Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on Non-Essential Travel

“In close collaboration, the US, Mexico, and Canada have each agreed to extend restrictions on non-essential travel across their shared borders for 30 additional days. As President Trump stated last week, border control, travel restrictions and other limitations remain critical to slowing the spread and allowing the phased opening of the country.”

# # #
Dear Mayor Latham,

I am pleading with you to please close the beaches. This weekend residents proved that they will not abide by social distancing guidelines, and on top of that you dont have the resources to enforce it. You admitted as much when the beaches were originally shut down. When these people come from all around to visit the beach, they are also filling up our local grocery stores, gas stations, etc. It's a recipe for a literal hot bed of infection centered in my neighborhood. It puts anyone living in this area at greater risk. Please, for the health and dignity of our community, PLEASE close the beaches back down.

Sincerely,

April C Rhodes
Jacksonville Beach

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A weekly look at electric industry news

Monday, April 20, 2020
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Duke Energy announces $1M in COVID-19 response grants
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Solar plant moves closer to reality; more county, state, federal approval sought
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Utilities detail hurricane protection plan
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Texas utilities, DSM providers spar over smart meter data access as regulators near vote
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She’s a furloughed single mom of 3. The utility is shutting off her power anyway.
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Message:
Hi there,

NPR's All Things Considered is wondering if mayor Charlie Latham would be interested in joining our program for a conversation sometime today. He has been defensive about his position to re-open beaches and vocal about what he sees as media distortion of his message. Would he like a chance to come on our national show and explain his decision?

Our show airs from 4 pm – 6 pm ET, so anytime within that window works for us! Since this is a radio show, we could do this as a simple phone call.

Let me know if this is something Mayor Latham might be interested in.

Vincent Acovino
NPR, All Things Considered
Cell: (561) 703-9260

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

--Contact Information--
Name: Vincent Acovino
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Name of Company: National Public Radio
E-mail Address: vacovino@npr.org
Phone Number: 5617039260

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http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/28546
From: Safer Home <safer.home@immediateinsuranceservices.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Charlie Latham
Subject: You can make any room 3x brighter with this awesome LED light
In seconds you can brighten your garage up to 5x that of ordinary lightbulbs. The perfect solution for any dimly lit garage, basement, attic, or closet.
it's so cool. i cant help but think they look so fragile. they are fragile. they can't fight anything that wants to steal their kill, so they have to chomp the best bits and run for it. they're very skittish animals in captivity. if i'm not mistaken i think they can only run this

you could end up getting bad. eat from bad restaurants, could get food poisoning. people in non-legal states, and all underage kids, are all probably getting black market cartridges. so it's important to be aware of the dangers. i also grow my own.

also you can't divorce from your hand! how the can you be. you try it at least once. hahaha

d?aww thanks bb lol i wasn't aware that height mattered when laying in a bed size.

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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 1:02 PM
To: jboard@jaxbchfl.net
Subject: Mayor interview?

Hi Jacob,
Any chance Mayor Latham could be available for a brief debrief on how things are rolling since Friday?
Spoke to Mayor Brown, but would love to get Jax Beach perspective as well.
Please let me know.
Best,
Anne

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**Anne Schindler**  
Executive Producer, Special Projects  
FIRST COAST NEWS | WTLV NBC 12 | WJXX ABC 25  
[aschindler@firstcoastnews.com](mailto:aschindler@firstcoastnews.com) | C: 904-742-7541
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Message: You are opening up the beaches for recreation too soon before we gain adequate testing, treatment or even a vaccine to protect us. I know you are afraid of being blamed by voters and Republicans but there are lives at stake here. Please put your personal political considerations aside in favor of saving the lives of your constituents. I am a proud Floridian and a graduate of Wolfson High School in Jacksonville and I don't want to see Floridians die because their leaders failed to protect them in the midst of a highly contagious global pandemic. Do you really want to have their deaths on your conscience for the rest of your life?

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
--Contact Information--
Name: Patricia Wilburn
Address: 933 McMinn Ave
City, State, Zip: Santa Rosa, CA 95407
Name of Company:
E-mail Address: pwilburn69@gmail.com
Phone Number: 7072801296

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‘Operation Gridlock’ protesters defy stay-at-home orders, demand resignation of Mich. governor

In defiance of stay-in-place orders, a convoy of thousands of protesters – many armed, more waving pro-Trump flags and anti-lockdown placards – descended on the Michigan
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Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida (850) 815-4940, ESF14@em.myflorida.com

Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Fifteen Deaths Related to COVID-19, Morning Update

~25,942 positive cases in Florida residents and 718 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 26,660 total** Florida cases. There are currently 307 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 1,853 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 187 have died.

While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 10,748 tests performed on April 19, there were 1,108 positive results, or 10 percent.

Fifteen people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Broward, Dade, Indian River and Sarasota counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 346 additional positive COVID-19 cases (344 Florida residents and 2 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 25,942 positive cases in Florida residents and 718 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.
Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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| Cases in Non-Florida Residents           | 718   |
| Confirmed by DOH                         | 106   |
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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard here.

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDEM/bulletins/2876974
Chris Wright

From: Email Security Gateway <InfoSec@jaxbchfl.net>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Charlie Latham
Subject: Spam Quarantine Summary - (50)

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Spam Quarantine Summary

Total inbound quarantined emails for clatham@jaxbchfl.net: 50 messages

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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Senior Manager, SLED Market Analysis  
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Dear Mr Latham,

Arbor Day is usually a time for volunteering, planting trees, and community celebrations, but current CDC recommendations for stopping the spread of COVID-19 make this year very different.

Although community gatherings and tree planting events this spring are being postponed or cancelled, we can still celebrate together with #ArborDayatHome.

We invite you to explore the possibilities for how to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees in
this time of social distancing. Visit celebratearborday.org to find ideas that people of all ages can enjoy this Arbor Day.

Still want to help plant trees? Tag Arbor Day Foundation on social media and share a photo of your favorite tree along with #ArborDayatHome. Then we’ll plant a tree on your behalf in one of our nation’s forests – all the way up to 50,000 trees!

Stay safe this Arbor Day. We look forward to when we can all be together again. But remember, we can still make an impact together with #ArborDayatHome.

Be well,

Woody Nelson
Membership Director
Dear Project Director and Chief Official:

The application review process for your application (2019-JAGD-2196) under the FY18 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is complete and ready for approval. In order to approve the application, please complete the following steps:

1. Review the attached final application carefully;
2. Obtain signatures from the Subgrant Recipient Chief Official on the appropriate line; and
3. Obtain signatures from the Implementing Agency Chief Official on the appropriate line.

Once the signatures are obtained, submit a copy of the Acceptance of Federal Funding Assistance electronically to criminaljustice@fdle.state.fl.us, or by post mail to P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489. Upon receipt of the signature pages, the application will be approved in SIMON and award documents will be executed by the Bureau Chief. You will receive an email with the award documents upon execution.

If you have any questions or experience delays in obtaining your signatures, please contact the Office of Criminal Justice Grants at (850) 617-1250.

Sincerely,

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Florida Department of Law Enforcement
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Department: Mayor's Office
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Charlie --

I don't know if you remember me, but we were both working in the waste business in the 1990's. We had a landfill in Venice, LA near the mouth of the Mississippi River. You took my wife, daughter Grace & I to dinner one night here in New Orleans.

I heard you on NPR this morning and just saw you on Fox News. I thought you made the correct decision and presented yourself well. The people of your community are lucky to have you. Keep up the good work.

Grace is now a civil engineer and a Design Engineering Supervisor at Entergy's Waterford 3 nuclear power plant. Margaret is the Chief Meteorologist at WDSU, the NBC affiliate and I am retired. I went back into the oil & gas business and they have closed the landfill in Venice, LA. Do you still have your commercial recycling business?

A few years back some friends of my son Alden, now 33, where here and one had just moved to Jacksonville Beach. I blew his mind when I told him I knew his mayor!

Best,

Bill Settoon
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April 20, 2020

Beaches Watch News & Updates

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7pm
Beaches Watch Meeting
Topic: Duval Schools Update
Speakers: Beaches School Board Rep Elizabeth Anderson & School Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene
Location: Virtual Meeting (Click here for more info)

Monday, April 20 at 6pm
Jacksonville Beach City Council Meeting
Location: Virtual Meeting (Click here for more info)
Duval Schools Update with Beaches School Board Rep
Elizabeth Andersen and Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene
Wednesday May 6

Beaches Watch will host a virtual Duval Schools Update meeting with the beaches School Board representative Elizabeth Andersen and Duval Schools Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, participants can join the meeting via computer or tablet using the Zoom platform or can listen to the meeting via phone. The meeting is open to the public.

For more details, visit www.BeachesWatch.com/event/May6Meeting.

Ms. Andersen and Dr. Diana Greene will provide updates on the past school year, how the COVID-19 crisis is affecting Duval schools, plans for the upcoming school budget and the tax referendum for Duval Schools repair. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

SUBMIT QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE:
Questions can be submitted in advance via email to info@beacheswatch.com no later than end of day April 26. Mrs. Andersen and Dr. Greene will be provided the questions in advance of their presentation.

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**Deadline for Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Applications - May 1**

In what has become a year of uncertainty and dramatic change for our students, Beaches Watch offers a bit of continuity. For the 4th year, we encourage Fletcher High School seniors to apply for the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship. This $1,000 scholarship recognizes and supports our future. Applicants need to have a minimum 3.0 GPA, be in good standing with the Dean's Office, and submit the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Application with a 500-word essay no later than May 1, 2020.

For the 500 word essay, students are asked to choose one of the following topics:

(a) How to improve the quality of life within the Beaches community;
(b) how you can personally contribute to the quality of life at the Beaches;
(c) propose and explain local Beach government legislation that would benefit the quality of life at the Beaches.

The applicant should provide collective data and factual research that supports their essay.

Please help us spread the word. We want to honor one of the Class of 2020 for his or her dedication to academics and service to our community. For more information, email info@beacheswatch.com.

Applications, essays and supporting documentation should be submitted no later than May 1, 2020 to: info@beacheswatch.com or mail to:

Beaches Watch  
P.O. Box 50311  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida, 32240

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**COVID-19 UPDATES**

**Beaches Reopen with Limited Hours and Limited Activities**
The beaches have been reopened with limited hours and with restrictions for essential activities only. As defined in Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order, essential activities include the following:

- Participating in recreational activities consistent with social distancing guidelines
- Such as walking, biking, hiking, fishing, running, swimming, taking care of pets and surfing

In addition to limits on activities, beaches will open from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. each morning and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each evening. Dogs will be permitted on the beaches at these times as long as the dogs are on leash. The beaches will remain closed during all other time periods. Please be advised that you are swimming and surfing at your own risk.

For Jacksonville Beach, public parking is available West of 1st Street. Public parking lots and end zones will be closed East of 1st Street.

**Safer at Home Executive Order Still in Effect:**
Please remember that Governor Ron DeSantis's Safer At Home executive order 20-91 is still effect and is currently scheduled to expire on April 30. This order requires the following:

- Senior citizens and those at risk shall stay at home and take measures to limit all exposure to COVID-19
- All citizens in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities.
- Essential services are defined by the Department of Homeland Security in their Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce
- Essential activities are defined as:
  - Attending religious services
  - Participating in recreational activities (i.e. running, walking, biking, hiking, swimming, etc.)
  - Taking care of pets
  - Taking care of or assisting a loved one or friend

**Latest Information About COVID-19:**
As of 4/19/20, there are 28 positive cases in Jacksonville Beach, 6 positive cases in Atlantic Beach and 5 positive cases in Neptune Beach

To stay informed about COVID-19 and cases in Florida, this page provides access to the published information by the Florida Department of Health, a map and dashboard of cases, and detailed reports: [https://floridadisaster.org/covid19/](https://floridadisaster.org/covid19/)

To follow the projections for peak COVID-19 infections in Florida (select Florida from the dropdown list): [https://covid19.healthdata.org/](https://covid19.healthdata.org/)

Please continue to follow the [CDC guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) to help reduce the spread of the virus and flatten the curve.

You can follow local updates regarding the COVID-19 State of Emergency here:
Please continue to 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.

We look forward to seeing you all again very soon!

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**Donate to 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!

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!

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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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!

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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Mike,

FYI...

Charlie Latham
Mayor
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Hi Mayor Latham,

I hope you are doing well. We received this email today. I thought you might like to respond to the question from another Chamber located in Tampa? Have a great week.

Thanks,

Kathy Sutton
Director, Beaches Division
JAX Chamber
904-273-5366
904-838-6549 cell

Hi there,

My board leadership and local tourism entities wanted me to reach out to you to get a pulse of the FACTS of how reopening your beaches in the limited capacity went this weekend? Was mass confusion? Government oversight a challenge? Did people swarm the beaches? Any insight you can provide would be great. I have ccd Doug in my office in case you can't get me.

Thanks.

Regards,
Robin A. Miller, IOM, FCCP
President/CEO
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Topic: City of Jacksonville Beach Virtual City Council Meeting, April 20, 2020

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Beach elected officials,

I wanted to let you know that Interim-CEO Dwayne Alexander informed the board of the Jacksonville Housing Authority today that the Jacksonville Beaches "Waves" Project will most likely start taking residents in July. As a reminder, any resident that was relocated from the original Jacksonville Beach public housing project for the Waves Project will have the right to return at their prior rate. That is a HUD policy. JHA will reach out to those residents and we are required to document that contact. If you have any questions, please let me or Mr. Alexander know.

Additionally, if any of your constituents live in Section 8 housing or in Public Housing and have lost their jobs or had reduced income because of COVID-19, they need to let the Jax Housing Authority know. The amount they pay in rent is a percentage based off their income. If their income has been reduced, they may owe less. 96% of our residents are current on their rent, which is normal, but I want to make sure you have this information as many times residents go to the wrong government entity for help.

Thanks,

Jon McGowan
Vice-Chair, Jacksonville Housing Authority

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Intergovernmental Affairs

Please see the advisory below from our partners in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding an update on the Whole-of-America response to COVID-19.

April 20, 2020

FEMA Advisory

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today’s FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- On April 16, President Trump released Guidelines for Opening America Up Again, providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country’s economy in several phases, depending on location.
  - Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening.
  - The federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure they have the equipment, supplies and testing resources to reopen safely and responsibly.

- As of April 19, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of, or are currently shipping: 57.4 million N95 respirators, 77.9 million surgical masks, 6.2 million face shields, 11.9 million surgical gowns, 587 million gloves, 10,998 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - FEMA continues to expedite movement of commercially pre-sourced and commercially procured critical supplies from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. through Project Airbridge.
On April 17, Vice President Pence issued a letter to the nation's governors summarizing all the medical equipment and supplies that have been distributed to each state from FEMA from April 1st – 14th through Project Airbridge and the commercial supply network.

- The U.S. has now tested 4.18 million people, which is more total tests than the following nations combined: France, the United Kingdom, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, India, Austria, Australia, Sweden, and Canada.
  - As conveyed by Dr. Anthony Fauci and Admiral Brett Giroir, there is enough testing capacity for states to move into phase one of reopening when they choose to do so.
  - States should be making full use of the vast testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.
  - President Trump and Vice President Pence are working closely with Governors to review what more they can do to develop locally tailored testing strategies.

- HHS and FEMA continue to provide federal support to state-run testing.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the International Reagent Resource (IRR) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - Consolidating testing supplies under the IRR simplifies the resource request process for states and territories and alleviates the burden on public health labs on needing to work with separate suppliers for swabs, reagents, and other diagnostic testing supplies.

- FEMA and HHS have centralized best practices and lessons learned to help medical practitioners, emergency managers, and other stakeholders learn from each other’s approaches.
  - The FEMA Coronavirus Emergency Management Best Practices page contains resources for all levels of government, private sector, academic institutions, professional associations, and other organizations responding to the pandemic.
  - HHS has a comprehensive Novel Coronavirus Resources page that highlights technical resources and information for the medical community and emergency responders.

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New Resource Details Florida Impact of CARES Act Funding
The League has created a new informational document that details the impact of CARES Act funding on Florida. This document covers eligible uses of CARES Act funding, the allocation of funds to the State of Florida, and the state share vs. the local government share. It also provides a breakdown how the funds will be distributed to local governments serving populations of more than 500,000. View Resource

Summary of April 15 White House Call Now Available
A summary of last week’s White House call for state and local governments is now available online. Information about President Trump’s Guidelines for Opening Up America Again is included in the summary, as well as links to numerous federal resources for general COVID-19 info, response and recovery, fraud protection, mental health and social media. View Summary

New Resources on the Web
New resources from federal agencies and partner organizations have been added to our website.

- FEMA Disaster Financial Management Guide
- U.S. Treasury Local Government Website
- USDA Measures to Help Rural Communities Affected by COVID-19
All of the executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resources referenced above can be found in our Coronavirus Online Information Center.

FMIT Webinar: What You Need to Know About COVID-19 - An Employer’s Perspective

Last week, the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) hosted the third installment in its webinar series on employment and insurance-related issues surrounding COVID-19. Click the image below to watch a recording of the webinar.

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.

- SBA Press Release: Automatic Deferment on Existing SBA Disaster Loans Through End of 2020
- Florida Public Assistance Information
- Florida Public Assistance Forms
- FEMA Assistance Guide
- DEO Business Recovery Center
- Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program
- Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program
- Business Damage Assessment Survey
- USDA COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide
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To: Charlie Latham
Cc: Sandy Golding
Subject: RE: RFP 02-1920

Mr Mayor
I Wish I could...that was 8 years ago when I lost the City Business to Owen Wingate and Abentras....

I’m just interested as a tax payor....

Wingate’s team does a GREAT job....always has.... Not just with the City but all of their other clients.

I Just wanted to point out to purchasing that ...at least in this case.... The system did not work the way it was intended.

I should have been notified of the RFP.... I just happen to find it when I was reviewing tonight’s council agenda...was looking at 3-31-2020 financials and just happened to look at purchasing website to look at current RFP’s out there...and there was RFP 02-1920

Like you...I inspect what I expect....especially during these historic times

I’ll be interested in who responds to the RFP.... I think Mike putting out a RFP is the right thing to do....can’t imagine any other firm doing a better job than a Beach Firm and Beach people....fees and or services. Especially as the incumbent...

Appreciate You!
Stay safe

Dave

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To: Dave Polovina <dpolovina@allflains.com>
Subject: Re: RFP 02-1920

Dave,

Can you email me a copy of your confirmation?

Thank you.

Charlie Latham
Mayor
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Cc: Sandy Golding; Charlie Latham
Subject: RFP 02-1920

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Dear Council:

Attached are the FLC Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act (§337.401(7), F.S.) Presentation Materials referenced tonight during discussion of Ordinance No. 2020-8136. Fortunately, the City hired the FLC presenter, Tom Cloud, Esq., of Gray Robinson, to help bring us to compliance by working on our Ordinance.

I’m in touch with Tom fairly regularly. So I can engage him for further expert assistance in this area of law, should Council so direct at a Public meeting/briefing.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 20, 2020

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces
Thirty-Four Deaths Related to COVID-19, Evening Update
~26,329 positive cases in Florida residents and 729 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 6 p.m., there are 27,058 total** Florida cases. There are currently 307 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 1,928 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 204 have died.

While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 10,716 tests performed on April 19, there were 1,081 positive results, or 10 percent.

Thirty-four people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Duval, Hernando, Highlands, Lake, Lee, Madison, Manatee, Orange, Palm Beach, Polk, Sarasota and Suwannee counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 398 additional positive COVID-19 cases (387 Florida residents and 11 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 26,329 positive cases in Florida residents and 729 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during
investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard [here](#).

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling [1-866-779-6121](tel:1-866-779-6121). The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

About the 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 people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @HealthyFla. For more information please visit [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://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 aware regarding the status 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 State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis hosted a conference call with members of the Re-Open Florida Task Force Executive Committee to discuss the re-opening of Florida’s economy.

Members of the Re-Open Florida Task Force Executive Committee are as follows:

- Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, Lieutenant Governor of Florida
- Jimmy Patronis, Florida Chief Financial Officer
- Ashley Moody, Florida Attorney General
- President Bill Galvano, President, Florida Senate
- Speaker Jose Oliva, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
- Senator Wilton Simpson, President-Designate, Florida Senate
- Representative Chris Sprowls, Speaker-Designate, Florida House of Representatives
- Commissioner Richard Corcoran, Commissioner of Education
During the meeting, presentations were given by Florida Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Wilson, Florida Chamber Foundation Chief Economist Dr. Jerry Parrish, FDEM Director Jared Moskowitz, Florida Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, and AHCA Secretary Mary Mayhew.

The task force, as well as working groups organized by industry, will hold daily discussions over the next week and then brief the Governor on their recommendations to re-open the state.

**Recent actions the state has taken to respond to COVID-19:**

- Beginning April 20, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will provide daily updates on the efforts made to address the challenges to Florida’s Reemployment Assistance program in response to COVID-19. This includes a new State Reemployment Assistance Claims Dashboard that will be updated daily to reflect the total number of Reemployment Assistance Claims submitted, verified, processed, and paid.
- As of April 20, approximately 2,337 Florida National Guardsmen (FLNG) are currently deployed to support Florida’s response to COVID-19.
- Over the next 72 hours, from Monday to Wednesday, the Division of Emergency Management is making another major push of PPE to support health care workers in long-term care facilities. This includes:
  - 4 million masks,
  - 200,000 face shields, and
  - 500,000 gloves.
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  - More than 12 million masks
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- FDOT is leading the coordination of DOH and the Florida Highway Patrol to implement Executive Order 20-86. To date, more than 8,000 traveler forms have been collected at the I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.
- FDOT continues to coordinate with public use airports, DOH and law enforcement to implement Executive Order 20-80. To date, more than 15,600 traveler forms have been collected at public use airports across the state.

Additional actions the state has taken to respond to COVID-19:

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.
- Governor DeSantis announced that the state ordered an additional 2,500 test kits to supplement the adequate resources already available to test for COVID-19. These additional test kits will enable the Department of Health, working with Florida health care providers, to test up to an additional 625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in state and all out-of-state travel for state employees for 30 days.
- Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19. The call center launched Monday, March 2, and is open 24/7.
- Established mechanisms for monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- Approved and disseminated an updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying COVID-19 PUIs.
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated laboratory guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.
- Implemented private lab testing.
- Developed and disseminated pandemic planning guidance.
- Advised CHDs and HCCs to retain expired personal protective equipment until further notice.
- Florida Department of Health is coordinating on mobile field hospital planning.
- DOH strike teams have completed assessments for 3,874 long term care facilities to determine immediate unmet needs and promote appropriate infection control practices.
- DOH strike teams have responded to long term care facilities with COVID-19 positive patients.
- DOH continues to work toward increasing capabilities at drive through, walk up and mobile COVID-19 testing sites.

**FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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- Find more information on DEM’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

- On April 14, AHCA issued Emergency Order AHCA 20-002 to temporarily suspend nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help alleviate financial burdens. This EO suspension aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19.
- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has created new temporary Personal Care Attendant program to help long-term care facilities fill staffing shortages. The program provides an 8-hour training on assisting with direct care so that personal care attendants can temporarily perform additional duties.
- AHCA has been working with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to ensure current Medicaid recipients maintain benefits during the
state of emergency. Medicaid application deadlines have also been extended.

- AHCA has made on-site visits to over 900 long-term care and residential facilities since the onset of the COVID-19 emergency. Additionally, AHCA has made over 5,000 telephone calls to residential providers statewide to assess infection control and prevention strategies, ensure county health department and local emergency operations center contact information are up to date, and assess supplies (specifically PPE).
- Find more information on AHCA’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has updated its dedicated compliance complaint form to include an option for reporting vacation rental compliance concerns. The Department’s Division of Hotels and Restaurants continues to monitor, review, and assign complaints received through this form for follow-up by division inspectors.
- Find more information on DBPR’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

- Per the Department of Children and Families’ (DCF) request, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved Florida’s waiver to permit the state to launch a pilot project that will allow families to purchase groceries online with their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. DCF will continue to work closely with the USDA and participating retailers to implement this project by April 21, 2020.
- Under Governor DeSantis’ direction, DCF has temporarily increased SNAP recipients’ benefit amount to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size.
- DCF worked with DOH to develop precautionary protocols for child welfare professionals and adult protective investigators who may have to make in-person visits to ensure the safety of those vulnerable populations.
- Find more information on DCF’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

- The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is closely aligned with the CDC Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities.
New inmate commitments from county jails undergo additional screening and 14-day quarantine before placement within the general population.

FDC has suspended visitation and volunteer programs at all correctional institutions statewide.

FDC correctional officers are authorized to wear approved face coverings or masks while working.

Find more information on FDC’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Beginning April 20, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will provide daily updates on the efforts made to address the challenges to Florida’s Reemployment Assistance program in response to COVID-19. This includes a new State Reemployment Assistance Claims Dashboard that will be updated daily to reflect the total number of Reemployment Assistance Claims submitted, verified, processed, and paid.

Governor DeSantis issued an Executive Order 20-104 waiving the requirement for Floridians to claim their weeks for Reemployment Assistance.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced more than 1,000 small businesses have been awarded more than $49 million from the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan.

Governor DeSantis has waived the work search and work registration requirements for individuals requesting Reemployment Assistance benefits, as well as the waiting week for receiving benefits. For more information, see the Reemployment Assistance Frequently Asked Questions.

The Business Damage Assessment survey is activated and continues to accept surveys to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations and determine the appropriate actions for recovery.

Find more information on DEO’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Governor Ron DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran announced that 32,614 laptop computers are being distributed to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School.

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has delayed the deadline for teacher certification requirements and offered a fee waiver for testing. More than 22,000 teachers have taken advantage of the fee waiver so far.
DOE continues to participate in multiple webinars on a weekly basis to provide technical assistance to stakeholders and education providers for distance learning.

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has compiled resources, information, and best practices for distance learning on its emergency response page.

The Florida Virtual School has created the Online Learning Community with engaging and informative content for teachers and parents of K-12 students.

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran recommended that all Florida public and private K-12 schools continue distance learning and keep school campuses closed through June 3, the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Find more information on The Department of Education’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued Emergency Order 20-01 on March 31 pertaining to in-person guardian visitation requirements where COVID-19 response and mitigation measures prevent such visits.

DOEA issued guidance for Emergency Order 20-01 on March 31 for Public and Professional Guardians to remain in compliance with Florida Statute 744.361(14).

DOEA continues to provide technical assistance to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) regarding meals, billing, data entry, shopping assistance, telephone reassurance, health and wellness programs, and the elder helpline.

Find more information on DOE’s COVID-19 response here.

ENTERPRISE FLORIDA

Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) recently announced the suspension of initial fees for its Microfinance Loan Guarantee Program to support Florida’s small business community impacted by COVID-19. Interested businesses must apply through a local lender. For further information please contact your lender or visit Enterprise Florida’s website.

See resources compiled by EFI for businesses impacted by COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
• Effective March 23, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has closed all Florida State Parks to the public. Park field staff are on site to maintain grounds.
• Effective March 24, public access to lands within DEP’s Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas is closed. This includes state-owned uplands, such as beaches, islands, sand bars and emergent shoals within aquatic preserves. Vessel landings are strictly prohibited.
• On April 1, DEP issued an Emergency Final Order (EFO) granting a 30-day extension to the deadline for its regulated facilities to submit routine paperwork and reports.
• Find more information on DEP’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

• The Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) has issued Emergency Order 2020-02 extending certain filing deadlines for Florida’s financial services providers.
• OFR has issued Emergency Order 2020-01 extending certain renewal deadlines for money services businesses.
• Find more information on OFR’s COVID-19 response and available resources here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

• At the direction of Governor DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) has issued an Emergency Order extending all Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards that expire March 16 through April 30, 2020.
• The Florida Highway Patrol is assisting with the implementation and enforcement of Executive Order 20-86 at the direction of Governor DeSantis.
• Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes has waived commercial truck hours of service regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be moved more quickly and efficiently throughout the state.
• Find more information on FLHSMV’s COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

• The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M providing guidance on the use of technology to help combat the spread of COVID-19, including encouraging insurers to broaden access to care for telehealth services, and requesting
Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing.

- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M reminding insurers of applicable statutes regarding workers’ compensation insurance. Workers’ compensation insurers are expected to comply with all of the provisions of Florida’s Workers’ Compensation Law.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-03M directing all insurers and other entities regulated by OIR to review and update their business continuity and/or continuity of operations plans. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity plans are activated and/or if business operations become compromised so it can work with insurers to avoid any disruption in consumer services.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M providing general guidance on the treatment of policyholders as part of the state’s ongoing efforts to protect Floridians.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills.
- Find more information on OIR’s COVID-19 response here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has suspended visitation at all state-operated juvenile detention centers and juvenile residential commitment programs until April 30, 2020.
- DJJ has also instituted additional screening measures for essential personnel and vendors within juvenile facilities.
- Find more information on DJJ’s COVID-19 response here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) continues to monitor protests held across the nation in relation to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders for threats or violence.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association to monitor law enforcement staffing impacts and staffing needs due to COVID-19.
- FDLE continues to work with all Florida law enforcement entities on obtaining PPE needs.
- FDLE and FHP continue to facilitate the escort of testing collection kits statewide.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Sheriffs Association and Florida Police Chiefs Association to provide support to FHP at 1-10 and 1-95 checkpoints.
- FDLE continues to work with ESF-16 partners on airport screening missions.
• Find more information on FDLE’s COVID-19 response [here](#).

**FLORIDA LOTTERY**

• Effective March 23, Florida Lottery Headquarters and district offices are closed to the public until further notice.
• Find more information on the Florida Lottery’s COVID-19 response [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

• The Department of Management Services (DMS) launched a dedicated telework webpage ([fl.gov](http://fl.gov)) to provide resources and tutorials for employees and employers operating in a remote work environment.
• At the Governor’s direction, DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order to ensure federal benefits granted through The Families First Coronavirus Response Act are available to employees.
• As directed in Executive Order 20-52, DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to expand covered telehealth benefits at no additional employee cost.
• Also directed in Executive Order 20-52, DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to cover immunizations at participating in-network retail pharmacies at no cost to the member during this public health emergency.
• Find more information on DMS’ COVID-19 response [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS**

• As of April 20, approximately 2,337 Florida National Guardsmen (FLNG) are currently deployed to support Florida’s response to COVID-19.
• FLNG has expanded its support to mobile testing teams and the community-based and walk-up test sites. To date, FLNG has assisted in the testing of over 61,820 individuals for the COVID-19 virus.
• FLNG continues to support the state’s COVID-19 response through augmentation to airport screening measures, statewide logistics support, coordination, planning and operational mission sets.
• Task Force AID is preparing for the opening of the USACE Alternate Care Facility (ACF) at the Miami Beach Convention Center. FLNG will provide Guardsmen to conduct medical support operations.
• Find more information on DMA’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

• APD issued Emergency Order 20-03, which temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information to determine the level of need of APD customers.
• Find more information on APD’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

• The Department of Revenue (DOR) has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for tax-related questions and information.
• The Department also has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers and alternative options for handling many child support case activities without visiting an office.
• Find more information on DOR’s response to COVID-19 here.

**CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA**

• Paper reemployment assistance applications are available at career centers statewide. Florida’s local workforce development boards are working with community partners, libraries, local legislators and other organizations for additional application distribution.
• CareerSource Florida has launched an integrated public and business outreach campaign, *Help is Here*, a comprehensive resource for employment and business services for impacted Floridians.
• For a list of the 24 local workforce development boards within the CareerSource Florida network and their contact information, please click here.
• Find more information on CareerSource Florida’s response to COVID-19 here.

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**

• The State University System (SUS) has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the spring semester.
• The SUS has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university is directed to develop an alternate schedule or method of delivery.
• Find more information on SUS’ response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

• Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-97, delaying elections in Pasco County at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley.
• On April 6, Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee announced the issuance of an emergency order and emergency rules to extend annual report filing deadlines for business entities, as well as outline changes to the candidate petition and candidate qualifying processes.
• Find more information on the Florida Department of State’s Response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

• Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is expediting several infrastructure projects throughout the state due to the reduction in traffic from COVID-19. Find more information about FDOT’s accelerated projects here.
• FDOT is leading the coordination of DOH and the Florida Highway Patrol to implement Executive Order 20-86. To date, more than 8,000 traveler forms have been collected at the I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.
• FDOT continues to coordinate with seaports across the state to monitor port activity.
• FDOT continues to coordinate with public use airports, DOH and law enforcement to implement Executive Order 20-80. To date, more than 15,600 traveler forms have been collected at public use airports across the state.
• Find more information on FDOT’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

• The Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs (FDVA) has restricted visitor access to its state veterans’ homes until further notice, with the exception of essential visitors. In addition, admissions in our network of state veterans’ homes are temporarily suspended.
• Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of COVID-19, flu or the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center toll free at (877) 741-3400 before coming to a VA facility. Clinicians are available to provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage.
• To contact a teleworking FDVA Veterans’ Claims Examiner, call (727) 319-7440 or email VSO@fdva.state.fl.us.
• Find more information on FDVA’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

• The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) continues to be in close communication with the Governor’s Office, the Florida Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the most recent COVID-19 status and guidance.
• Find more information on FWC’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

• As the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) continues to be committed to the health and well-being of all Floridians, we have
compiled a list of resources with relevant information for homeowners, residents, developers, apartment owners, management companies, participating lenders, Realtors and SHIP administrators regarding COVID-19.

- Find more information on Florida Housing’s response to COVID-19 here.

VISIT FLORIDA

- VISIT FLORIDA’s four welcome centers are closed until further notice. VISIT FLORIDA welcome center staff members have been trained to provide customer service support for the Department of Economic Opportunity and are assisting with the influx of inquiries and calls from impacted businesses and workers throughout the state.
- Find more information on VISIT FLORIDA’s response to COVID-19 here.

VOLUNTEER FLORIDA

- As the lead agency for volunteerism and service, Volunteer Florida is working to support voluntary organizations across the state and nation by sharing resources, surveying needs and requesting that continuity of operations plans be created to avoid any service delivery disruption.
- Find more information on Volunteer Florida’s response to COVID-19 here.

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Cleve Wootson here with The Washington Post. I hope this email finds you safe and well. I’m one of a team of reporters writing about coronavirus across the United States – I’m based in Florida. I’m looking at a story on cities and towns that are experimenting with a pathway to reopening and wanted to talk to you about the recently-reopened beaches, namely whether they represent a model of the sort of incremental steps the nation will have to take on a path back to normalcy. Do you have a few moments to talk maybe Tuesday afternoon (I’m spending Tuesday morning on a farm, working on a food supply story.) I’m at 202.494.3278.

Best,

Cleve.
Local Government News

Fort Myers Police create special tribute to healthcare workers
*Good Morning America*

The Fort Myers Police Department arranged their police cruisers in the shape of a heart outside a local hospital to thank health care workers for all they do as the battle against COVID-19 rages on. Officers organized 15 patrol vehicles outside Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, Florida, hoping to show their appreciation for heroes in their community that are saving lives. Several law enforcement officials can be seen holding large signs in the middle of the heart that read "FMPD THANKS YOU" as red and blue lights flash around them. "It's kind of like our hometown hospital," Officer Kristen Capuzzi said. "We wanted a nice way to say thank you to our health care professionals." [Source](#)

Thermometer project to launch Tuesday in St. Augustine
*St. Augustine Record*

St. Augustine will launch its Kinsa thermometer project Tuesday as part of an effort to fight COVID-19, and people who are interested in getting a thermometer can call the city. The city plans to distribute 600 thermometers to eligible volunteer households, according to a city news release. The project will use data from the thermometers to try to get ahead of any possible COVID-19 outbreak. "The purpose of the project is to give our public health officials a real-time monitoring tool that detects changes in our public health so that they can promptly respond," City Manager John Regan said in the release. [Source](#)

State News

Re-Open Florida Task Force Executive Committee members announced
*WJHG*

There have been protests across Florida over the last few days to reopen the state. But many are asking how do you do that safely with the coronavirus COVID-19 still a threat? Monday, Governor Ron DeSantis hosted his first conference call with his Re-Open
Florida Task Force Executive Committee. Their job is to talk through what re-opening the state will look like when the time is right. Source

**Task force looks for answers on reviving economy**
*News Service of Florida*
With hundreds of thousands of workers filing unemployment claims and businesses shuttered across the state, a task force created by Gov. Ron DeSantis began discussing ways Monday to revive the state’s economy from the coronavirus crisis. Officials from businesses such as Disney World, Universal Orlando, Florida Power & Light, AT&T, Tampa General Hospital, Raymond James Financial Services and Lockheed Martin, along with county mayors from Southeast Florida and state elected Republican leaders, will spend the week as the task force’s executive committee to develop plans to reopen the economy. Source

**Gov. DeSantis: Testing the only way to assuage ‘frightened to the dickens’ Floridians**
*Florida Politics*
Gov. Ron DeSantis and his Re-Open Florida Task Force will make COVID-19 testing the driving tool to gauge society’s readiness to reopen. During the task force’s first meeting, held by teleconference, the administration framed a smooth economic recovery as the leading goal of the panel. The state expects to receive a shipment of 100,000 federally-approved antibody tests, produced in China, to arrive this week. DeSantis ordered Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz to order more as they become available. Source

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**Federal News**

**Chances Dim For State and Local Aid in Pending Virus Relief Deal**
*Route Fifty*
The odds appeared long on Monday evening that the latest coronavirus relief package taking shape in Congress would include more federal funding to help state or local governments as they grapple with the budget fallout that the pandemic has caused. Democrats called for $150 billion of state and local aid to be included in the “interim” coronavirus bill. But Republicans have pressed for a narrower measure, with an emphasis on replenishing the cash needed for a program meant to help small businesses cover payroll. Lawmakers on the two sides have indicated that they’re close to reaching a deal, and hope to hold votes on it in both chambers this week. The bill is expected to include additional funds for the small business initiative, known as the Paycheck Protection Program, as well as money for hospitals and coronavirus testing. But there were few signs that new state and local aid was close to being added—even though Democrats were continuing to push for it, according to multiple news reports. Source

**In pandemic, America’s smaller cities are hurting, too. Congress shouldn’t forget them.**
*USA Today*
A plague, like nothing else, puts our common humanity on display. COVID-19 has shown us that whether you’re black or white, rich or poor, urban or rural, we’re all vulnerable to this disease. We see clearly that our own health depends on the health of the person next to us, and the person next to them. Yet it also reminds us of our stark divisions. African Americans are dying at much higher rates of COVID-19, largely because of long-standing health disparities. While many white-collar employees are able to work from home, blue-collar workers and folks in the service industry must choose between their health and a
paycheck. Kids with access to technology at home can keep learning while schools are shut down; those without broadband access fall further behind. Unfortunately, Congress’ response to this crisis has also furthered geographic disparities. In the most recent emergency package signed into law last month, only cities with 500,000 people or more were eligible for direct assistance. That’s fewer than 40 cities across the country. Source

**Senate sets up Tuesday session to try to pass coronavirus relief deal**
*The Hill*
The Senate will try to pass a forthcoming agreement on coronavirus aid as soon as Tuesday if negotiators are able to reach a deal. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) amended the Senate schedule to set up the Tuesday meeting; the chamber had previously only been expected to meet this week on Monday and Thursday. The Tuesday meeting will give the chamber another chance to pass a deal on an "interim" coronavirus relief bill, and keep the House on track with Majority Leader Steny Hoyer's timeline of voting as soon as Wednesday. Source

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**Finance, Taxation & Personnel News**

**E-Verify Opponents And Supporters Wait As DeSantis Begins To Sign Bills**
*WUFT*
In 2018, then-republican-gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis ran on the promise of mandating the statewide use of E-Verify, an online government program that checks if an individual is authorized to work. SB664, dubbed the “E-Verify bill,” was approved by the Florida state legislature after a series of last-minute compromises. The bill requires employers to check and keep track of potential employees’ legal status to prevent undocumented workers like Monica from getting jobs. Although the bill made it to the finish line, the session came to an unusual end as the COVID-19 outbreak worsened in Florida. Source

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**Land Use & Economic Development News**

**DEO launches Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening program**
*WTXL*
The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has announced that $75 million is now available to local governments through the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program. DEO says the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program allows local governments and state agencies to increase the resilience of critical facilities that serve a public safety purpose for local communities. The funds are allocated through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s newly created Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation program formed in response to the 2016 to 2017 presidentially declared disasters. Source

State launches $75M program to beef up local hospitals, police departments and more
*Orlando Business Journal*
Roughly $75 million now is available to local governments in the Sunshine State through the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program, the state Department of Economic Opportunity announced on April 20. The program allows local governments and state agencies to increase the resilience of critical facilities that serve a public safety purpose for local communities. ... The funds are allocated through the U.S. Housing and
Urban Development’s newly created Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation program. Source

**Fort Myers establishes coronavirus Emergency Assistance Program**  
*News-Press*  
The city of Fort Myers has approved the allocation of city funds to help low- to moderate-income households and small businesses during the coronavirus pandemic. The decision was reached unanimously during Monday's city council meeting, held through the teleconference app Zoom. Much of the discussion during the meeting revolved around the pandemic and what the city can do to help the community and businesses most affected during this period of uncertainty. Ultimately, the city will use funds from the Community Development Block Grant program, the State Housing Initiative Partnership and Attainable Housing funds to develop an Emergency Assistance Program of about $824,462, according to city documents. Source

**Cities stepping up to help struggling small businesses**  
*WTSP*  
To help struggling small businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, the cities of Tampa and St. Petersburg have both launched their own financial assistance programs. In St. Pete, there is the Fighting Chance Fund, which gives emergency grants to the city's locally owned and independently operated small businesses that have seen a negative financial impact due to the pandemic. Source

**Municipal Administration News**

**Cybersecurity Tips for Working from Home**  
*Cities Speak*  
Government employees nationwide are moving to at-home work locations as social distancing in response to COVID-19 increases. The ever-present cyber threats that concern governments, however, don’t disappear when employees go home. Public sector staff can follow these top tips to mitigate risk and protect both public and personal networks and information. In this new age of working from home, phishing attacks are on the rise. Be especially cautious of emails that take advantage of COVID-19 news and purport to provide coronavirus alerts, request donations, or request urgent action. Source
WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is making $10 million available to help local communities more effectively combat terrorism and targeted violence across the United States. The $10 million appropriated by Congress under the Fiscal Year 2020 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program will support the development of a nationwide terrorism and targeted violence prevention framework. DHS strongly encourages all eligible entities to apply for this funding opportunity to build capabilities in their communities and online.

“Attacks by domestic terrorists, those inspired by foreign terrorist organizations, and acts committed by violent individuals with no clear ideological motivation have occurred in communities across America with tragic outcomes,” said Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf. “These grants will improve local communities’ ability to prevent individuals from mobilizing or radicalizing to violence and create locally-based prevention frameworks to address these emerging threats.”

The TVTP Grant Program helps DHS to fulfill its commitment to addressing the threat posed by terrorism and targeted violence at home and builds on the promising practices identified in previous grant programs. It is the only federal grant program dedicated to enhancing prevention capabilities in local communities. In its first year, the TVTP Grant Program has three priorities: (1) establishing and enhancing local prevention frameworks with an emphasis on threat assessment and management capabilities; (2) preventing domestic terrorism; and (3) finding innovative solutions for preventing targeted violence and terrorism.

“I want to thank Congress for funding for this mission in a bipartisan way over the last few years, most recently and most significantly, in the Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Act. We look forward to working with Congress to continue to advance this effort.” Wolf continued.

Eligible activities under the TVTP Grant Program cover all aspects of prevention, including building resilience, intervention, recidivism prevention, and reintegration programs at the local level. The program directly supports the objectives of the DHS Strategic Framework for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence, which DHS released in September 2019. Making these funds available for local prevention partners is a key milestone in the implementation of the Strategic Framework.

TVTP Grant Program funds will support the development of local prevention capabilities at a time when DHS is observing an uptick in online efforts for terrorism recruitment and radicalization from a variety of sectors. DHS is
committed to expanding the program and the President has requested an additional $20 million for TVTP grant funds next fiscal year.

The application period will close on May 29, 2020. Applicants should consult the Notice of Funding Opportunity for more specific information about the process. Applying for this grant is a multi-step process and it is recommended that applicants begin that process early in order to allow sufficient time to complete the interim steps.

For more information, please see the TVTP Grant Program site at https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants.

# # #
To all,

O&M exit gate is closed until further notice. Armstrong fence company will be replacing the gate operators, loop detectors and barrier arms. Please utilize the entrance gate for normal traffic flow in and out of yard and parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dan Curtis
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Dear Hon. Latham,

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University is publishing timely, short essays to address pressing policy questions affecting Congress, state and local governments, and the American economy.

Two recently published policy briefs, highlighted below, focus on the regulations suspended during the COVID-19 crisis, and what should be done with these regulations when the US economy returns to a normal state.

**COVID-19 Reveals the Need for a Regulatory Reset**
Regulatory barriers hindered a swift response to the COVID-19 pandemic, illuminating the need for a periodic review of regulations to avoid similar problems during future crises.

**A Fresh Start: How to Address Regulations Suspended During the Coronavirus Crisis**
Dozens of state and federal regulations were waived to quickly respond to the COVID-19 health crisis. This brief describes how to address the waived regulations post-crisis.

Should you have any questions, would like to learn more about either study, or would like to speak to the authors, please reply to this email. I would be happy to facilitate a call or briefing.

Sincerely,

Tia

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Submitted on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - 1:14pm Submitted by anonymous user: [73.35.6.163] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Outdoor toilet facility on 1St St S and 6th
Message:
Dear Major Latham, I thank you for opening the beaches for walking, biking, swimming, and surfing. Your decision allows citizens to easily engage in needed recreational activities. However, I am concern about contamination because the toilet facing and the outdoor showers receive no sterilization. I urge you to follow Atlantic Beaches approach and closed these facilities for the safety of the citizens. And if not closed permanently, at least closed when the beach is closed.
On another issue but related to the toilet facility, its outdoor lighting fails to comply with the ordinance to protect sea turtles. The lighting should conform to the low intensity style used to illuminate the parking area where the toilet facility is housed.
Thank you, M Louise Lantzy, 590 1St St. S. 315-569-7174

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
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Name: M Louise Lantzy
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City, State, Zip: Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250
Name of Company:
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The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/28588
Good afternoon – below is an email from Anne Cyr Jackson regarding the Northeast Florida League of Cities dinner/meetings for May and June.

Have an awesome day.

Thank you,

Chris Wright
City Manager’s Office
904.270.1651

The Northeast Florida League of Cities’ Beaches dinner/meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020 has been cancelled. Decision for June 17 date will be determined at a later date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Executive Director
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April 21, 2020

FEMA Advisory

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today’s FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- On April 16, President Trump released Guidelines for Opening America Up Again, providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country’s economy in several phases, depending on location.
  - Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening.
  - The federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure they have the equipment, supplies and testing resources to reopen safely and responsibly.

- On April 20, President Trump launched the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve Program, an innovative public-private partnership to access up to 65,000 additional ventilators in hospitals across the country that can be redeployed when not in use.

- As of April 20, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 57.4 million N95 respirators, 85.3 million surgical masks, 6.4 million face shields,
12.3 million surgical gowns, 638 million gloves, 10,998 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.

- FEMA continues to expedite movement of commercially pre-sourced and commercially procured critical supplies from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. through Project Airbridge.
- On April 17, Vice President Pence issued a letter to the nation's governors summarizing the medical equipment and supplies that have been distributed to each state from FEMA from April 1 – 14 through Project Airbridge and the commercial supply network.

- The U.S. has now processed 4.3 million samples, which is more total tests than the following nations combined: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.
  - States should be making full use of the vast testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the International Reagent Resource (IRR) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - Consolidating testing supplies under the IRR simplifies the resource request process for states and territories and alleviates the burden on public health labs on needing to work with separate suppliers for swabs, reagents and other diagnostic testing supplies.
  - On April 16, the FDA announced an expansion of testing options through use of synthetic swabs – with a design similar to Q-tips – to test patients by collecting a sample from the front of the nose.

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Chris Wright

From: Mike Staffopoulos
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:19 PM
To: All City Council
Cc: Heather Ireland; Bill Mann; Chris Wright; Karen Nelson
Subject: FW: Community Rating System (CRS) Annual Recertification

Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached email and documents from Planning & Development related to the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Annual Progress Report. Should you have any questions regarding the LMS Report content or the Community Rating System (CRS), please contact Heather Ireland, Sr. Planner or Bill Mann, P&D Director.

Sincerely,

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
City Manager

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From: Heather Ireland <hireland@jaxbchfl.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Mike Staffopoulos <mstaffopoulos@jaxbchfl.net>
Cc: Bill Mann <BMann@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: Community Rating System (CRS) Annual Recertification

Mike, it’s that time of year again where we are working on the annual recertification of the City’s Community Rating System (CRS) program. Annual recertification is required as a condition of our continued participation in the program, where we are currently at a Class 6, which offers a 20% discount for Jacksonville Beach residents on flood insurance premiums.

Part of the annual recertification includes an annual progress report for the implementation of the City’s Floodplain Management Plan. In our case, the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) serves as the City’s Floodplain Management Plan. The Countywide LMS is in the process of being updated pursuant to Florida Statutes. The Fire Marshal and I continue to participate in LMS Working Group meetings.

We are required to provide you with a copy of the progress report to share with our elected officials. Please see attached memo and report. I have also attached the 2020 CRS Fact Sheet if you would like to also share that with
Council. The report has been made available to the public on the Department’s website. I will provide hard copies to you as well.

If you have any questions or would like to see any additional information that we are providing to the ISO/CRS specialist for the 2020 annual recertification please let me know.

Thank you,

Heather Ireland, AICP
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The Department of Homeland Security through FEMA is providing $100 million in funding to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments with their emergency activities in support of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This includes grant money for message signs and other equipment for responding to COVID-19.

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Sixteen Deaths Related to COVID-19, Morning Update

~26,761 positive cases in Florida residents and 734 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 27,495 total** Florida cases. There are currently 313 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,001 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 207 have died.

While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 10,729 tests performed on April 20, there were 1,054 positive results, or 9 percent.

Sixteen people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Broward, Dade, Escambia, Lee, Palm Beach and Pinellas counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 437 additional positive COVID-19 cases (432 Florida residents and 5 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 26,761 positive cases in Florida residents and 734 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.
Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard [here](#).

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling [1-866-779-6121](tel:1-866-779-6121). The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

About the Florida Department of Health
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Good afternoon Mayor Latham,

On behalf of McDonald’s Corporation and the more than 2,000 independent small businessmen and women who operate McDonald’s restaurants around the country, thank you for your leadership during this challenging time.

McDonald’s is in every community across the country, and we are proud to continue safety serving our neighbors and heroes as we collectively navigate the COVID-19 crisis. We continue to offer convenient, contactless ways for customers to enjoy meals through drive-thru, carry out, McDelivery, and Mobile Order & Pay with our app.

Inspired by the heroes we continue to serve, beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, April 22 through Tuesday, May 5, first responders and healthcare workers in the U.S. will be able to receive a FREE “Thank You Meal” day or night, via carry out and drive thru at participating McDonald’s locations by simply showing a work badge. Each meal will be served in the iconic Happy Meal Box with breakfast and daytime options available. At breakfast, individuals can choose from: an Egg McMuffin®, Chicken McGriddles® or Bacon, Egg and Cheese Biscuit with any size soft drink, tea or hot coffee and a Hash Brown; and for lunch and dinner: a Double Cheeseburger, 6-Piece McNuggets® or a Filet-O-Fish® with any size soft drink, tea or hot coffee and small fries. For more information, please click here.

I’d also encourage you to share this information with your networks to help spread the word to first responders and healthcare workers. You can click here and here to view our social media posts.

In the McDonald’s system, we often remind ourselves of one of our founder Ray Kroc’s favorite sayings: “none of us is as good as all of us.” His words are more poignant today than ever. All of us are in this together and we all have a role to play to navigate this crisis. We’re thankful to be playing our part.

Thank you again for all you’re doing to support our collective protection and recovery and please don’t hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if McDonald’s can be of any assistance to you or your constituents.

Sincerely,

Nick

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Email: nicolas.stowell@us.mcd.com
Notice of Submission

Pursuant to Section 403.077, F.S., the Department of Environmental Protection has received the following Public Notice of Pollution for a reportable release. All information displayed was submitted by the reporting party.

Type of Notice: Initial Report
Date of Notice: 04/21/2020

Incident Information
Name of Incident: 8685 Baymeadows Rd E
State Watch Office Case Number: 20202020
Start of Incident: 04/16/2020 11:55
End of Incident: 04/16/2020 14:00

Incident Description
A broken air release valve released 500 gallons of sewer onto the ground and into a storm drain that lead to a retention pond with an overflow structure in overflow. A total of 144,000 gallons of water from the discharge of the overflow structure were recovered. Water quality sampling began on 4/17/2020. All clean up actions complete 4/19/2020.

Incident Location
Facility/Installation Name: 8685 Baymeadows Rd E
Address Line 1: 8685 Baymeadows Rd E
Address Line 2: 
Directions: 
City: Jacksonville
State: FL
Zip Code: 32256
Coordinates (in decimal degrees):
Lat: 30.223622196972844, Long: -81.50934328545732

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Impacted Counties: Duval

Incident Reported By
Name: Ron Nelson
Title: Env. Scientist
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Series Overview

Led by a workplace flexibility expert, this three-part series will provide employees and supervisors with relevant best practices and in-depth guidance on how to transition to remote work and maintain teamwork, productivity, engagement and morale.

Receive unique analysis and insights on expectations, guidelines, and telework resources that you can use now and learn how to recalibrate the way we work beyond the COVID-19 crisis.

Series Highlights

**Webinar #1 - April 29**
**Leading Virtual Teams Now and Beyond**
Learn how leaders can maintain employee morale, productivity and engagement while managing their remote teams and how this approach can be implemented in the future.

**Webinar #2 - May 6**
**Individual Strategies: Successful Remote Work During and After a Crisis**
Receive strategies and practical tips for remote work during a crisis and beyond.
Webinar #3 - May 13
From Survive to Thrive: Building Resilience and a Positive Mindset in Uncertain Times
Get expert tips—that will help you personally and professionally—on how to navigate turbulent times and discover the potential hidden within them.

Speaker

Manar Morales, President & CEO, The Diversity & Flexibility Alliance

Manar is a national thought leader on women's leadership, diversity, and workplace flexibility. She serves as President and CEO of the Diversity & Flexibility Alliance – a think tank dedicated to helping organizations create inclusive cultures that advance diversity and flexibility to attract and retain top talent. Manar is a frequent speaker on workplace flexibility, diversity and inclusion, women's leadership, and individual strategies for success.

Registration Fees

Individual webinars: $109 for Association members; $209 for nonmembers

Purchase the 5-part series (discounted price): $295 for Association members; $595 for nonmembers

Questions?

Contact EducationInfo@PublicPower.org.
Mayor and Council,

Below is a running log of COVID-19 updates in reverse chronological order, so the newest is at the top.

April 21:
- **Federal Updates**
  - No new updates at this time
- **State Updates**
  - The Governor has assembled a task force of statewide elected officials and business representatives to discuss/advise on steps for re-opening the state
  - Schools will remain closed through the remainder of the school year
- **Jacksonville/City updates**
  - Partial re-opening of beaches
    - Mayor did a nationally televised interview regarding re-opening of the beaches on 04/20
    - Public is being cooperative with both time and social distancing restrictions
    - Local media and social media sites have actively pushed actual images of Jacksonville Beach vs. national media images from special events and beaches other than ours
  - Administration is reviewing current operating model and temporary policies for modification on May 1
  - Health & Safety (Fire Marshal) requests each facility establish a personal protective equipment area (PPE) with masks, gloves and sanitizer to support employees upon a return to work notice (cancellation of work from home)
  - Staff is evaluating temporary signage relief for business identified as essential, but with operating restrictions
  - First virtual Council meeting was held on 04/20;
    - Next virtual Briefing scheduled for 04/27
    - Next virtual Meeting scheduled for 05/04

April 17:
- **Federal Updates**
  - The Federal Government has released guidelines for “Opening Up America Again”, which is structured into three phases for states to follow; it is unclear where Florida fits into the federal guidelines at this time.
  - The CARES Act allows for distribution of ICMA 457(b) funds
    - Information was distributed by Human Resources on April 17 with details of the distribution and a form
    - Contact HR if you have further questions about the program
  - The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country continues to be updated (https://covid19.healthdata.org); **this latest update represents a significant decrease to the projected impact to Florida**
    - Florida’s peak resources demand is now projected to have been experienced on April 14 (vs. May 3 projection)
    - All beds needed drops to 1,535 (20,184 available)
    - ICU beds needed drops to 405 beds (1,695 available)
- Invasive ventilators needed drops to 367
- Total deaths decreases to 1,363 by August 4 (from 4,750)

- State updates
  - No new updates at this time

- Jacksonville/City Updates
  - Mayor Curry and the Beaches Mayors have agreed to the following:
    - Open all City of Jacksonville Parks and golf courses, with restrictions
    - Open the beaches, with restrictions
      - Hours of 6:00-11:00 am, and 5:00-8:00 pm
      - No: sunbathing; towels; blankets; chairs; coolers; grills; etc.
      - Participation in recreational activities consistent with social distancing guidelines, to include walking, biking, hiking, fishing, running, swimming, taking care of pets and surfing
      - Dogs will be allowed beach during open hours, on leash, during these special opening periods
      - Opening starts 5:00 pm Friday evening
      - 4 lifeguard chairs will be out starting tomorrow
      - End zones and parking lots east of 1st will remain closed; parking lots west of 1st are open
  - The second order of laptops was partially received today (25 of 30); formatting will proceed next week, with further internal distribution as needed
  - The City’s first virtual Council meeting will be held Monday, April 20 at 6:00 pm
  - Note: The month of March has been eliminated from this and future emails, for brevity; the log is still being maintained on the City’s server

April 14:

- Federal Updates
  - The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country continues to be updated ([https://covid19.healthdata.org](https://covid19.healthdata.org))
    - Florida’s peak resources demand has been moved to May 3
    - All beds needed stay within the available by approximately 16,000
    - ICU beds needed is within available by approximately 600 beds
    - Invasive ventilators needed drops to approximately 970
    - Total deaths increases to approximately 4,750

- State Updates
  - The governor extended EO20-87, restricting STRs through the remainder of April
  - Mayor Curry extended his declared state of emergency for Duval County for 30 days, until May 12
    - The extension is only for the state of emergency
    - The extension allows Duval to continue receiving state and federal funds for COVID-19 response
    - The extension does not affect the Safer at Home EO, which has no expiration date

- City Updates
  - The City’s first virtual Council briefing was held on April 13
    - Review of 2019 Police Statistics conducted
    - City Attorney 6-month report was provided
    - Council provided direction on financial assistance from the City to assist with COVID-19 impacts
  - The City will hold its first virtual Council meeting April 20 at 6:00 pm
  - A second virtual Council briefing is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 6:00 pm
  - The City’s annual employee spring picnic has been postponed
  - The May 22 Moonlight Movie is being canceled, with potential for adding an additional date in the Fall

April 10:
• Federal Updates
  o The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country has been updated again (https://covid19.healthdata.org)
    ▪ Florida’s peak resources demand has been moved to April 26
    ▪ All beds needed stay within the available by almost 14,000
    ▪ ICU beds needed is within available by approximately 450 beds
    ▪ Invasive ventilators needed drops to approximately 1,040
    ▪ Total deaths decreased to approximately 4,000
  
• State Updates
  o Awaiting an update to Governor’s EO 20-87 extending STR restrictions

• City Updates
  o First round of laptops have been distributed
  o An order for an additional 30 laptops has been placed
  o The City will hold its first virtual briefing Monday night at 6:00 pm
  o The City will hold its first virtual Council meeting April 20 at 6:00 pm
  o Internal update meetings will be scaled back from daily to 2x per week, starting with this week (T and F); updates will be sent accordingly to Council and employees, with additional information as needed

April 8:

• Federal Updates
  o The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country has been updated again (https://covid19.healthdata.org)
    ▪ Florida’s peak resources demand stays at April 21
    ▪ All beds needed is now within available by 12,000
    ▪ ICU beds needed is now within available by approximately 140 beds
    ▪ Invasive ventilators needed is estimated drops from approximately 2,100 to approximately 1,300
    ▪ Total deaths decreases by approximately 2,400 (to 4,357 by August 4, 2020) with the updated model
  o Federal regulations are being changed in response to COVID-19 to allow employees to make withdrawals from their retirement accounts; additional information will be provided by Human Resources when ready for distribution

• State Updates
  o Certain calls regarding non-compliant businesses are continuing to either be directed to DBPR, or addressed by Police Department
  o Building Division is continuing to work with contractors on interpretation and application of the Governor’s EO 20-91 and its impacts on construction activities

• City Updates
  o IT is continuing to format and distribute the first 20 laptops, with the goal of full distribution by end of week
  o The City has purchased seven (7) iPads for City Council for use in virtual meetings and future electronic agenda management; the iPads may not be ready for April 13 proposed Briefing, but should be available for April 20 Council Meeting

April 6:

• Federal Updates
  o New “return to work” guidance has been incorporated into our practices for employees returning to work
  o CDC guidance now recommends covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others, to protect others from you, not you from others
  o The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country has been updated (https://covid19.healthdata.org)
- Florida’s peak resources demand has moved forward, from May 3 to April 21
- All beds needs is exceeded by approximately 7,000
- ICU beds needed is unmet by approximately 770 beds
- Invasive ventilators needed is estimated at approximately 2,100
- Total deaths only decreases by approximately 100 (to 6,770 by August 4, 2020) with the updated model

- **State Updates**
  - Certain calls regarding non-compliant businesses are being directed to DBPR, while others are being addressed by Police Department

- **City Updates**
  - First 20 laptops are being formatted for distribution; goal is to have all needed laptops distributed by end of week
  - Following the deep cleaning of SCADA and City Hall last week, remaining buildings will be deep cleaned in the coming two weeks: O&M, Parks, Meter Shop and Butler; the next round of deep cleaning after that will occur starting April 20
  - Level of Service is being reduced, and a commensurately flexible schedule is being installed, for Utility Billing in order to better meet the social distancing guidelines of 6’ separation; see email sent separately for specific details
  - United States Tennis Association (USTA) released guidance this weekend recommending a halt to all tennis play in an abundance of caution; the Huguenot tennis center will close following play on Wednesday, April 8

**April 3:**
- **Federal Updates**
  - New guidance has been issued for “return to work”; the City will incorporate this into our policies for employees out with illness or COVID-19 during the pandemic

- **State Updates**
  - Governor’s EO closing non-essential businesses went into effect 12:01 am today
  - Calls received regarding non-compliant businesses are being directed to the DBPR website for reporting (similar to restaurant and bar complaints)
  - Information was distributed to contractors clarifying non-essential construction work; contractors with issues being directed to the State Coordinator’s office for clarifications or to request changes at the state level
  - Three additional EOs were issued since the last report; one clarifies that EO 20-91 (closing non-essential businesses) superseded any local EO to that effect, for clarity; the other two EOs do not materially affect Jacksonville Beach

- **City Updates**
  - First 20 laptops have been received; setup and distribution will commence next week to support remote work
  - SCADA and City Hall were deep cleaned yesterday; additional buildings to be cleaned in coming weeks
  - Staff looking into a virtual briefing for April 13; technology to be tested next week
  - The tennis center afternoon hours are changed from 3:00 pm to sunset instead of 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and is closed on weekends

**April 1:**
- **Federal Updates**
  - Federal government continues to reference modeling being performed for evaluation of impacts to the US and each State
  - The site (covid19.healthdata.org) still indicates Florida is 30+ days away from peak healthcare resource demand for COVID-19 response

- **Jacksonville/Duval updates**
  - Mayor Curry issued EO 2020-5, Emergency Non-Essential Business Closure
The EO goes into effect Friday morning at 12:01 am
The EO is modeled after the Miami-Dade EO effectuating the same results

• State Updates
  o Governor DeSantis issued EO 20-91, restricting non-essential services, and requiring certain populations to stay at home
  o The EO goes into effect Friday morning at 12:01 am, and will remain in effect until April 30
  o The EO incorporates Miami-Dade’s list of defined essential services; since Jacksonville/Duval effectively mirrored the Miami-Dade ordinance, there is only minor differences between the Governor’s EO and Mayor Curry’s EO executed earlier in the day

• City updates
  o Staff has started review of the Governor’s EO to determine impacts to construction activities; contractors will be notified of impacts on Thursday, April 2
  o An amendment to the COVID-19 Personnel Directive was issued, identifying the expiration of the directive on April 30, and capping credited sick leave hours at eighty (80) per person.
  o Staff conducted a walkthrough of the Council meeting for April 6
  o Staff has identified an additional resource for City specific data (thank you Councilor Golding!)
    ▪ Floridadisaster.org is hosted by the Florida Department of Emergency Management
    ▪ The website provides data on COVID-19 cases throughout the state, and even breaks down data by city
    ▪ As of today, Jacksonville Beach is reported at 11 confirmed cases

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Chris Wright

From: Mike Staffopoulos
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:37 PM
To: All City Council
Cc: Ashlie Gossett; Ann Meuse; Karen Nelson; Chris Wright
Subject: FW: RFP 02-1920

Mayor and Council,

Some of you may have been contacted by Mr. Dave Polovina regarding the City’s RFP process for health insurance. Below is the response provided from staff, and the response from Mr. Polovina.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Staffopoulos
City Manager
Ext. 6268

From: Dave Polovina <dpolovina@allflains.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Ashlie Gossett <agossett@jaxbchfl.net>
Cc: Karen Nelson <KNelson@jaxbchfl.net>; Mike Staffopoulos <mstaffopoulos@jaxbchfl.net>; Ann Meuse <ameuse@jaxbchfl.net>; Luis Flores <lflores@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: Re: RFP 02-1920

Absolutely no problem Ashlie

I’m only interested as a tax payer and former benefits consultant to the City

For almost 20 years I was the benefits consultant to the City

I worked closely with Sue Taylor, Karen Nelson, 3 city managers and 3 Finance Directors as well as hundreds of employees over the years.

I want to stay engaged with the process ...so I can give my 2 cents worth of input regarding fees, services and treating the employees like family, who ever the City contracts with.

Abentras is a first class company and I hope the City continues to do business with them

Appreciate the quick response during these historic times
On Apr 21, 2020, at 2:52 PM, Ashlie Gossett <agossett@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Dave,

Thank you for the email, we are sorry you were overlooked in the email distribution for RFP 02-1920. We currently do not have a software system or database that generates interested vendor lists for services and/or commodities solicited. Ours is a manual process and we do our best to include all known interested vendors for procurement opportunities as they arise. In addition to the email distribution list, RFP and bid solicitations are advertised in the Jacksonville Daily Record or equivalent newspaper publication as well as posted on our website to seek out qualified respondents.

Because the State of Florida records retention requirement for vendor files is three years, your company’s information was no longer active when this RFP was issued. Once again we apologize for the oversight. We hope you will submit a response to the RFP.

Thank you,
Ashlie

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New + Notable

Call for Nominations: 2020 E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award
We are now accepting nominations for the League’s most prestigious award, the E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award. If your city has an elected official who has performed in an outstanding manner and made lasting contributions to municipal government, consider nominating him/her for this award! All elected municipal officials are eligible, unless they serve on the Award Selection Committee. Send your completed nomination form to the League by July 10, 2020. Download Nomination Form | View Nomination Guidelines

2020 Quality Cities Conference Ads
With COVID-19 being the focus of so many of our members, we will not be including city and local/regional league conference ads in Quality Cities. For decades, this has been a popular way of offering congratulations and recognition, so we hope you will join us when reinstated in the future.
FLCities Strong Webinar Series - April 27
Start your week with insight and encouragement as Dr. Scott Paine and Shwanda Barnette host engaging conversations that take us beyond today's headlines. Join us for the third installment, featuring FLC Risk & Safety Management Director Ron Peters and city officials from across the state, on April 27 at 10:00 a.m. In these weekly webinars, we explore what cities are doing, and can do, to turn the challenges of the present into better futures for our residents. Register Now

FLC-FLGISA Webinar: Security Awareness in the New Reality - April 29 at 10:00 a.m.
The Florida League of Cities and the Florida Local Government Information System Association (FLGISA) are hosting a security best practices webinar on April 29 at 10:00 a.m. featuring Bob Pacheco at Eurofins. This session will provide a basic pandemic primer and cover important topics like social engineering tactics to look out for in today's new reality, along with helpful tips on practicing security hygiene for your equipment and networks at home. Register Now

In Case You Missed It: FLCities Snapshot
Last week, we launched our new FLCities Snapshot video series, a quick review of the news and events currently impacting local governments. Click the image below to watch the first episode.
Education + Events

April 27 at 10:00 a.m. ET
#FLCitiesStrong Weekly Webinar Series

April 29 at 10:00 a.m. ET
FLC-FLGISA Webinar: Security Awareness in the New Reality

May 14 at 2:00 p.m. ET
Public Officials’ Public Comments: Ethics, the Law and Best Practices (Online Learning)

May 19-21 - CANCELED
FAST Fly-In to Washington, D.C.

Research + Resources

Coronavirus Update: New Resources for Florida's Local Governments
Over the past week, we have added numerous resources to our Coronavirus Online Information Center. Recent additions include:

- CARES Act Funding: Florida Impact
- Summary of April 15 White House Call
- FEMA Disaster Financial Management Guide
- U.S. Treasury Local Government Website
- USDA Measures to Help Rural Communities Affected by COVID-19
- LobbyTools Florida Emergency Order Regional Directory
Be sure to check back often as new resources are added daily!

**National Civic Review Spring Edition Now Available**
This issue of the National Civic Review goes out as our nation is dealing with the biggest pandemic in over 100 years. While this edition does not address the epidemic directly, it does offer ideas about the need for public engagement and civic innovation in addressing community challenges. The issue was published in collaboration with the Charles F. Kettering Foundation. To access this edition, go to the table of contents where you will be prompted to enter the unique access code: FLC20. [View Spring Edition](#)

![2020 Florida Municipal Achievement Awards](image1)

**Partner Events (Online Learning)**

April 23  
3:30 p.m. ET  
[City Leaders Supporting Access to Nature During the Pandemic](#)

Coronavirus Learning & Policy Center  
Free courses, policies and management tools related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Funding Opportunities**
Visit our Coronavirus Online Information Center for additional funding and technical resources related to COVID-19.

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

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Phase 1 Request for Applications - Deadline Extended by 30 Days
May 7 Application Deadline (Extended)

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.

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Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida
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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Twenty-Eight Deaths Related to COVID-19, Evening Update

~27,127 positive cases in Florida residents and 742 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 6 p.m., there are 27,869 total** Florida cases. There are currently 313 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,153 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 222 have died.

While Florida's testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 11,782 tests performed on April 20, there were 1,054 positive results, or 9 percent.

Twenty-eight people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Alachua, Collier, Dade, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Madison, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Lucie, Suwannee and Volusia counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 374 additional positive COVID-19 cases (366 Florida residents and 8 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 27,127 positive cases in Florida residents and 742 positive cases in non-Florida residents.
Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard here.

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.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 aware regarding the status 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 State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

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The task force, as well as working groups organized by industry, will hold daily discussions over the next week and then brief the Governor on their recommendations to re-open the state.

**Recent actions the state has taken to respond to COVID-19:**

- APD’s Developmental Disabilities Defendant Program (DDDP) of Chattahoochee received 10 cases of KN95 masks as a donation from local businesses.
- APD and the St. Johns County Health Department are working together to improve infection control measures at group homes. DOH is visiting homes and reviewing cleaning and sanitizing measures and proper usage of personal protective equipment.
As of April 21, approximately 2,348 Florida National Guardsmen (FLNG) are currently deployed to support Florida’s response to COVID-19.

FLNG has expanded its support to mobile testing teams and the community-based and walk-up test sites. To date, FLNG has assisted in the testing of over 64,380 individuals for the COVID-19 virus.

FDOT is leading the coordination of DOH and the Florida Highway Patrol to implement Executive Order 20-86. To date, more than 8,300 traveler forms have been collected at the I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.

FDOT continues to coordinate with public use airports, DOH and law enforcement to implement Executive Order 20-80. To date, more than 15,900 traveler forms have been collected at public use airports across the state.

Additional actions the state has taken to respond to COVID-19:

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.
- Governor DeSantis announced that the state ordered an additional 2,500 test kits to supplement the adequate resources already available to test for COVID-19. These additional test kits will enable the Department of Health, working with Florida health care providers, to test up to an additional 625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in state and all out-of-state travel for state employees for 30 days.
- Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19. The call center launched Monday, March 2, and is open 24/7.
- Established mechanisms for monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- Approved and disseminated an updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying COVID-19 PUIs.
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated laboratory guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.
- Implemented private lab testing.
- Developed and disseminated pandemic planning guidance.
- Advised CHDs and HCCs to retain expired personal protective equipment until further notice.
- Florida Department of Health is coordinating on mobile field hospital planning.
- DOH strike teams have completed assessments for 3,874 long term care facilities to determine immediate unmet needs and promote appropriate infection control practices.
- DOH strike teams have responded to long term care facilities with COVID-19 positive patients.
- DOH continues to work toward increasing capabilities at drive through, walk up and mobile COVID-19 testing sites.

**FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- This week, the Division is making another major push of PPE to support health care workers in long-term care facilities. This includes:
  - 4 million masks,
  - 200,000 face shields,
  - 500,000 gloves
- With that push, the Division will have distributed:
  - More than 12 million masks
  - More than 6 million gloves
  - More than 800 thousand face shields
  - 650 thousand shoe covers
  - 330 thousand gowns
  - More than 150 thousand containers of hand sanitizer
  - 48 thousand goggles
  - 28 thousand coveralls
  - 18 thousand Tyvex suits
- Find more information on DEM’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

- On April 14, AHCA issued [Emergency Order AHCA 20-002](#) to temporarily suspend nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help alleviate financial burdens. This EO suspension aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19.
- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has created new temporary Personal Care Attendant program to help long-term care facilities fill staffing shortages. The program provides an 8-hour training on assisting with direct care so that personal care attendants can temporarily perform additional duties.
- AHCA has been working with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to ensure current Medicaid recipients maintain benefits during the state of emergency. Medicaid application deadlines have also been extended.
- AHCA has made on-site visits to over 900 long-term care and residential facilities since the onset of the COVID-19 emergency. Additionally, AHCA has made over 5,000 telephone calls to residential
providers statewide to assess infection control and prevention strategies, ensure county health department and local emergency operations center contact information are up to date, and assess supplies (specifically PPE).

- Find more information on AHCA’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has updated its dedicated compliance complaint form to include an option for reporting vacation rental compliance concerns. The Department’s Division of Hotels and Restaurants continues to monitor, review, and assign complaints received through this form for follow-up by division inspectors.
- Find more information on DBPR’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

- Per the Department of Children and Families’ (DCF) request, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved Florida’s waiver to permit the state to launch a pilot project that will allow families to purchase groceries online with their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. DCF will continue to work closely with the USDA and participating retailers to implement this project by April 21, 2020.
- Under Governor DeSantis’ direction, DCF has temporarily increased SNAP recipients’ benefit amount to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size.
- DCF worked with DOH to develop precautionary protocols for child welfare professionals and adult protective investigators who may have to make in-person visits to ensure the safety of those vulnerable populations.
- Find more information on DCF’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

- The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is closely aligned with the [CDC Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities](#).
- New inmate commitments from county jails undergo additional screening and 14-day quarantine before placement within the general population.
- FDC has suspended visitation and volunteer programs at all correctional institutions statewide.
- FDC correctional officers are authorized to wear approved face coverings or masks while working.
• Find more information on FDC’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

• Beginning April 20, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will provide daily updates on the efforts made to address the challenges to Florida’s Reemployment Assistance program in response to COVID-19. This includes a [new State Reemployment Assistance Claims Dashboard](https://www.floridalaw.com/meridian) that will be updated daily to reflect the total number of Reemployment Assistance Claims submitted, verified, processed, and paid.

• Governor DeSantis issued an [Executive Order 20-104](https://www.gobizflorida.com/meridian) waiving the requirement for Floridians to claim their weeks for Reemployment Assistance.

• The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced more than 1,000 small businesses have been awarded more than $49 million from the [Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan](https://www.floridalaw.com/meridian).

• Governor DeSantis has waived the work search and work registration requirements for individuals requesting Reemployment Assistance benefits, as well as the waiting week for receiving benefits. For more information, see the [Reemployment Assistance Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.floridalaw.com/meridian).

• The [Business Damage Assessment survey](https://www.floridalaw.com/meridian) is activated and continues to accept surveys to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations and determine the appropriate actions for recovery.

• Find more information on DEO’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

• Governor Ron DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran announced that 32,614 laptop computers are being distributed to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School.

• The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has delayed the deadline for teacher certification requirements and offered a fee waiver for testing. More than 22,000 teachers have taken advantage of the fee waiver so far.

• DOE continues to participate in multiple webinars on a weekly basis to provide technical assistance to stakeholders and education providers for distance learning.

• The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has compiled resources, information, and best practices for distance learning on its emergency response page.

• The Florida Virtual School has created the [Online Learning Community](https://www.floridalaw.com/meridian) with engaging and informative content for teachers and parents of K-12 students.
Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran recommended that all Florida public and private K-12 schools continue distance learning and keep school campuses closed through June 3, the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Find more information on The Department of Education’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS**

- Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued [Emergency Order 20-01](https://www.floridageo.gov/Long/Legal/Order/EO-20-01.php) on March 31 pertaining to in-person guardian visitation requirements where COVID-19 response and mitigation measures prevent such visits.
- DOEA continues to provide technical assistance to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) regarding meals, billing, data entry, shopping assistance, telephone reassurance, health and wellness programs, and the elder helpline.

**ENTERPRISE FLORIDA**


**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

- Effective March 23, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has closed all Florida State Parks to the public. Park field staff are on site to maintain grounds.
- Effective March 24, public access to lands within DEP’s Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas is closed. This includes state-owned uplands, such as beaches, islands, sand bars and emergent shoals within aquatic preserves. Vessel landings are strictly prohibited.
- On April 1, DEP issued an [Emergency Final Order (EFO)](https://www.floridageo.gov/Long/COVID-19/Enterpise-Florida/Enterpise-Florida-Microfinance-LG-Program.php) granting a 30-day extension to the deadline for its regulated facilities to submit routine paperwork and reports.
• Find more information on DEP’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

• The Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) has issued Emergency Order 2020-02 extending certain filing deadlines for Florida’s financial services providers.
• OFR has issued Emergency Order 2020-01 extending certain renewal deadlines for money services businesses.
• Find more information on OFR’s COVID-19 response and available resources here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

• At the direction of Governor DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) has issued an Emergency Order extending all Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards that expire March 16 through April 30, 2020.
• The Florida Highway Patrol is assisting with the implementation and enforcement of Executive Order 20-86 at the direction of Governor DeSantis.
• Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes has waived commercial truck hours of service regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be moved more quickly and efficiently throughout the state.
• Find more information on FLHSMV’s COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

• The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M providing guidance on the use of technology to help combat the spread of COVID-19, including encouraging insurers to broaden access to care for telehealth services, and requesting Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing.
• OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M reminding insurers of applicable statutes regarding workers’ compensation insurance. Workers’ compensation insurers are expected to comply with all of the provisions of Florida’s Workers’ Compensation Law.
• OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-03M directing all insurers and other entities regulated by OIR to review and update their business continuity and/or continuity of operations plans. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity plans are
activated and/or if business operations become compromised so it can work with insurers to avoid any disruption in consumer services.

- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M providing general guidance on the treatment of policyholders as part of the state’s ongoing efforts to protect Floridians.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills.
- Find more information on OIR’s COVID-19 response here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has suspended visitation at all state-operated juvenile detention centers and juvenile residential commitment programs until April 30, 2020.
- DJJ has also instituted additional screening measures for essential personnel and vendors within juvenile facilities.
- Find more information on DJJ’s COVID-19 response here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) continues to monitor protests held across the nation in relation to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders for threats or violence.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association to monitor law enforcement staffing impacts and staffing needs due to COVID-19.
- FDLE continues to work with all Florida law enforcement entities on obtaining PPE needs.
- FDLE and FHP continue to facilitate the escort of testing collection kits statewide.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Sheriffs Association and Florida Police Chiefs Association to provide support to FHP at 1-10 and 1-95 checkpoints.
- FDLE continues to work with ESF-16 partners on airport screening missions.
- Find more information on FDLE’s COVID-19 response here.

**FLORIDA LOTTERY**

- Effective March 23, Florida Lottery Headquarters and district offices are closed to the public until further notice.
- Find more information on the Florida Lottery’s COVID-19 response here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES**
The Department of Management Services (DMS) launched a dedicated telework webpage (fl.gov) to provide resources and tutorials for employees and employers operating in a remote work environment. At the Governor’s direction, DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order to ensure federal benefits granted through The Families First Coronavirus Response Act are available to employees. As directed in Executive Order 20-52, DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to expand covered telehealth benefits at no additional employee cost. Also directed in Executive Order 20-52, DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to cover immunizations at participating in-network retail pharmacies at no cost to the member during this public health emergency.

Find more information on DMS’ COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

As of April 21, approximately 2,348 Florida National Guardsmen (FLNG) are currently deployed to support Florida’s response to COVID-19. FLNG has expanded its support to mobile testing teams and the community-based and walk-up test sites. To date, FLNG has assisted in the testing of over 64,380 individuals for the COVID-19 virus. FLNG continues to support the state’s COVID-19 response through augmentation to airport screening measures, statewide logistics support, coordination, planning and operational mission sets. Task Force AID is preparing for the opening of the USACE Alternate Care Facility (ACF) at the Miami Beach Convention Center. FLNG will provide Guardsmen to conduct medical support operations.

Find more information on DMA’s response to COVID-19 here.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

APD’s Developmental Disabilities Defendant Program (DDDP) of Chattahoochee received 10 cases of KN95 masks as a donation from local businesses. APD and the St. Johns County Health Department are working together to improve infection control measures at group homes. DOH is visiting homes and reviewing cleaning and sanitizing measures and proper usage of personal protective equipment. DOH is also providing any needed PPE to the facilities. APD issued Emergency Order 20-03, which temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information to determine the level of need of APD customers.

Find more information on APD’s response to COVID-19 here.
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- The Department of Revenue (DOR) has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for tax-related questions and information.
- The Department also has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers and alternative options for handling many child support case activities without visiting an office.
- Find more information on DOR’s response to COVID-19 here.

CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA

- Paper reemployment assistance applications are available at career centers statewide. Florida’s local workforce development boards are working with community partners, libraries, local legislators and other organizations for additional application distribution.
- CareerSource Florida has launched an integrated public and business outreach campaign, Help is Here, a comprehensive resource for employment and business services for impacted Floridians.
- For a list of the 24 local workforce development boards within the CareerSource Florida network and their contact information, please click here.
- Find more information on CareerSource Florida’s response to COVID-19 here.

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

- The State University System (SUS) has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the spring semester.
- The SUS has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university is directed to develop an alternate schedule or method of delivery.
- Find more information on SUS’ response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-97, delaying elections in Pasco County at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley.
- On April 6, Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee announced the issuance of an emergency order and emergency rules to extend annual report filing deadlines for business entities, as well as outline changes to the candidate petition and candidate qualifying processes.
- Find more information on the Florida Department of State’s Response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is expediting several infrastructure projects throughout the state due to the reduction in traffic from COVID-19. Find more information about FDOT’s accelerated projects [here](#).
- FDOT is leading the coordination of DOH and the Florida Highway Patrol to implement Executive Order 20-86. To date, more than 8,300 traveler forms have been collected at the I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.
- FDOT continues to coordinate with seaports across the state to monitor port activity.
- FDOT continues to coordinate with public use airports, DOH and law enforcement to implement Executive Order 20-80. To date, more than 15,900 traveler forms have been collected at public use airports across the state.
- Find more information on FDOT’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

- The Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs (FDVA) has restricted visitor access to its state veterans’ homes until further notice, with the exception of essential visitors. In addition, admissions in our network of state veterans’ homes are temporarily suspended.
- Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of COVID-19, flu or the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center toll free at (877) 741-3400 before coming to a VA facility. Clinicians are available to provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage.
- To contact a teleworking FDVA Veterans’ Claims Examiner, call (727) 319-7440 or email VSO@fdva.state.fl.us.
- Find more information on FDVA’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) continues to be in close communication with the Governor’s Office, the Florida Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the most recent COVID-19 status and guidance.
- Find more information on FWC’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**

- As the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) continues to be committed to the health and well-being of all Floridians, we have compiled a list of resources with relevant information for homeowners, residents, developers, apartment owners, management companies, participating lenders, Realtors and SHIP administrators regarding COVID-19.
- Find more information on Florida Housing’s response to COVID-19 here.

**VISIT FLORIDA**

- VISIT FLORIDA’s four welcome centers are closed until further notice. VISIT FLORIDA welcome center staff members have been trained to provide customer service support for the Department of Economic Opportunity and are assisting with the influx of inquiries and calls from impacted businesses and workers throughout the state.
- Find more information on VISIT FLORIDA’s response to COVID-19 here.

**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA**

- As the lead agency for volunteerism and service, Volunteer Florida is working to support voluntary organizations across the state and nation by sharing resources, surveying needs and requesting that continuity of operations plans be created to avoid any service delivery disruption.
- Find more information on Volunteer Florida’s response to COVID-19 here.

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Local Government News

Lakeland to DeSantis: Reopen only after 14-day COVID-19 decline
The Ledger
Lakeland commissioners have taken the position they support a scientific approach — not politics — in determining when to resume life as normal. The City Commission sent a letter via email to Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday afternoon asking him to implement a regional strategy in reopening for business after COVID-19. The governor was in Tallahassee holding the first meetings of the Re-Open Florida Task Force. “As a commission, we encourage restoration of business openings justified by receding positive tests and receding deaths, which are consistent reductions over 14 days,” reads the city’s April 21 letter. Source

Coral Springs Police Celebrate Children’s Birthdays With Videos
Tap into Coral Springs
Across the nation, many police and fire departments are refusing to let the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic rob children of their birthdays, so they are doing drive-by birthday celebration parades. Coral Springs police are doing something a little different. Instead of driving through neighborhoods with lights flashing and sirens wailing, they are creating videos of police officers offering personalized birthday wishes and sending them to children and their families virtually. Source

Disparate Impacts of COVID-19 on Communities of Color
Cities Speak
As local leaders respond to this COVID-19 pandemic, government decision-makers and decision-making processes will be tested in unprecedented ways. Now, more than ever, these decisions cannot only consider equity as one piece of many; they must center on equity. Without applying an explicit equity lens to each city’s COVID-19 response, the response is likely to perpetuate or exacerbate existing inequities for people of color, low-income individuals, people with disabilities, the LGBTQIA+ community, and other vulnerable and marginalized groups. Source

Dunedin Vice Mayor Heather Gracy Honored With 2020 Home Rule Hero Award
Patch
The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Vice Mayor Heather Gracy with a 2020 Home Rule Hero Award. Heather Gracy earned this prestigious award for her tireless efforts throughout the legislative session to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities and advance the League's legislative agenda. "I'm honored to receive the Home Rule Hero Award because it recognizes my commitment to the Dunedin community and my passion for local self-government. As the government closest to the people, a city has a unique bond with its citizens. Protecting Dunedin from one-size-fits-all-legislation is meaningful advocacy, and I thank my colleagues on the Dunedin City Commission for lending their voices of support to the same."  

State News

Task force looks for answers on reviving economy
Florida Politics
With hundreds of thousands of workers filing unemployment claims and businesses shuttered across the state, a task force created by Gov. Ron DeSantis began discussing ways Monday to revive the state's economy from the coronavirus crisis. Officials from businesses such as Disney World, Universal Orlando, Florida Power & Light, AT&T, Tampa General Hospital, Raymond James Financial Services and Lockheed Martin, along with county mayors from Southeast Florida and state elected Republican leaders, will spend the week as the task force's executive committee to develop plans to reopen the economy. DeSantis said in a conference call the goal is to not just get the state back on its feet, but "resurging back to where we all want to be."  

DeSantis expresses confidence that ‘we’re going to be OK’ as Florida flattens curve
Miami Herald
Gov. Ron DeSantis said Tuesday that Florida's curve of COVID-19 infections has flattened and that an anticipated crush of patients was not going to materialize after all. "Those predictions have been false," DeSantis said. "Our work is succeeding. We have flattened the curve." DeSantis said that projections from last month showing that the state would become like New York and Italy, which were hit hard from COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, were incorrect.  

Federal News

Fed Gearing Up to Help Smaller Local Governments
The New York Times
The Federal Reserve could soon expand its plans to buy municipal bonds, as lawmakers from both parties pressure the central bank to do more to support smaller cities and counties suffering amid fallout from the coronavirus. Fed officials said on April 9 that they would begin purchasing municipal bonds using their emergency lending powers, pledging to buy up to $500 billion in bonds from states and the biggest cities and counties. In doing so, they crossed a line they have long treated as sacred: buying local bonds is potentially charged territory for the politically independent Fed. While the central bank has yet to announce a start date for the new program, its plans have been met with both hope and criticism.  

Source
Senate passes $484B coronavirus relief package
*The Hill*

The Senate on Tuesday approved roughly $484 billion in new coronavirus aid for small businesses and hospitals and more funding for testing, ending a lengthy battle over the size and contents of the package. The agreement was passed by a voice vote after days of negotiations between congressional Democrats and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, with the talks lasting until approximately midnight on both Sunday and Monday. The deal includes an additional $310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), including $60 billion specifically for community banks and smaller lenders, as well as $75 billion for hospitals, $25 billion for testing, and $60 billion for emergency disaster loans and grants, according to a summary obtained by The Hill. [Source](#)

Battle heats up for phase-four coronavirus relief bill
*The Hill*

The Senate’s passage of a $484 billion coronavirus relief bill on Tuesday is setting the stage for negotiations on an even bigger package that could rival the $2.2 trillion CARES Act passed by Congress last month. The legislation would funnel tens of billions if not hundreds of billions to state and local governments and could address infrastructure spending and election security. Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer (N.Y.) on Tuesday called for Congress to begin thinking about “CARES 2” after the Senate deal, while Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.) warned of the growing amount of debt the U.S. is adding, previewing the battle to come. [Source](#)

Land Use & Economic Development News

DEO: $75 Million Available to Local Governments Through Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program
*Florida Daily*

On Monday, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced $75 million is now available to local governments through the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program. The Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program allows local governments and state agencies to increase the resilience of critical facilities that serve a public safety purpose for local communities. The funds are allocated through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) newly created Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program formed in response to the 2016 to 2017 presidentially declared disasters. Local governments and state agencies may apply individually or partner with non-profits and non-governmental agencies for funding to propose projects that meet program requirements, including benefiting low-to-moderate income (LMI) populations. [Source](#)

Editorial: Governor should veto overloaded SB 410
*Daily Commercial*

Senate Bill 410 — which may be dropping on the desk of Gov. Ron DeSantis for his signature or veto as you read this — started out life last October as a flimsy little two-page exercise in legislative overkill. The ostensible purpose: to exalt the rights of private property owners in Florida, ceremoniously and conspicuously. The effect: to create an added layer of paperwork and expense at the county and municipal level, requiring attorneys to craft language that is totally superfluous, since the rights of landowners are already exalted in federal and state law. The Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties and the environmental watchdog group 1,000 Friends of Florida all opposed the bill and its House companion, calling it unnecessary and costly. [Source](#)
Commissioner Fishman,

I would be willing to participate in a work group for proposing STR legislation. However, I believe our Mayor, Charlie Latham, may be a more appropriate choice, given his work as a Home Rule Hero related directly to this issue, and his relationships with key legislators on this topic due to his tenure as Mayor. Is his participation something you would entertain? Or are you looking for my input to have a balance of City Administrators and elected officials?

Let me know in what way I or the City of Jacksonville Beach can help on this important topic.

Sincerely,

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Good morning Mike,

I recently sent an email invitation to you, Please see below and let me know if you are interested in joining us.

Good afternoon all,

First and foremost, I hope you are all doing well and that all things considered, all is well with your cities!
Thankfully the League of Cities, with the help of many of you in this email, was able to defeat SB 1128 and HB 1011 this past session. At the beginning of our Policy meetings when we chose our priorities for the session, I voiced my frustration of always being on the defensive of having to defeat bad bills instead of our Policy Committee coming up with our own bill. I don’t know about you but I am willing to put in some work now to have a potential bill to present to the committee as a whole when we meet later this year.

I am sending this email to you today to see if you are interested in participating in several Zoom meetings to discuss a potential bill and some strategies for that bill. I will take the responsibility of setting up and sending out the information for each meeting. I am including the emails of those receiving this to ensure we all agree that these are the people who should be included. After this, I will send emails out without each email being seen.

Before you send me suggested people to be included in this sub-committee, please keep in mind this work will be easier with a smaller group but will need to be heard and approved by the committee as a whole. I have tried to include small and large cities, cities from around the state, and those that had specific issue for their cities with vacation rentals. I personally believe that more than 15 people will be unmanageable in a virtual atmosphere.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating by close of business Friday, April 17th so that I can start getting this set up. I would like to have an organizational meeting as early as next week.

Thank you for all each of you are doing for your cities!

1. Potential Subcommittee Members
   a. Julie Fishman – Commissioner, City of Tamarac
   b. Dan Saracki – Council Member, City of Oldsmar
   c. Janet Hernandez – Councilmember, Village of Indiantown
   d. Brian Sherman – Attorney
   e. Mike Staffopoulos – City Manager, City of Jacksonville Beach
   f. Holly Smith – Councilmember, City of Sanibel
   g. Willie Shaw – Commissioner, City of Sarasota
   h. Mitchell Posner – 2nd Vice President, Florida Association of Code Enforcement
i. Sabrina Javellana – Commissioner, City of Hallandale Beach
j. Mark Ryan – City Manager, City of Indian Harbour Beach
k. Jordan Leonard – Councilmember, Town of Bay Harbour Island
l. Brenda Fetrow – City Manager, Rockledge
m. Kim Glas-Castro – Vice Mayor, Town of Lake Park
n. Dominic Montanarao – Councilmember, City of Satellite Beach
o. Darrell Donatto – Fire Chief, Palm Beach Fire Rescue

Warm Regards,

Julie

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Good afternoon! Attached is your Agenda from Monday’s City Council Meeting, do you also need a copy of the emails we received for Courtesy of the Floor?

Respectfully,

Sheila A. Boman
Office Assistant
Jacksonville Beach
City Clerk’s Office
904-247-6299
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 22, 2020

Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida
(850) 815-4940, ESF14@em.myflorida.com

Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Twenty-Six Deaths Related to COVID-19, Morning Update

~27,543 positive cases in Florida residents and 766 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 28,309 total** Florida cases. There are currently 324 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,209 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 234 have died.

While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 14,168 tests performed on April 21, there were 1,401 positive results, or 10 percent.

Twenty-six people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Broward, Dade, Indian River, Orange, Pinellas and Sarasota counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 440 additional positive COVID-19 cases (416 Florida residents and 24 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 27,543 positive cases in Florida residents and 766 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.
Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard here.

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

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FMEA Webinar Series: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 • 1p - 2p

FMEA invites all operations personnel from Florida’s public power utilities to come together via webinar for the purpose of **exchanging new safety procedures and practices during the COVID-19 pandemic**.

This virtual roundtable will include a presentation of new policies set into place by Gary McKenzie of **Gainesville Regional Utilities** and Chris Henry of **Ocala Electric Utility**.

The webinar will conclude with an opportunity to ask questions and share additional plans.

**Registration Information:**
- Open to all Florida municipal utility employees
- No cost (please register to receive webinar details)
- Webinar details will be emailed to you directly after registration

**Who Should Attend?**
- Utility safety and training personnel including directors, managers, supervisors, and lineworkers

**Preliminary discussion topics:**
Questions?

Contact: Elizabeth Bendele, Manager of Member Services & Programs, FMEA (850) 224-3314 ext. 1002, ebendele@publicpower.com

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OneJax Vodcast: Conversations with Community Leaders

Bringing people together in the age of COVID-19 is critically important. In this vodcast, we visit with Executive Director of the MaliVai Washington Foundation, Terri Florio. Terri is a nonprofit leader, parent and leader of an extensive after-school program. Her insight helps us better understand the challenges of this time and celebrate the resilience of our community. Terri will receive the OneJax Silver Humanitarian Award in September.

Watch Now
Please see the advisory below from our partners in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding an update on the Whole-of-America response to COVID-19.

April 22, 2020

FEMA Advisory

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today’s FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- **On April 16**, President Trump released [Guidelines for Opening America Up Again](https://www.whitehouse.gov/coronavirus/2020-guidance-opening-america-up-again), providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country’s economy in several phases, depending on location.
  - Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening.
  - The federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure they have the equipment, supplies and testing resources to reopen safely and responsibly.

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  - FEMA continues to expedite movement of commercially pre-sourced and commercially procured critical supplies from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. through [Project Airbridge](https://www.fema.gov/project-airbridge).
The U.S. has now processed 4.4 million samples, which is more total tests than the following nations combined: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

- States should be making full use of the vast testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.
- HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the International Reagent Resource (IRR) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
- Consolidating testing supplies under the IRR simplifies the resource request process for states and territories and alleviates the burden on public health labs on needing to work with separate suppliers for swabs, reagents and other diagnostic testing supplies.
- On April 16, the FDA announced an expansion of testing options through use of synthetic swabs – with a design similar to Q-tips – to test patients by collecting a sample from the front of the nose.

On April 21, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that the state would no longer need the USNS Comfort because of declining cases in New York City.

- The USNS Comfort arrived in Manhattan on March 30 and has treated 182 patients.

On April 21, HHS announced $955 million in grants from the Administration for Community Living to help meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities. This funding is part of the CARES Act.

- The grants will fund home-delivered meals, care services in the home, respite care and other support to families and caregivers, and other support services.

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Subject: Council Briefing
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Start: Mon 4/27/2020 5:30 PM
End: Mon 4/27/2020 7:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded
Organizer: Chris Wright
Required Attendees: All City Council; Mike Staffopoulos; Karen Nelson; Chris Ambrosio (cambrosio@jaxbchfl.net); Elise Brosch; Jacob Board; Jason Phitides; Trevor Hughes; Riley Jacobs; Tonya L. Tator

There will be a test meeting on Friday, April 24 and Jacob Board will email you the link for the test meeting and another email on Monday, April 27 for the briefing.

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Respectfully,

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Senator Scott asked me to pass the below on to you.

Hope you are staying well!

Kelsy Young
Team Rick Scott

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Rick Scott
Date: Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 4:03 PM
Subject: inexcusable waste in our federal government
To: Kelsy Young <kelsy@teamrickscott.com>

Kelsy,

Please take a look at my recent article about the inexcusable waste in our federal government. There is no excuse for government incompetence and inefficiency.


Thank you for your support, let's keep fighting.

Rick Scott
Please see the below announcement from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs regarding Treasury's release of CARES Act guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Today, Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Section 5001 of the CARES Act).

As stated by the legislation signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds “are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19).” The guidance document (here) and frequently asked questions (here) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. You can find additional information about Assistance to State and local governments here.

We will continue to share all relevant information as it becomes available.

Thank you,

White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)

Following extensive negotiations between the Trump Administration and Congressional Leaders, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). The $2.2 trillion economic relief package provides American families, healthcare workers, and small businesses with the economic support they need to get
through this challenging time. This aid comes on top of the Family First Coronavirus Aid Package, enacted last month. State/Local/Tribal provisions include:

- $150 billion in direct aid to State, Tribal, and local governments. Aid will be allocated primarily by a State’s population with each State receiving at least $1.25 billion.

- $340 billion in additional emergency supplemental funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

- $500 billion for loans and guarantees that authorize the U.S. Treasury to support eligible businesses and States and local governments to cover losses incurred as a result of COVID-19.

- $100 billion for hospitals and health care facilities to reimburse expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19.

- $3.5 billion to allow States to expand childcare benefits for healthcare workers, first responders, and others on the frontlines of this crisis.

- Read more here: President Donald J. Trump Is Providing Economic Relief to American Workers, Families, and Businesses Impacted by the Coronavirus

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 22, 2020

Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida
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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 aware regarding the status 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 State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis held a press conference at the Florida Capitol and announced the Florida Department of Health has contracted with two new private labs to complete COVID-19 testing. These two labs will be able to process 18,000 samples per day and provide results within 24-48 hours.

Governor DeSantis also announced additional walk-up testing centers will be opening in Orange, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, Leon and Duval counties. The location in Orange County will be a mobile site that will move to different areas to serve the greatest need.

Members of the Re-Open Task Force Industry Working Group on Agriculture, Finance, Government, Healthcare, Management and Professional Services are as follows:

- Senator Wilton Simpson, Senate President Designate, Florida Senate
- Senator Rob Bradley, Appropriations Chairman, Florida Senate
- Representative Travis Cummings, Appropriations Chairman, Florida House of Representatives
- Representative Tom Leek, Representative, Florida House of Representatives
- Representative Anika Omphroy, Representative, Florida House of Representatives
- Secretary Mary Mayhew, Secretary, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- Secretary Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- David Altmaier, Florida Insurance Commissioner
- Shannon Shepp, Executive Director, Florida Department of Citrus
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- Alan Shelby, EVP, Florida Forestry Association
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- Alex Sanchez, President & CEO, Florida Bankers Association
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- Steve Bahmer, President & CEO, LeadingAge Florida
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- Carlos Migoya, CEO, Jackson Health System
- Dr. Sunil Desai, Senior Vice President, Orlando Health, President, Orlando Health Medical Group
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Additional actions the state has taken to respond to COVID-19:

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

- At the direction of Governor DeSantis, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.
- Governor DeSantis announced that the state ordered an additional 2,500 test kits to supplement the adequate resources already available to test for COVID-19. These additional test kits will enable the Department of Health, working with Florida health care providers, to test up to an additional 625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in state and all out-of-state travel for state employees for 30 days.
- Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19. The call center launched Monday, March 2, and is open 24/7.
- Established mechanisms for monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.
- Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- Approved and disseminated an updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying COVID-19 PUIs.
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated laboratory guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.
- Implemented private lab testing.
- Developed and disseminated pandemic planning guidance.
- Advised CHDs and HCCs to retain expired personal protective equipment until further notice.
- Florida Department of Health is coordinating on mobile field hospital planning.
- DOH strike teams have completed assessments for 3,874 long term care facilities to determine immediate unmet needs and promote appropriate infection control practices.
- DOH strike teams have responded to long term care facilities with COVID-19 positive patients.
- DOH continues to work toward increasing capabilities at drive through, walk up and mobile COVID-19 testing sites.

**FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
• This week, the Division is making another major push of PPE to support health care workers in long-term care facilities. This includes:
  o 4 million masks,
  o 200,000 face shields,
  o 500,000 gloves
• With that push, the Division will have distributed:
  o More than 12 million masks
  o More than 6 million gloves
  o More than 800 thousand face shields
  o 650 thousand shoe covers
  o 330 thousand gowns
  o More than 150 thousand containers of hand sanitizer
  o 48 thousand goggles
  o 28 thousand coveralls
  o 18 thousand Tyvek suits
• Find more information on DEM’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

• On April 14, AHCA issued [Emergency Order AHCA 20-002](#) to temporarily suspend nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help alleviate financial burdens. This EO suspension aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19.
• The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has created new temporary Personal Care Attendant program to help long-term care facilities fill staffing shortages. The program provides an 8-hour training on assisting with direct care so that personal care attendants can temporarily perform additional duties.
• AHCA has been working with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to ensure current Medicaid recipients maintain benefits during the state of emergency. Medicaid application deadlines have also been extended.
• AHCA has made on-site visits to over 900 long-term care and residential facilities since the onset of the COVID-19 emergency. Additionally, AHCA has made over 5,000 telephone calls to residential providers statewide to assess infection control and prevention strategies, ensure county health department and local emergency operations center contact information are up to date, and assess supplies (specifically PPE).
• Find more information on AHCA’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**
The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has updated its dedicated compliance complaint form to include an option for reporting vacation rental compliance concerns. The Department’s Division of Hotels and Restaurants continues to monitor, review, and assign complaints received through this form for follow-up by division inspectors.

Find more information on DBPR’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

- Per the Department of Children and Families’ (DCF) request, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved Florida’s waiver to permit the state to launch a pilot project that will allow families to purchase groceries online with their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. DCF will continue to work closely with the USDA and participating retailers to implement this project by April 21, 2020.
- Under Governor DeSantis’ direction, DCF has temporarily increased SNAP recipients’ benefit amount to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size.
- DCF worked with DOH to develop precautionary protocols for child welfare professionals and adult protective investigators who may have to make in-person visits to ensure the safety of those vulnerable populations.
- Find more information on DCF’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

- The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is closely aligned with the CDC Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities.
- New inmate commitments from county jails undergo additional screening and 14-day quarantine before placement within the general population.
- FDC has suspended visitation and volunteer programs at all correctional institutions statewide.
- FDC correctional officers are authorized to wear approved face coverings or masks while working.
- Find more information on FDC’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

- Beginning April 20, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will provide daily updates on the efforts made to address the challenges to Florida’s Reemployment Assistance program in response to COVID-19. This includes a new State Reemployment Assistance Claims Dashboard that will be updated daily to reflect the total number
Governor DeSantis issued an Executive Order 20-104 waiving the requirement for Floridians to claim their weeks for Reemployment Assistance.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced more than 1,000 small businesses have been awarded more than $49 million from the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan.

Governor DeSantis has waived the work search and work registration requirements for individuals requesting Reemployment Assistance benefits, as well as the waiting week for receiving benefits. For more information, see the Reemployment Assistance Frequently Asked Questions.

The Business Damage Assessment survey is activated and continues to accept surveys to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations and determine the appropriate actions for recovery.

Find more information on DEO’s response to COVID-19 here.

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Governor Ron DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran announced that 32,614 laptop computers are being distributed to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School.

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has delayed the deadline for teacher certification requirements and offered a fee waiver for testing. More than 22,000 teachers have taken advantage of the fee waiver so far.
• DOE continues to participate in multiple webinars on a weekly basis to provide technical assistance to stakeholders and education providers for distance learning.

• The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has compiled resources, information, and best practices for distance learning on its emergency response page.

• The Florida Virtual School has created the Online Learning Community with engaging and informative content for teachers and parents of K-12 students.

• Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran recommended that all Florida public and private K-12 schools continue distance learning and keep school campuses closed through June 3, the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

• Find more information on The Department of Education’s response to COVID-19 here.

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• Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued Emergency Order 20-01 on March 31 pertaining to in-person guardian visitation requirements where COVID-19 response and mitigation measures prevent such visits.

• DOEA issued guidance for Emergency Order 20-01 on March 31 for Public and Professional Guardians to remain in compliance with Florida Statute 744.361(14).

• DOEA continues to provide technical assistance to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) regarding meals, billing, data entry, shopping assistance, telephone reassurance, health and wellness programs, and the elder helpline.

• Find more information on DOEA’s COVID-19 response here.

ENTERPRISE FLORIDA

• Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) recently announced the suspension of initial fees for its Microfinance Loan Guarantee Program to support Florida’s small business community impacted by COVID-19. Interested businesses must apply through a local lender. For further
information please contact your lender or visit Enterprise Florida’s website.
• See resources compiled by EFI for businesses impacted by COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

• Effective March 23, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has closed all Florida State Parks to the public. Park field staff are on site to maintain grounds.
• Effective March 24, public access to lands within DEP’s Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas is closed. This includes state-owned uplands, such as beaches, islands, sand bars and emergent shoals within aquatic preserves. Vessel landings are strictly prohibited.
• On April 1, DEP issued an Emergency Final Order (EFO) granting a 30-day extension to the deadline for its regulated facilities to submit routine paperwork and reports.
• Find more information on DEP’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

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• OFR has issued Emergency Order 2020-02 extending certain filing deadlines for Florida’s financial services providers.
• OFR has issued Emergency Order 2020-01 extending certain renewal deadlines for money services businesses.
• Find more information on OFR’s COVID-19 response and available resources here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

• At the direction of Governor DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) has issued
an Emergency Order extending all Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards that expire March 16 through April 30, 2020.

- The Florida Highway Patrol is assisting with the implementation and enforcement of Executive Order 20-86 at the direction of Governor DeSantis.
- Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes has waived commercial truck hours of service regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be moved more quickly and efficiently throughout the state.
- Find more information on FLHSMV’s COVID-19 response [here].

**FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION**

- The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M providing guidance on the use of technology to help combat the spread of COVID-19, including encouraging insurers to broaden access to care for telehealth services, and requesting Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M reminding insurers of applicable statutes regarding workers’ compensation insurance. Workers’ compensation insurers are expected to comply with all of the provisions of Florida’s Workers’ Compensation Law.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-03M directing all insurers and other entities regulated by OIR to review and update their business continuity and/or continuity of operations plans. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity plans are activated and/or if business operations become compromised so it can work with insurers to avoid any disruption in consumer services.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M providing general guidance on the treatment of policyholders as part of the state’s ongoing efforts to protect Floridians.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills.
- Find more information on OIR’s COVID-19 response [here].

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has suspended visitation at all state-operated juvenile detention centers and juvenile residential commitment programs until April 30, 2020.
- DJJ has also instituted additional screening measures for essential personnel and vendors within juvenile facilities.
- Find more information on DJJ’s COVID-19 response [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- FDLE continues to monitor protests held across the nation in relation to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders for threats or violence.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association to monitor law enforcement staffing impacts and staffing needs due to COVID-19.
- FDLE continues to work with all Florida law enforcement entities on obtaining PPE needs.
- FDLE and FHP continue to facilitate the escort of testing collection kits statewide.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Sheriffs Association and Florida Police Chiefs Association to provide support to FHP at I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.
- FDLE continues to work with ESF-16 partners on airport screening missions.
- Find more information on FDLE’s COVID-19 response [here](#).

**FLORIDA LOTTERY**

- Effective March 23, Florida Lottery Headquarters and district offices are closed to the public until further notice.
- Find more information on the Florida Lottery’s COVID-19 response [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

- The Department of Management Services (DMS) launched a dedicated telework webpage ([fl.gov](http://fl.gov)) to provide resources and tutorials for employees and employers operating in a remote work environment.
- At the Governor’s direction, DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order to ensure federal benefits granted through The Families First Coronavirus Response Act are available to employees.
- As directed in [Executive Order 20-52](#), DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to expand covered telehealth benefits at no additional employee cost.
- Also directed in [Executive Order 20-52](#), DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to cover immunizations at participating in-network retail pharmacies at no cost to the member during this public health emergency.
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Find more information on DMA’s response to COVID-19 here.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

APD’s Developmental Disabilities Defendant Program (DDDP) of Chattahoochee received 10 cases of KN95 masks as a donation from local businesses.

APD and the St. Johns County Health Department are working together to improve infection control measures at group homes. DOH is visiting homes and reviewing cleaning and sanitizing measures and proper usage of personal protective equipment. DOH is also providing any needed PPE to the facilities.

APD issued Emergency Order 20-03, which temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information to determine the level of need of APD customers.

Find more information on APD’s response to COVID-19 here.

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The Department of Revenue (DOR) has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for tax-related questions and information.

The Department also has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers and alternative options for handling many child support case activities without visiting an office.

Find more information on DOR’s response to COVID-19 here.

CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA
• Paper reemployment assistance applications are available at career centers statewide. Florida’s local workforce development boards are working with community partners, libraries, local legislators and other organizations for additional application distribution.
• CareerSource Florida has launched an integrated public and business outreach campaign, Help is Here, a comprehensive resource for employment and business services for impacted Floridians.
• For a list of the 24 local workforce development boards within the CareerSource Florida network and their contact information, please click here.
• Find more information on CareerSource Florida’s response to COVID-19 here.

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

• The State University System (SUS) has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the spring semester.
• The SUS has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university is directed to develop an alternate schedule or method of delivery.
• Find more information on SUS’ response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

• Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-97, delaying elections in Pasco County at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley.
• On April 6, Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee announced the issuance of an emergency order and emergency rules to extend annual report filing deadlines for business entities, as well as outline changes to the candidate petition and candidate qualifying processes.
• Find more information on the Florida Department of State’s Response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

• Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is expediting several infrastructure projects throughout the state due to the reduction in traffic from COVID-19. Find more information about FDOT’s accelerated projects here.
• FDOT is leading the coordination of DOH and the Florida Highway Patrol to implement Executive Order 20-86. To date, more than 8,800 traveler forms have been collected at the I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.
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- Find more information on FDOT’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

- The Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs (FDVA) has restricted visitor access to its state veterans’ homes until further notice, with the exception of essential visitors. In addition, admissions in our network of state veterans’ homes are temporarily suspended.
- Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of COVID-19, flu or the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center toll free at (877) 741-3400 before coming to a VA facility. Clinicians are available to provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage.
- To contact a teleworking FDVA Veterans’ Claims Examiner, call (727) 319-7440 or email VSO@fdva.state.fl.us.
- Find more information on FDVA’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) continues to be in close communication with the Governor’s Office, the Florida Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the most recent COVID-19 status and guidance.
- Find more information on FWC’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**

- As the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) continues to be committed to the health and well-being of all Floridians, we have compiled a list of resources with relevant information for homeowners, residents, developers, apartment owners, management companies, participating lenders, Realtors and SHIP administrators regarding COVID-19.
- Find more information on Florida Housing’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**VISIT FLORIDA**

- VISIT FLORIDA’s four welcome centers are closed until further notice. VISIT FLORIDA welcome center staff members have been trained to provide customer service support for the Department of Economic Opportunity and are assisting with the influx of inquiries and calls from impacted businesses and workers throughout the state.
• Find more information on VISIT FLORIDA’s response to COVID-19 [here](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDEM/bulletins/287efdc).

**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA**

• Volunteer Florida hosted a call statewide with county volunteer and donation support functions to discuss COVID-19 response efforts and long-term planning.
• As the lead agency for volunteerism and service, Volunteer Florida is working to support voluntary organizations across the state and nation by sharing resources, surveying needs and requesting that continuity of operations plans be created to avoid any service delivery disruption.
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Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida
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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Thirty-Four Deaths Related to COVID-19, Evening Update

~27,791 positive cases in Florida residents and 785 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 6 p.m., there are 28,576 total** Florida cases. There are currently 324 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,333 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 248 have died.

While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 14,165 tests performed on April 21, there were 1,384 positive results, or 10 percent.

Thirty-four people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Broward, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Dade, Hillsborough, Lee, Leon, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, Seminole and Sumter counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 267 additional positive COVID-19 cases (248 Florida residents and 19 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 27,791 positive cases in Florida residents and 785 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting...
times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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**Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases**

| FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state* | 9 |
| Deaths                                           | 927 |

| Cases In Non-Florida Residents                  | 785 |
| Confirmed by DOH                                | 111 |
| Tested by private labs                          | 674 |

| Total Cases Overview                            | 28,576 |
| Traveled                                        | 1,645 |
| Contact with confirmed case                     | 8,506 |
| Travel & contact with confirmed case            | 1,405 |
| Unknown and Under Investigation                 | 16,235 |

For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard here.

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

**More Information on COVID-19**

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

**About the 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 people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.
Thank you to you and your local government for performing admirably during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. You all have a thankless job, but I for one would like to thank you for your balanced response to a difficult situation. You have protected our community while still trying to not trample citizens rights. Good job to all.

Department: Mayor's Office
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Could you please tell me who is responsible for cleaning off the sand that has completely covered a lot of the wooden beach crossovers? I took my elderly mother to get her exercise/daily walk on Jax Beach and she almost fell because her cane got stuck in the mound of sand on the walkway. The wood use to be visible and we didn't have this problem, but now, the sand has completely covered the four steps and made a new sand dune. There are no more steps to be seen, which is quite a liability! A good example is 7th avenue South walkway; no more steps. It is baffling because the street cleaner comes religiously, so someone obviously wants this beach to look proper and clean.

Thank you,
Susan Huff
Chris Wright

From: FCW Workshop <FCW@1105info.com>
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Alexander Spring run in the Ocala National Forest.

*Message from Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle*

**We’re committed to springs protection**

Throughout April, the St. Johns River Water Management District is once again participating with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and our state’s other water management districts to celebrate Springs Protection Awareness Month.

[Read this week’s message here.](#)
Public Communications Coordinator Dr. Jennifer Mitchell.

**Free water resources webinar series kicks off April 30**

Get to know us better and hear more about the important work we do through a free webinar series launching on April 30 at 10:30 a.m. Our Dr. Jennifer Mitchell will explore the district’s work to protect water resources while offering ideas on how you can do your part. Jennifer is passionate about her work and Florida’s water, and looks forward to having you join her for this virtual and valuable experience.

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ICYMI on Instagram
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Sincerely,

Joshua Okada
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Local Government News

Hialeah donates 3,500 more face masks to local assisted living facilities
WSVN
A South Florida city is on a mission to provide protection for one of its most vulnerable groups of residents during the coronavirus pandemic. The City of Hialeah distributed 3,500 additional face masks at assisted living facilities across the area. Speaking with reporters on Tuesday, Hialeah Mayor Carlos Hernandez stressed the importance of ensuring senior citizens have access to personal protective equipment. “If you look around, there is a shortage of masks, there is a shortage of everything, so we are trying to make it as easy as possible, especially for the seniors that really can’t go out and find them, can’t get them,” he said. “The message, again, is for them to remain in their places, but in case they do have to go out for an emergency or something, they will be protected.”
Source

Newberry officials honor senior class with display at city hall
WGFL
High school seniors across the country are missing out on prom and graduation as schools remain closed, one local community stepped up to honor their students in a special way. Newberry city officials partnered with Newberry High School’s student government to honor the class of 2020 for their hard work. “The seniors are missing out on so much this year, we are working to see what can be postponed, and what’s going to have to be canceled but in the meantime, we want to let our seniors know how much we love them, how proud we are of them,” said Mayor Jordan Marlowe. Newberry High seniors went out to city hall, to check out the new displays with each of their names.
Source

A Florida city is giving residents thermometers that relay temperature data to local officials
Sun Sentinel
Just like phones and TVs, thermometers are also smart these days, and one Florida city is distributing 900 such temperature-taking devices to residents free of charge. The hope from St. Augustine officials is that the thermometers, which connect to the internet and share temperature data without sharing any other personal information, will be able to
inform public health decisions, according to WJCT.org. If fevers begin to increase in a
given area, potentially signaling an outbreak of COVID-19 or other illnesses like the flu,
officials watching the data would see that rise in real time. **Source**

**Crestview unites for Saturday food distribution**

*Crestview News Bulletin*

Under Mayor JB Whitten’s new Feeding Families Project, the city is coordinating citywide
food distributions for Crestview families feeling the crunch of COVID-19 restrictions. The
first giveaway is 9 a.m. April 25, to be followed by another a week later. With participation
from multiple city departments, county and regional organizations, the substantial
undertaking perfectly embodies Crestview’s 2020 motto, “a community coming together,”
Whitten said. The mayor and city leaders are collaborating with Farm Share, a statewide
food bank, plus several local churches and area nonprofits as the community unites to
address the problem of recently unemployed families struggling to make ends meet.

**Our Fight For Local Funding During COVID-19 Continues**

*Cities Speak*

On Tuesday, the Senate passed an interim package to provide $484 billion to small
businesses and hospitals. The House is expected to vote on the bill tomorrow.
Unfortunately, neither the Coronavirus Community Relief Act nor proposals to use funds
from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in the CARES Act to offset lost local revenue were
included in this legislation. State and local governments will need to wait until the next bill
to get financial relief from the federal government. **Source**

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**State News**

**Floridians want DeSantis’ stay-at-home order to continue until experts say it’s safe**

*Miami Herald*

A majority of Florida voters say Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis should have responded
sooner to the coronavirus pandemic and are not ready for the state’s stay-at-home order
to be lifted, according to a new poll by Quinnipiac University. DeSantis maintains a
positive overall approval rating, but 61% of voters polled say the governor, who resisted
calls for weeks to impose a stay-at-home order, could have responded sooner to the
outbreak. Thirty-four percent say he responded quickly enough. **Source**

**Task force looks for answers on reviving economy**

*Florida Politics*

With hundreds of thousands of workers filing unemployment claims and businesses
shuttered across the state, a task force created by Gov. Ron DeSantis began discussing
ways Monday to revive the state’s economy from the coronavirus crisis. Officials from
businesses such as Disney World, Universal Orlando, Florida Power & Light, AT&T,
Tampa General Hospital, Raymond James Financial Services and Lockheed Martin,
along with county mayors from Southeast Florida and state elected Republican leaders,
will spend the week as the task force’s executive committee to develop plans to reopen
the economy. DeSantis said in a conference call the goal is to not just get the state back
on its feet, but “resurging back to where we all want to be.” **Source**

**DeSantis announces plan to increase rapid testing in Florida**

*Tampa Bay Times*

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday announced two new contracts with laboratories that
will increase COVID-19 testing capacity by 18,000 samples per day by using rapid tests.
The results will be available in one or two days, said DeSantis, who said he spoke with Abbott Laboratory CEO Robert Ford earlier in the day. Abbott is a Chicago-based medical device company that has developed a rapid point-of-care COVID-19 test. “That’s a lot better than what we’re getting from Quest and LabCorps,” DeSantis said, referring to two of the private laboratories processing tests in Florida. Source

Mail voting expected to ‘explode’ in Florida as coronavirus reshapes 2020 elections
Miami Herald
In Florida, a state where the steady rise of mail voting has dramatically transformed the campaign season over the last 20 years, the novel coronavirus could fast-forward the evolution of elections. Elections offices in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties — home to more than a quarter of Florida’s 13.2 million voters — are preparing to send vote-by-mail registration forms to every voter in those counties amid worries that the virus will disrupt in-person voting this summer and fall. Elections supervisors and political organizations around the state asked Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis weeks ago to provide flexibility under state law to help them administer the upcoming elections. They’re still waiting for an answer, and in the meantime are widely encouraging voting at home — even as President Donald Trump, a Florida resident, has called for restrictions. Source

Federal News

McConnell pushes 'bankruptcy route' as local governments struggle
POLITICO
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Wednesday insisted that flailing state and local governments should be able to “use the bankruptcy route” rather than receive aid from the federal government — signaling renewed opposition to a top Democratic demand for the next coronavirus relief package. In an interview with conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, the Kentucky Republican also expressed concern about adding billions more to the national debt in addition to the nearly $3 trillion Congress has already sent out the door to combat the economic and public health challenges of the pandemic. “There’s no good reason for it not to be available,” McConnell said of individual localities declaring bankruptcy in order to stay afloat. Source

Battered states, cities struggling to pay bills as Congress puts off bailout
POLITICO
Suddenly cash-strapped states and cities are scrambling to head off unprecedented fiscal calamity and are ramping up pressure on Congress after being passed over this week by the latest federal stimulus deal. Local officials — some still facing challenges with hospitals overwhelmed by the coronavirus pandemic — say the need for a bailout is growing more dire by the day, even as Senate Republicans indicated Wednesday that help wasn’t coming. Source

Spotify and text-a-thons: How the census is reaching out during coronavirus
POLITICO
As the coronavirus bears down on cities and states across the nation, the Census Bureau has scrubbed in-person get-out-the-count work in favor of ad buys on Spotify, thousand-person text-a-thons and virtual speakers series. But despite an extensive statistical database and half-billion-dollar ad strategy to get a proper count, local officials warn that millions could still slip through the cracks. Spotify may not reach the hardest to count parts of the U.S. population. Those are the people in-person canvassers normally try to cajole to fill out census forms in person or online. Source
Land Use & Economic Development News

Largo to offer $1,000 grants to some small businesses
*Tampa Bay Newspapers*
City leaders voted April 21 to officially establish a program that would provide $1,000 grants to restaurants, bars and other small businesses deemed nonessential that have been dealt a financial blow by the coronavirus pandemic. Economic Development Manager Teresa Brydon said city staff has identified 331 eligible businesses that would qualify for the Business Continuity Program. ... The program also would exclude national franchises, such as McDonald’s restaurants. Brydon said the next step will be setting up an online application. [Source](#)

Melbourne City Council Approves Fee Waivers, Deferrals to Directly Assist Businesses
*Space Coast Daily*
Recognizing that many of Melbourne’s businesses have been severely impacted by COVID-19, the Melbourne City Council approved at its special meeting on Tuesday night a package of temporary fee waivers and deferrals designed to directly assist businesses. ... Waivers will stay in place until September 30, 2020. All applications and permits would still be required to be reviewed and approved by the City, however, no fees will be charged. In addition to providing fee waivers to help businesses recover, the City is also participating in a collaborative effort to help market local businesses as they begin to re-open. [Source](#)

Municipal Administration News

Voters break record in ballots cast in PCB
*Panama City News Herald*
Voters set a new precedent on Super Tuesday, breaking records in ballots cast in a Panama City Beach election. “There were 3,376 votes cast in the Panama City Beach race, and we still have some in vote-by-mail that are under decision now until Friday,” said Supervisor of Elections Mark Anderson. “They’ve upped it by over 370 votes from where we’ve ever had a record — and that’s during the pandemic.” The previous record was four years ago with 2,909 votes. While Anderson contributes the increase to candidates who encouraged voters participation throughout their campaigns, he also noted vote-by-mail ballots were more than usual. “Cities are known for not having a high voter turn out,” he said. But “vote by mail was heavier than ever before for municipalities.” [Source](#)

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News

Homeless people forced to stay in makeshift shelters as coronavirus spreads.
*What they need is real housing*
*USA Today*
An estimated 553,000 people experience homelessness on any given night in the United States, a dangerous living situation that’s being exacerbated by the coronavirus outbreak. Amid the pandemic, many have been pushed into shelters or encampments like this one on the playing fields of a city-owned recreation center. But advocates say real solutions
are needed -- not temporary, makeshift housing -- and are warning federal leaders that the nation will only remain as healthy as its less fortunate residents. Public health officials and advocates for the homeless have for decades warned that people living on the streets are generally sicker and more vulnerable than most Americans. But the coronavirus outbreak has hammered that point home with deadly seriousness. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Bipartisan senators announce $19.5B water infrastructure proposal
The Hill
Lawmakers on the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee have announced two pieces of draft legislation that together would invest $19.5 billion into the country’s water infrastructure. One draft bill, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 (AWIA 2020) would aim to increase water storage, offer flooding protection and repair wastewater and irrigation systems among other measures. The other, the Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 aims to help communities meet their drinking water needs. Source

Despite COVID-19, efforts to protect Florida's environment continue | Sen. Marco Rubio
Sun Sentinel
The arrival of toxic blue-green algae blooms in Lake Okeechobee may seem trivial in the midst of a global pandemic that has taken the lives of more than 800 Floridians and caused untold economic damage to our state, but it should serve as a reminder that our work protecting Florida’s fragile ecosystems must never be placed on hold. We will ultimately defeat COVID-19 through a combination of changing social norms, therapeutics, and eventually vaccines, but as we wage a medical war on the virus, we must also take steps to ensure Florida’s diverse and vibrant economy fully recovers. Source

Orange County bans contractors from using plastic straws, other single-use products
Orlando Sentinel
Orange County today banned single-use plastics and polystyrenes, including plastic straws and Styrofoam food containers, in county contracts. The new policy, adopted Tuesday by Orange County commissioners, is similar to regulations enacted nearly a year ago by the Orlando City Council. Orlando prohibited the city or its contractors from selling or disbursing single-use plastic items including straws, bags and cutlery as well as Styrofoam food containers and cups at city parks and venues. Likewise, the county’s new policy states that “neither single-use products nor plastic bags may be sold or disbursed on county property by staff or contracted vendors...” Source

Tallahassee city commissioners approve program to reduce utility bills
WTXL
If you’re worried about paying your bills, the city of Tallahassee says help is on way. City commissioners just approved a new program to make your utility bill cheaper next month. The newly approved relief program will give people about $30 off their utility bills this month. The city suspended utility freezes when the coronavirus first started, and currently, customers can defer a bill into the fall if they can't afford to pay at the moment. Now, a different program will give $6.3 million in immediate relief for May utility bills. Those reductions will be across the board for every unit, so for a typical household that
could be about $30. You don't have to do anything to receive the discounts. They will be passed along automatically. Source
Charlie,

As we approach the one week anniversary of the partial opening of the beach I would ask you again to consider eliminating the time restrictions placed in the use of the beach. They are arbitrary and do not prevent the spread of the virus. If anything, the order compresses the population into a smaller part of the city for no reason.

Attorney General Bill Barr, in a new interview on Tuesday, characterized some state 'stay-at-home' restrictions amid the pandemic as "disturbingly close to house arrest" and said the Justice Department will consider legal action if governors start to take restrictions on movement and civil liberties 'too far.' ABCNEWS.com

Thanks for listening,

Tom

On Mon, Apr 20, 2020 at 8:13 AM Thomas Guglielmo <osb.fishing.team@gmail.com> wrote:

Charlie,

We have shown that a limited beach opening works. Let's take another step forward and eliminate the time restrictions. They are arbitrary and only create a need for LEO enforcement on the beachfront that could be used elsewhere. Exercise only from dawn to dusk with self regulation and limited LEO presence it a good option.

“For a policy to be effective, it must be evenly applied, logically sound, and in the public’s best interest.

If social distancing can be maintained, does it really matter if you are social distancing in the ocean or on land? Does it make a difference if you are six feet apart from one another while walking on the sidewalk versus walking on the beach?

If you are catching fish from your boat, are you more of a danger to the public’s health than buying fish at the grocery store?

Of course not. Six feet is six feet.

Enforcement of these prohibitions is not in the public’s interest. These orders are an abuse of power that infringe on basic civil liberties and defy common sense while putting the health of the public and enforcement officers at risk.
The public deserves to be treated with trust and respect. Policies that are arbitrary, inconsistently applied, and criminalize harmless activities erode the public’s trust.” Mayor Rich Bailey

Thank you for your time and service,

Tom

Help others, make friends and have fun!

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 3:58 PM Charlie Latham <clatham@jaxbchfl.net> wrote:

Hi Tom,

Thank you for your email. I understand that you and many others are upset with the decision to close the beaches. This was a joint (and unanimous) decision between mayors Brown, Glasser, Curry and myself. The decision was not an easy one, but it was the right thing to do. Some examples of our safety concerns include:

1) The day before the beaches were closed, (because many businesses had implemented the “work from home” option), we had crowds at all three beaches that were larger than a normal July 4th. In Jax Beach, we had enough lifeguards to man four chairs, but with the crowds our Lifeguard Captain stated we would have normally manned 15 chairs. Because most of our lifeguards are still in school, we would have to add police officers to enforce the social distancing requirement of 6 feet. At the same time, we would be exposing our police officers and lifeguards to potential carriers of the virus.

2) Although social distancing is possible at low tide, it is not possible during high tide. As I’m sure you are aware, we see high tides once or twice a day and the time(s) varies each day.

3) The Los Angeles Times recently reported that a researcher at the University of California (San Diego) advises everyone to stay off the beach since coastal breezes often carry the virus greater than 6 feet.

4) Some young & healthy people may have less to worry about, and may be less careful about social distancing. It only takes minimal exposure for the older adults (and those with respiratory issues) to become infected. Currently 9% of the citizens of Jax Beach are over 75.

5) As of today, we have 30 known infected citizens in Jax Beach including two Jax Beach employees. We also have 575 known infected citizens in Duval County. One can only imagine how many unknown infected are in Duval County. All it takes is one or two of these infected people to walk down a crowded beach front to spread the virus to potentially hundreds of people. People have asked us to allow only beach residents to go to the beaches, but federal law prohibits us from doing so.

6) This global pandemic is killing people every day. So far 11 have died in Duval County from the COVID 19 virus.

I am contacted daily about this issue. Surprisingly, about half are against closing the beaches, and half are in favor. Here’s a portion of an email I recently received from a medical doctor who lives on Jax Beach:

“Dear Mayor Latham,

I would like to commend your performance as Mayor during this extraordinary time. As a physician, I applaud your decision to
continue to keep the beaches closed. Everyone misses the beach, and I am sure you are hearing it from all sides. I believe it is important to see the big picture in order to continue to keep citizens safe, the virus in check, and serve the greater good of the public.

As we have seen over the years, tourists, townies, and residents alike break the law here. It is unlikely people will follow “social distancing” if it is not enforced or if consequences are not significant enough to be a deterrent. If the city cannot effectively enforce “distancing,” it is our duty to keep the entire beach closed, as it is much easier and cost effective to enforce…”

There is no question that this is an emotional issue. Rest assured that all of the mayors in Duval County agree… public safety is our primary responsibility. We will reopen the beaches as soon as we can do so safely.

All the best,

Charlie

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Message:
Mayor Latham,

I was away on essential travel yesterday and I had the
opportunity to see how Volusia County is implementing their beach access protocols. I will say that I was impressed that they were able to allow paddle sports and fishing with the use of very little manpower. This is what I saw;

1) Citizens on Patrol watching a popular access point, Ponce Inlet, ensuring people entering the beach had paddle sport or fishing equipment with them.
2) There were significant limits placed on public parking.
3) Signs were placed at beach access points explaining what was and was not allowed.

As I drove the length of the A1A back to Jacksonville Beach I saw people responsibly and voluntarily complying with the restrictions. If a phased reopening of the beaches is the goal I would implore you to look to Volusia County as a way forward. As you and I have previously discussed, hiking, biking, boating and golfing are essential, why aren’t ocean board sports? After all I can paddle the river, ICW and back creeks without restriction so why not the ocean.

On a side note, our surfing is essential petition now has 11,069 signatures.

Thank you for your time again,

Tom

1st amendment

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”
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Help others, make friends and have fun!
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Help others, make friends and have fun!
Charlie Latham,

The 2020 Florida Legislative Session has come to a close, and our state has once again passed a balanced budget along with substantial increases for coronavirus funding, teacher pay and our environment. Governor DeSantis declared this the year of the teacher, and the Legislature delivered on raising pay for Florida's teachers who make such a difference in the lives of our children.

Ultimately, the Florida Legislature agreed upon a $93.2 billion state budget, which included a $60.6 million increase in funding to fight the coronavirus and $500 million to increase teacher pay across the state.

As your State Representative, I maintain my commitment to advocating for our community's best interests, working to keep our taxes low, and protecting our individual liberties. Below, I have included an update on significant legislation that passed this session relating to education, as well as one of my bills. As always, my office is open to you and your family should you ever need any assistance. Please stay safe during the coronavirus outbreak, and thank you for the honor of serving you in the Florida House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Jason Fischer, District 16

Representative Fischer's Bills
*Stay tuned for future newsletters highlighting his other bills.
**Relief/Clifford Williams/State of Florida by Rep. Daniels & Fischer**

**HB 6507**

Jacksonville resident, Clifford Williams, was wrongfully convicted of murder and attempted murder in 1976. He served 42 years in prison, until 2019, when he was exonerated from these crimes. This legislation recognizes the many years of his life Mr. Williams lost due to his wrongful incarceration and attempts to rectify the situation through compensation. Although nothing can give back this lost time to Mr. Williams, this legislation hopefully provides some respite to him and his family for their suffering. 

**Read more about HB 6507 from WJCT**

To see all of Representative Fischer's bills, click [here](#)

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**Rep. Fischer Receives Americans for Prosperity of Florida Award**

![Image of Rep. Fischer receiving an award](image)

Americans for Prosperity of Florida presented Rep. Fischer with their Champion of Economic Freedom award for his work promoting conservative solutions during the 2019 legislative session.

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**2020 Budget Highlights: Education**

The Florida Legislature passed a $93.2 billion balanced state budget while increasing our state's reserves to $3.9 billion. This budget puts our students' educations first and helps ensure every child receives a great education in our state. The budget includes a 4.75% increase in total spending on Florida's K-12 system, and a 3.0% increase in total spending on Florida's higher education system.
• Salary Enhancement Supplement (Teacher Pay Increases) $500 million – Establishes new Teacher Salary Increase Allocation to assist school districts to recruit and retain quality classroom teachers.
  • $400 million is provided to increase the minimum salary of full-time classroom teachers (including PreK) to at least $47,500 or the maximum amount achievable within the school district’s portion of the allocation.
  • The remaining amount of $100 million is provided to allow school districts to provide salary increases to full-time classroom teachers (including PreK) who did not receive or who received less than a 2% increase from the $400 million and/or other instructional personnel.
• Mental Health Assistance Allocation $25 million – Increases the Mental Health Assistance Allocation, which provides for a total amount of $100 million.
• Voluntary Prekindergarten $8.1 million – Provides for an increase to the base student allocation (BSA), which results in a $49 BSA increase for the regular school year VPK and a $42 BSA increase for summer school VPK.
• Gardiner Scholarship Program $42 million – Provides an increase to the scholarship program for those with special needs to fund the current wait list.
• School Hardening Grants $42 million – Provides a third year of grant funding to assist school districts with improvements to the physical security of school buildings based on districts’ security risk assessments.
• Bright Futures Workload Adjustment $56.6 million – Fully funds Bright Futures Scholarships at an anticipated 126,541 students. Covers 100% of tuition and fees with an additional stipend of $600 provided each fall and spring term for Florida Academic Scholars, and 75% of tuition and fees for Florida Medallion Scholars, including during summer terms.
• Increased funding for Florida College System Institutions $22.9 million – Provides increased funding for Florida Colleges to be distributed by the Department of Education using a new allocation model.
• Increased Funding for Historically Black Colleges $20.7 million – Provides operational support for Bethune Cookman University, Florida Memorial University, and Edward Waters College.
• Universities of Distinction $15 million – Funding to be allocated for non-preeminent universities to create a path towards excellence in areas focused on achieving excellence at the national or state level.

Rep. Fischer Welcomes Daughters of the American Revolution
Rep. Fischer met with the Daughters of the American Revolution Jean Ribault Chapter from the district, who work to preserve American history and to promote patriotism.

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**2020 Legislative Highlights: Education**

During this session, the Legislature voted for increased teacher pay and for better educational opportunities for all Floridians. Please see highlights of the associated legislation below, and click on the links for more information.

**Funds for the Operation of Schools (HB 641)**

This bill creates the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) to assist school districts in their recruitment and retention of classroom teachers and other instructional personnel. The bill repeals the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Allocation to help fund these new teacher salary increases. The 2020 budget appropriates $500 million to fund the new Teacher Salary Increase Allocation with the goal of increasing the minimum salary of full-time classroom teachers (including PreK) to at least $47,500 or the maximum amount achievable within the school district’s portion of the allocation.

**Intercollegiate Athlete Compensation and Rights (SB 646)**

Allowing college athletes to be paid for their images and likeness has been an ongoing issue in our country, and the Florida Legislature addressed it this session to ensure athletes are treated fairly. This legislation authorizes a college athlete at a college or university to earn compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness. It also stipulates that such compensation must be commensurate with the market value and may not be provided in exchange for athletic performance or attendance at a particular university and may only be provided by a third party unaffiliated with the athlete’s school.

**K-12 Scholarship Programs (HB 7067)**

Every child in our state deserves a great education. This bill expands access to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program (FES) by increasing the FES enrollment cap from 0.25% to 1% of the state’s total public school enrollment. These scholarships allow parents...
to get their children out of failing schools and to send them to a school where they’ll receive the quality education they deserve. Further, the bill provides add-on bonus funding amounts to school districts for each student who completes a general education core course or associate degree through dual enrollment.

**Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel (HB 171)**

Our men and women in uniform learn much during their time in the military, and this legislation allows them to receive credit for that knowledge. The bill enables servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces to earn college credit for college-level training and education they acquired in the military. The bill also requires state universities, colleges, and career centers to waive the transcript fees for active duty members and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, and their spouses and dependents.
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Employment

Superintendent of Distribution & Substation - Utilities Department
City of Homestead (posted 4/21)

Journey Relay Technician – City of Tallahassee
City of Tallahassee (posted 4/07)

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Principal Engineer/Principal Utility Designer
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Intergovernmental Affairs

Please see the announcement below, and attached, fact sheet from our partners in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding Addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Setting.

FEMA has published the attached Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Setting. This guidance summarizes how organizations should consider and manage their personal protective equipment (PPE) needs while ensuring the protection of workers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response, including how to preserve limited supplies of PPE, how to consider need during periods of shortages, and how to acquire and request PPE (i.e., in the face of critical shortages and whereas normal supply chain allocation cannot meet operational requirements).

The attached fact sheet may also be found on the FEMA website here.

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like to talk to you about some form of recognition for Lori
Anderson (my wife) for her service to Mission House and the City
of Jacksonville Beach in conjunction with her upcoming retirement
from Mission House. My cell number is 904-476-4146.
Thanks so much!

John (Jay) Anderson

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Mayor Latham and Council Members,

Attached please find the Council Briefing Notice and related handouts for Monday, April 27, 2020.

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To All City Employees,

Please read the attached Addendum 2 to Personnel Directive 2020-01. This Addendum extends the special leave provisions through Sunday, May 3.

Kindly,
Karen

Karen Nelson  
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4/23/20

Dear Charlie:

This week has been bittersweet for me. I continue to be encouraged by the great work being done by public power utilities across the country as they respond to the COVID-19 crisis. You are keeping the lights on for your communities while protecting the health and safety of your employees. What you are pulling off is nothing less than heroic. And I feel like—based on what we are hearing and seeing from some of the hardest and earliest hit communities—we are forging ahead as a country toward the light at the end of the tunnel, but our work is not yet done.

On that note, I have made the decision to cancel our National Conference and Expo—previously scheduled for June 5-10, in Long Beach, California. This was not an easy decision to make, but it is the right decision. I made a commitment at the beginning of this crisis to make decisions keeping the health and safety of the APPA staff, our
members and the public at large at the forefront. After careful consideration of all factors, it was our only choice.

Fortunately, we are offering an alternative virtual meeting: the Public Power Connect Virtual Summit & Business Meeting, which will take place June 8-10. Read on for more information.

We continue to produce an "APPA Resources of the Week" digest to help you "cut through the clutter" and see the top news and resources pertaining to COVID-19. The third edition can be accessed here. This week, we are featuring social media tools that you can use in your community to highlight energy efficiency, safety and scams awareness during COVID-19.

And once again, I will plug my latest blog entry, which highlights the utilities and individuals that should have been honored for safety and reliability at this year's Engineering and Operations Conference and for winning awards at the Lineworkers Rodeo. It's available at PublicPower.org.

APPA National Conference, Education and Training

As I said, cancelling the National Conference was a difficult decision. The timing of early June in Long Beach is infeasible given ongoing safety concerns and travel bans increasing the likelihood that many of our members could not attend.

According to our archives, this is the first time since we started annual national conferences after World War II that APPA has not held the meeting in-person. It is also our 80th anniversary. So, while this is definitely unprecedented in our history, our virtual event, "Public Power Connect Virtual Summit & Business Meeting," will capture key elements of the conference, including our Board and business meetings, keynote and breakout sessions, and will provide an opportunity for public power utilities to come together, share and make connections in these unique times.

The agenda has been finalized and registration is now open. We are excited to offer this event and are looking forward to a successful conference in this new format. I hope you and others at your utility will participate.

Details regarding refunds for the National Conference, pricing for Public Power Connect and other important information is outlined in a FAQ piece we have produced. Beyond the conference, we are offering a wide-variety of online training options to help you continue your work (and learning) with as little interruption as possible, ranging from webinars to online training and new virtual meetings that allow you to interact with other attendees for meaningful networking opportunities.

As we look forward, we are committed and prepared to offer education and training in ways that meet your needs in the formats that work best for you, whether that be virtual and online, in-house or in-person (when that option returns). 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

We at APPA continue 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 mentioned above, as part of this effort, we are holding frequent webinars for members to collaborate on this issue. We 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 remain active with 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 eight “tiger teams” to focus on control center continuity, access to restricted areas, supply chain, mutual assistance, generation continuity, IT/telecommunications, external messaging, and responsible re-entry and return to workplace. 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 recently updated its resources to include key messages for industry leaders and a best practices guide. This is Version 6 of the guide, and it includes new planning considerations and resources to help organizations in their COVID-19 response. Updated and new information since Version 5 is highlighted for quick reference.

These tools are available at ElectricitySubsector.org and will be updated as necessary.

Lastly, I’d like to acknowledge the Alabama utilities that were hit with heavy storms this past weekend and commend the utilities that responded with mutual aid.

Government Relations and Policy Activities

This week, Congress is poised to approve a limited COVID-19 bill that would provide an additional $475 billion in COVID-19 funding, including $310 billion to assist small businesses through the Paycheck Protection Program, $50 billion for Economic Injury Disaster loans, $10 billion for Economic Injury Disaster grants, $75 billion for hospitals, and $25 billion for testing. The legislation does not include additional funding for the Coronavirus Relief Fund for states, which Democrats had pushed for unsuccessfully. The Senate approved the bill earlier this week with the House expected to approve it as soon as today.

The House is still expected to work on a more comprehensive COVID-19 bill that would provide additional funding for state and local governments and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, among other things, and is expected to include language mandating the suspension of power and water shutoffs. This measure may be considered as early as May. What is unclear is whether the Senate will consider what the House develops.

The APPA Government Relations staff continues to educate congressional staff on how public power utilities are being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and what our priorities are for the next comprehensive COVID-19 legislation. We are working to determine what the best approach would be for Congress to provide financial assistance to public power utilities impacted by the economic downturn. In addition, we are seeking data from members on impacts to load and customer non-payments to help inform our advocacy efforts.
Federal agencies took a number of additional steps to address COVID-19-related impacts on the industry. On April 17, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission granted a request filed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to defer the implementation deadlines for several NERC reliability standards due to the COVID-19 emergency. APPA had joined with the Edison Electric Institute, the Large Public Power Council, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in filing comments in support of the NERC request. Also on April 17, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency issued an interim final rule aimed at reducing the health risk to power plant operators and other essential personnel from COVID-19. Under specific conditions defined in the rule, sources may extend the validity of previously passed quality assurance tests under the monitoring, reporting, and record keeping provisions used by sources subject to the Acid Rain Program and Cross-state Air Pollution Rule (also referred to as Part 75).

And this week, NERC issued a special report and assessment that reviews reliability considerations and operational preparedness during the COVID-19 emergency.

**Webinars**

APPA is hosting a complimentary, members-only webinar on April 24 from 2-3 p.m. EDT that will explore public power customers' sentiments regarding coronavirus pandemic impacts: [How COVID-19 is Impacting Public Power Customers: Research findings from APPA's Public Power Data Source](#).

Topics to be covered include:

- Overall satisfaction with public power's response to the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Communication during the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Desired actions utilities can take to improve the lives of their customers during this time,
- Shifts in energy consumption and corresponding behaviors,
- Time-of-use rates as a potential method of saving money while working from home, and
- COVID-19’s financial impact and electric bills

APPA will also host a free webinar on [Business Continuity Strategies for Cyber Security: The Current Reality for Utilities](#) on April 28 (2-3 p.m. EDT).

Additionally, Association members are invited to participate in free COVID-19 webinars—every other Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. EDT—which offer a forum for public power utilities to share case studies and best practices on pandemic planning, followed by Q&A. The next event will be on Thursday, April 30.

We urge everyone to stay tuned to the [CDC](#) and the [World Health Organization](#) for the most reliable information.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us at [Info@PublicPower.org](mailto: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.
My heartfelt condolences and those of the APPA staff also go out to those public power utilities who have lost employees to COVID-19.

Best Regards,

Joy Ditto
President & CEO
TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 6 p.m., there are 29,648 total** Florida cases. There are currently 335 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,481 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 271 have died.

While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 12,637 tests performed on April 22, there were 1,169 positive results, or 9 percent.

Twenty-seven people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 in Brevard, Broward, Collier, Dade, Hendry, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Osceola, Palm Beach, Sarasota and Volusia counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 816 additional positive COVID-19 cases (800 Florida residents and 16 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 28,843 positive cases in Florida residents and 805 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.
Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state's efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

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**Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases**

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| Cases in Non-Florida Residents                  | 805 |
| Confirmed by DOH                                | 111 |
| Tested by private labs                          | 694 |

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard [here](#).

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

**More Information on COVID-19**

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website; this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-866-779-6121**. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.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 aware regarding the status 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 State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees as the State of Florida continues to monitor and respond to the threat of COVID-19.

Today, Governor DeSantis convened the following of the Re-Open Florida Task Force meetings:

- Executive Committee;
- Industry Working Group on Accommodation, Food, Tourism, Construction, Real Estate, Recreation, Retail, and Transportation; and

Recent actions the state has taken to respond to COVID-19:
The Florida Department of Health (DOH) worked with local communities to establish additional walk-up testing sites in Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Duval, Orange and Leon counties.

Florida Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Richard Prudom participated in a call with Administration for Community Living (ACL) Assistant Secretary Lance Robertson and leadership from all State Units on Aging (SUA) as members shared information and best practices for the Aging Network throughout the country.

The Florida National Guard (FLNG) expanded its support to mobile testing teams and community-based and walk-up test sites. To date, the FLNG has assisted in the testing of more than 72,570 individuals for the COVID-19 virus.

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) are distributing washable face masks donated by The Family Care Council to providers and customers living in APD group homes.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is leading the coordination of DOH and the Florida Highway Patrol to implement Executive Order 20-86. To date, more than 9,200 traveler forms have been collected at the I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.

FDOT continues to coordinate with public use airports, DOH and law enforcement to implement Executive Order 20-80. To date, more than 16,600 traveler forms have been collected at public use airports across the state.

Additional actions the state has taken to respond to COVID-19:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) worked with local communities to establish additional walk-up testing sites in Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Duval, Orange and Leon counties.

At the direction of Governor DeSantis, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees declared a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 in Florida.

Governor DeSantis announced that the state ordered an additional 2,500 test kits to supplement the adequate resources already available to test for COVID-19. These additional test kits will enable the Department of Health, working with Florida health care providers, to test up to an additional 625,000 individuals. The Governor also suspended non-essential in state and all out-of-state travel for state employees for 30 days.

Established a public call center for questions regarding COVID-19. The call center launched Monday, March 2, and is open 24/7.

Established mechanisms for monitoring and coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding epidemiological activities.

Distributed CDC Interim Guidance for public health personnel evaluating Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and asymptomatic close contacts of
confirmed cases at their home or non-home residential settings to CHDs.
- Approved and disseminated an updated Clinician Screening Tool for identifying COVID-19 PUIs.
- Implemented testing at all three State Public Health Laboratories.
- Distributed updated laboratory guidance regarding implementation of testing at State Public Health Laboratories.
- Implemented private lab testing.
- Developed and disseminated pandemic planning guidance.
- Advised CHDs and HCCs to retain expired personal protective equipment until further notice.
- Florida Department of Health is coordinating on mobile field hospital planning.
- DOH strike teams have completed assessments for 3,874 long term care facilities to determine immediate unmet needs and promote appropriate infection control practices.
- DOH strike teams have responded to long term care facilities with COVID-19 positive patients.
- DOH continues to work toward increasing capabilities at drive through, walk up and mobile COVID-19 testing sites.

**FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- This week, the Division is making another major push of PPE to support health care workers in long-term care facilities. This includes:
  - 4 million masks,
  - 200,000 face shields,
  - 500,000 gloves
- With that push, the Division will have distributed:
  - More than 12 million masks
  - More than 6 million gloves
  - More than 800 thousand face shields
  - 650 thousand shoe covers
  - 330 thousand gowns
  - More than 150 thousand containers of hand sanitizer
  - 48 thousand goggles
  - 28 thousand coveralls
  - 18 thousand Tyvex suits
- Find more information on DEM’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

- On April 14, AHCA issued [Emergency Order AHCA 20-002](#) to temporarily suspend nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help alleviate financial
burdens. This EO suspension aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19.

- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has created new temporary Personal Care Attendant program to help long-term care facilities fill staffing shortages. The program provides an 8-hour training on assisting with direct care so that personal care attendants can temporarily perform additional duties.
- AHCA has been working with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to ensure current Medicaid recipients maintain benefits during the state of emergency. Medicaid application deadlines have also been extended.
- AHCA has made on-site visits to more than 900 long-term care and residential facilities since the onset of the COVID-19 emergency. Additionally, AHCA has made over 5,000 telephone calls to residential providers statewide to assess infection control and prevention strategies, ensure county health department and local emergency operations center contact information are up to date, and assess supplies (specifically PPE).
- Find more information on AHCA’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has updated its dedicated compliance complaint form to include an option for reporting vacation rental compliance concerns. The Department’s Division of Hotels and Restaurants continues to monitor, review, and assign complaints received through this form for follow-up by division inspectors.
- Find more information on DBPR’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

- Per the Department of Children and Families’ (DCF) request, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved Florida’s waiver to permit the state to launch a pilot project that will allow families to purchase groceries online with their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. DCF will continue to work closely with the USDA and participating retailers to implement this project by April 21, 2020.
- Under Governor DeSantis’ direction, DCF has temporarily increased SNAP recipients’ benefit amount to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size.
- DCF worked with DOH to develop precautionary protocols for child welfare professionals and adult protective investigators who may have to make in-person visits to ensure the safety of those vulnerable populations.
Find more information on DCF’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is closely aligned with the CDC Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities.
- New inmate commitments from county jails undergo additional screening and 14-day quarantine before placement within the general population.
- FDC has suspended visitation and volunteer programs at all correctional institutions statewide.
- FDC correctional officers are authorized to wear approved face coverings or masks while working.
- Find more information on FDC’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- Beginning April 20, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will provide daily updates on the efforts made to address the challenges to Florida’s Reemployment Assistance program in response to COVID-19. This includes a new State Reemployment Assistance Claims Dashboard that will be updated daily to reflect the total number of Reemployment Assistance Claims submitted, verified, processed, and paid.
- Governor DeSantis issued an Executive Order 20-104 waiving the requirement for Floridians to claim their weeks for Reemployment Assistance.
- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced more than 1,000 small businesses have been awarded more than $49 million from the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan.
- Governor DeSantis has waived the work search and work registration requirements for individuals requesting Reemployment Assistance benefits, as well as the waiting week for receiving benefits. For more information, see the Reemployment Assistance Frequently Asked Questions.
- The Business Damage Assessment survey is activated and continues to accept surveys to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations and determine the appropriate actions for recovery.
- Find more information on DEO’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- The Department of Education’s Office of Early Learning, in coordination with local early learning coalitions, has prioritized and increased access to childcare services for first responders and health care professionals
by creating an expedited referral process to swiftly provide priority access.

- Florida College System institutions and private institutions across the state have donated more than 130 ventilators typically used in medical training programs to local hospitals, community medical centers and other facilities.

- Since April 1, 2020, when the Department of Education announced the waiver of certification exam fees, more than 31,000 educators have signed up to take the Florida Teacher Certification Examination using the waiver. This translates into over 62,000 actual exam registrations for a savings value of more than $8 million for Florida educators.

- Governor DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran have recommended extending distance learning for all Florida K-12 public and private schools through the end of the 2019-20 academic year. The Department of Education has compiled dozens of free distance learning resources on its emergency response page here.

- Governor Ron DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran announced that 32,614 laptop computers are being distributed to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida and the Florida A&M University Developmental Research School.

- The Florida Department of Education (DOE) has delayed the deadline for teacher certification requirements and offered a fee waiver for testing. More than 22,000 teachers have taken advantage of the fee waiver so far.

- The Florida Virtual School has created the Online Learning Community with engaging and informative content for teachers and parents of K-12 students.

- Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran recommended that all Florida public and private K-12 schools continue distance learning and keep school campuses closed through June 3, the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

- Find more information on The Department of Education’s response to COVID-19 here.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS**

- DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom participated in a call with Administration for Community Living (ACL) Assistant Secretary Lance Robertson and leadership from all State Units on Aging (SUA) as members shared information and best practices for the Aging Network throughout the country.

- Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued Emergency Order 20-01 on March 31 pertaining to in-person guardian visitation requirements where COVID-19 response and mitigation measures prevent such visits.
• DOEA issued guidance for Emergency Order 20-01 on March 31 for Public and Professional Guardians to remain in compliance with Florida Statute 744.361(14).
• DOEA continues to provide technical assistance to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) regarding meals, billing, data entry, shopping assistance, telephone reassurance, health and wellness programs, and the elder helpline.
• Find more information on DOEA’s COVID-19 response here.

ENTERPRISE FLORIDA

• Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) recently announced the suspension of initial fees for its Microfinance Loan Guarantee Program to support Florida’s small business community impacted by COVID-19. Interested businesses must apply through a local lender. For further information please contact your lender or visit Enterprise Florida’s website.
• See resources compiled by EFI for businesses impacted by COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

• Effective March 23, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has closed all Florida State Parks to the public. Park field staff are on site to maintain grounds.
• Effective March 24, public access to lands within DEP’s Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas is closed. This includes state-owned uplands, such as beaches, islands, sand bars and emergent shoals within aquatic preserves. Vessel landings are strictly prohibited.
• On April 1, DEP issued an Emergency Final Order (EFO) granting a 30-day extension to the deadline for its regulated facilities to submit routine paperwork and reports.
• Find more information on DEP’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

• The Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) has issued Emergency Order 2020-03 temporarily expanding the motor vehicle retail installment initial payment rule.
• OFR has provided guidance for consumer finance businesses and professionals.
• OFR has provided guidance and an operational update for Florida’s securities businesses and professionals.
• OFR has provided informational guidance and an update to Florida’s financial institutions.
• OFR has created helpful resource lists for businesses and individuals to contact their financial services providers:
  o Florida Financial Institution Resource List
  o Top 40 Mortgage Servicers Resource List
  o Additional Financial Information and Resources List
• OFR has issued Emergency Order 2020-02 extending certain filing deadlines for Florida’s financial services providers.
• OFR has issued Emergency Order 2020-01 extending certain renewal deadlines for money services businesses.
• Find more information on OFR’s COVID-19 response and available resources here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

• At the direction of Governor DeSantis, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) has issued an Emergency Order extending all Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards that expire March 16 through April 30, 2020.
• The Florida Highway Patrol is assisting with the implementation and enforcement of Executive Order 20-86 at the direction of Governor DeSantis.
• Pursuant to Executive Order 20-52 issued by Governor DeSantis, FLHSMV Executive Director Rhodes has waived commercial truck hours of service regulations and other related regulations so that emergency supplies, equipment, commodities and resources can be moved more quickly and efficiently throughout the state.
• Find more information on FLHSMV’s COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

• The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M providing guidance on the use of technology to help combat the spread of COVID-19, including encouraging insurers to broaden access to care for telehealth services, and requesting Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing.
• OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M reminding insurers of applicable statutes regarding workers’ compensation insurance. Workers’ compensation insurers are expected to comply with all of the provisions of Florida’s Workers’ Compensation Law.
• OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-03M directing all insurers and other entities regulated by OIR to review and update their business continuity and/or continuity of operations plans. Companies are directed to immediately contact OIR if their continuity plans are
activated and/or if business operations become compromised so it can work with insurers to avoid any disruption in consumer services.

- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M providing general guidance on the treatment of policyholders as part of the state’s ongoing efforts to protect Floridians.
- OIR has issued Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M as a reminder to all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to allow for early prescription refills.
- Find more information on OIR’s COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has suspended visitation at all state-operated juvenile detention centers and juvenile residential commitment programs until April 30, 2020.
- DJJ has also instituted additional screening measures for essential personnel and vendors within juvenile facilities.
- Find more information on DJJ’s COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- FDLE continues to monitor protests held across the nation in relation to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders for threats or violence.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association to monitor law enforcement staffing impacts and staffing needs due to COVID-19.
- FDLE continues to work with all Florida law enforcement entities on obtaining PPE needs.
- FDLE and FHP continue to facilitate the escort of testing collection kits statewide.
- FDLE continues to work with the Florida Sheriffs Association and Florida Police Chiefs Association to provide support to FHP at I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.
- FDLE continues to work with ESF-16 partners on airport screening missions.
- Find more information on FDLE’s COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

- Effective March 23, Florida Lottery Headquarters and district offices are closed to the public until further notice.
- Find more information on the Florida Lottery’s COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES
The Department of Management Services (DMS) launched a dedicated telework webpage (fl.gov) to provide resources and tutorials for employees and employers operating in a remote work environment. At the Governor’s direction, DMS Secretary Jonathan Satter issued an emergency order to ensure federal benefits granted through The Families First Coronavirus Response Act are available to employees.

As directed in Executive Order 20-52, DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to expand covered telehealth benefits at no additional employee cost. Also directed in Executive Order 20-52, DMS has amended the state employee health plan benefits plan documents to cover immunizations at participating in-network retail pharmacies at no cost to the member during this public health emergency. Find more information on DMS’ COVID-19 response here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

As of April 23, approximately 2,898 Florida National Guardsmen (FLNG) are currently deployed to support Florida’s response to COVID-19. FLNG’s has expanded its support to mobile testing teams and the community-based and walk-up test sites. To date, the FLNG has assisted in the testing of more than 72,570 individuals for the COVID-19 virus. FLNG continues to support the state’s COVID-19 response through augmentation to airport screening measures, statewide logistics support, coordination, planning and operational mission sets. Find more information on DMA’s response to COVID-19 here.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) are distributing washable face masks donated by The Family Care Council to providers and customers living in APD group homes. APD issued Emergency Order 20-03, which temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information to determine the level of need of APD customers. Find more information on APD’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The Department of Revenue has created a dedicated webpage to provide information to child support customers who have questions about the child support offset for Economic Impact Payments under the CARES Act. Under federal law, these payments are subject to federal offset for persons who owe past-due support.
The Department of Revenue (DOR) has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for tax-related questions and information. The Department also has a dedicated COVID-19 webpage for child support customers and alternative options for handling many child support case activities without visiting an office. Find more information on DOR’s response to COVID-19 here.

CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA

Paper reemployment assistance applications are available at career centers statewide. Florida’s local workforce development boards are working with community partners, libraries, local legislators and other organizations for additional application distribution. CareerSource Florida has launched an integrated public and business outreach campaign, Help is Here, a comprehensive resource for employment and business services for impacted Floridians. For a list of the 24 local workforce development boards within the CareerSource Florida network and their contact information, please click here. Find more information on CareerSource Florida’s response to COVID-19 here.

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

The State University System (SUS) has directed all state universities to continue remote instruction through the end of the spring semester. The SUS has directed that traditional on-campus commencement ceremonies will not be held in May. Instead, each university is directed to develop an alternate schedule or method of delivery. Find more information on SUS’ response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-97, delaying elections in Pasco County at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. On April 6, Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee announced the issuance of an emergency order and emergency rules to extend annual report filing deadlines for business entities, as well as outline changes to the candidate petition and candidate qualifying processes. Find more information on the Florida Department of State’s Response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is expediting several infrastructure projects throughout the state due to the reduction in traffic from COVID-19. Find more information about FDOT’s accelerated projects here.

FDOT is leading the coordination of DOH and the Florida Highway Patrol to implement Executive Order 20-86. To date, more than 9,200 traveler forms have been collected at the I-10 and I-95 checkpoints.

FDOT continues to coordinate with seaports across the state to monitor port activity.

FDOT continues to coordinate with public use airports, DOH and law enforcement to implement Executive Order 20-80. To date, more than 16,600 traveler forms have been collected at public use airports across the state.

Find more information on FDOT’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

The Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs (FDVA) has restricted visitor access to its state veterans’ homes until further notice, with the exception of essential visitors. In addition, admissions in our network of state veterans’ homes are temporarily suspended.

Veterans who are concerned they may have symptoms of COVID-19, flu or the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center toll free at (877) 741-3400 before coming to a VA facility. Clinicians are available to provide 24/7 virtual care and support, including nurse advice and triage.

To contact a teleworking FDVA Veterans’ Claims Examiner, call (727) 319-7440 or email VSO@fdva.state.fl.us.

Find more information on FDVA’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) continues to be in close communication with the Governor’s Office, the Florida Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the most recent COVID-19 status and guidance.

Find more information on FWC’s response to COVID-19 here.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

As the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) continues to be committed to the health and well-being of all Floridians, we have compiled a list of resources with relevant information for homeowners, residents, developers, apartment owners, management companies, participating lenders, Realtors and SHIP administrators regarding COVID-19.
• Find more information on Florida Housing’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**VISIT FLORIDA**

• VISIT FLORIDA’s four welcome centers are closed until further notice. VISIT FLORIDA welcome center staff members have been trained to provide customer service support for the Department of Economic Opportunity and are assisting with the influx of inquiries and calls from impacted businesses and workers throughout the state.
• Find more information on VISIT FLORIDA’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA**

• As the lead agency for volunteerism and service, Volunteer Florida is working to support voluntary organizations across the state and nation by sharing resources, surveying needs and requesting that continuity of operations plans be created to avoid any service delivery disruption.
• Find more information on Volunteer Florida’s response to COVID-19 [here](#).

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Friday, April 24, 2020

FMEA Members and Associate Members and Conference Sponsors,

Unfortunately, due the COVID-19 pandemic, the uncertainties of when we will be able to convene large gatherings, and other associated impacts, FMEA has made the very difficult decision to cancel this year’s Annual Conference previously scheduled for July 28-30, at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

FMEA will automatically refund all registration fees that have been collected. In addition, The Breakers will automatically cancel all guest rooms in their system made under the FMEA room block. You will receive an email of your cancellation in the near future, and deposits will be refunded shortly thereafter.

We will also be reaching out directly to all of our Conference sponsors over the next couple of weeks. We hope to offer some of the planned Conference topics and presentations virtually over the summer. Stay tuned for more information.

As we continue to face uncertainties during these difficult times, FMEA remains committed to supporting the Florida public power community. We look forward to the time when we can all meet together again in person. Please let us know if you have any questions or if there’s anything we can do to assist you.

Please mark your calendars now for the 2021 Annual Conference to be held at the Naples Grande Beach Resort, July 20-22.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support of FMEA.

Amy Zubaly
Executive Director, Florida Municipal Electric Association
Dear Council:

Attached is Extension No. 6 of the Declaration of a State of Emergency, extending our local declaration today through April 30, 2020. Jacob and Laurie have a copy to publish and post.

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During these challenging times, we could all use a break from the non-stop news cycle and a positive connection with fellow human beings.

Join us on April 27 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) for the next installment in this series, which explores what cities are doing and can do to turn the challenges of the present into better futures for our cities and our residents.

We’ll be joined by special guests from the League and cities around the state, including:
• Ron Peters, Risk & Safety Management Director, Florida League of Cities
• Bobby Green, City Manager, City of Auburndale
• Bill Beasley, County Administrator, Polk County
• Al Braithwaite, City Manager, City of Oldsmar
• Erik Seidel, Mayor, City of Oldsmar
• Danielle Judd, City Manager, City of Fort Meade
• Jennifer Yarmitzky, Human Resource Manager, City of North Lauderdale

Start your week with insight and encouragement as Dr. Scott Paine and Shwanda Barnette host engaging conversations that take us beyond today’s headlines.

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Local Government News

Adam Goodman: Two Mayors, two parties, one mission

*Florida Politics*

Looking for a "good news" story during a bad news time? How about two Mayors, from two Parties, united by one mission, one cause, one fight? As much as the courage of health care workers deserves our praise, COVID-afflicted families our empathy, and the nation’s Governors our appreciation, many of America’s Mayors are showing the kind of tenacity that generates more headway if fewer headlines. It is in the cities where politics gives way to purpose, posturing concedes to principle, and solutions are crafted by leaders who trade on trust and invoke a pronoun too often neglected in public discourse today: “we." *Source*

State News

Reopen Florida Task Force prepares to hand recommendations to governor

*News 4 Jax*

Reopen Florida Task Force members have just one day left to iron out their recommendations for Gov. Ron DeSantis on when and how the state should reopen its economy. Task force members heard Thursday morning from leaders in the agriculture, health care, education and construction industries. Leaders in the health care industry expressed concern about their facilities when elective surgeries are allowed to begin again. *Source*

As coronavirus batters the economy, Florida leaders may have to slash budget

*Orlando Sentinel*

The Republican-controlled Florida Legislature faces tough choices in balancing the $93 billion state budget decimated by the coronavirus crisis, decisions that could wipe out or drastically reduce teacher raises, road work, affordable housing projects and more. Lawmakers last month passed the spending plan based on revenue projections made in January, well before the coronavirus brought much of the economy to a halt. When state
economists make new projections, likely no sooner than sometime in May, the Legislature will know how big of a hole they have to fill. Source

Federal News

House passes $484 billion relief package after weeks of partisan battles
POLITICO
The House approved a nearly $500 billion coronavirus rescue package that delivers emergency aid to small businesses and hospitals after two weeks of negotiations between party leaders and the White House. The bill will provide an immediate $321 billion infusion for the Paycheck Protection Program, the small business rescue fund that ran out of money last week. The package also provides another $60 billion in economic disaster loans for small businesses, $75 billion in emergency relief for hospitals and $25 billion to ramp up coronavirus testing. ... Notably, the package does not include any relief for local governments, another one of the Democrats’ biggest demands. Many cities and towns across the country have seen huge shares of their revenue — payroll and income taxes — dry up amid the national economic lockdown. Democrats have said they will immediately pivot to the next package, which they say must include another round of relief for state and local governments. Source

Fed municipal rescue won’t avert fiscal nightmare, so states eye Congress
POLITICO
The Federal Reserve’s move this month to bail out the municipal bond market with $500 billion in short-term debt was a historic step by the central bank to directly intervene in local government finances for the first time. It’s just not nearly enough, local officials say. The money will barely make a dent in resolving local government needs caused by the coronavirus pandemic, which is threatening to create thousands of fiscal disasters nationwide. Officials say Congress must provide hundreds of billions more — but this time in direct federal grants — in the next economic rescue package. Source

Layoffs and spending cuts loom as coronavirus wallops state and city budgets
CNN
The economic crisis wrought by the coronavirus pandemic is hammering state and local governments. With the majority of businesses shuttered in many states and tens of millions of workers filing for unemployment, states and cities are seeing their tax revenues dry up rapidly. That's opening gaping holes in their budgets for fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021, which begins July 1 in most states. States and municipalities had been lobbying hard for another shot of federal assistance in the latest relief package, which passed the Senate earlier this week. But it was left out of the deal, despite support from Democratic leaders. Source

We all have a role in responsibly re-opening the economy | Rick Scott
Tampa Bay Times
As Americans discuss how to safely re-open the economy, in accordance with guidance from public health officials, one thing needs to be clear: We all have a part to play. State and local governments, business owners, families and federal agencies all have a role. If all of us take responsibility and create a clear plan, we can put our country and our economy back on a path to recovery. The federal government plays a significant role in funding and supporting efforts to rebuild our economy. But we can’t rely solely on the federal government. Health care is a local delivery system in this country and all level of government, the private sector, and individual families play a role. The federal
government must support efforts by state and local governments to expand testing capacity, including monoclonal antibody testing and contact tracing. Source

Land Use & Economic Development News

State launches $75M program to beef up local hospitals, police departments and more
Orlando Business Journal
Roughly $75 million now is available to local governments in the Sunshine State through the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program, the state Department of Economic Opportunity announced this week. The program allows local governments and state agencies to increase the resilience of critical facilities that serve a public safety purpose for local communities. ... The funds are allocated through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s newly created Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation program. Local governments and state agencies may apply individually or partner with nonprofits and non-governmental agencies for funding to propose projects that meet program requirements, including benefiting low-to-moderate income populations. Source

City of Gainesville starts GNV Cares grant program
WCJB
Government assistance has been slow to come for some in North Central Florida in financial situations due to COVID-19. As a result Gainesville city commissioners voted on two motions for their GNV Cares grant program. The program provides financial help to small businesses and households. Businesses will receive $5,000 dollars over a six month period and eligible households will receive $1,250 over a two month period. Over $3 million will come from general funds, the community development block grant, and the community reinvestment area. Source

Boynton Beach CRA offering disaster relief loans to local small businesses impacted by COVID-19
WPBF
Small business owners in Boynton Beach are now able to apply for a disaster relief loan. With so many local businesses forced to close due to COVID-19, the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency is stepping in to lend a helping hand. The CRA is approving $500,000 to fund a forgivable loan program. “We’ve walked hand in hand with a lot of these businesses to get them up and running and we’ve formed relationships with them, they’ve filled these empty places they have activity, everything was working as it should and it was across the country until this happened,” said Michael Simon, Director at Boynton Beach CRA. Source

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News

Drones Become Part of Local U.S. Responses to COVID-19
Government Technology
In a matter of weeks, drones have arrived as a tool for local police departments looking to help control further outbreak of COVID-19 cases. Thus far, the most common use case appears to be utilizing the machines to reinforce social distancing rules. If a crowd gathers in a public area, an officer will deploy a drone that will, via loudspeakers and a recorded message, urge citizens to disperse. This use case originated in countries like China and Spain. Source
Homelessness and the Critical Needs of Those Most At-Risk

Cities Speak
As the COVID-19 pandemic wreaks havoc among communities across the globe, it is those already living at the margins who will see the deadliest consequences. For individuals who are housing insecure or experiencing homelessness, stay-at-home and shelter-in-place orders can be difficult, if not impossible, to comply with, introducing further uncertainty and fear into their lives. Among the housing insecure and those experiencing homelessness, some populations are particularly vulnerable, now more than ever. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Ocala City Council approves reducing Ocala Electric Utility charges
Ocala Star Banner
On Tuesday, the Ocala City Council unanimously approved a plan to give customers of the city-owned electric utility a break on their power bill during May and June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The move would result in a $14 reduction for every 1,000-kilowatt hours used. The average U.S. household uses about 900-kilowatt hours per month, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. There are nearly 52,000 Ocala Electric Utility customers, including residential and commercial. The reduction would total about $3.1 million, based on a three-year average of electric usage for May and June. Source

Environmental groups ask Florida Gov. DeSantis to require utilities to keep power on
Tampa Bay Times
Several environmental groups urged Gov. Ron DeSantis in a letter this week to require utilities to keep power on for customers during the pandemic, even if customers can't pay their bills. Four of the state’s largest utilities have already committed to doing so, including Tampa Bay utilities Tampa Electric Co. and Duke Energy Florida. "No family should have to choose between essential life-sustaining services during a national time of crisis," Aliki Moncrief, executive director of Florida Conservation Voters, said. Source
Mayor and Council,

Councilor Nichols asked for information regarding issues with dogs on the beach. The Police Department, through Sgt. Tator, has provided the following:

“From Jan 01, 2018 to December 31, 2019, we had the following on the beach proper (north and south):

- Dangerous dogs = 0
- Dog bite reports = 4
- Leash violations cited = 6
- Dogs on beach outside of hours cited = 40
- Checks of the beach conducted (Sig 31) = 809
- Responses to animal calls (Sig 19) = 411

It is my experience that we normally handle dogs on the beach with education first, warning second, then action if needed (that is by officers).”

Notes:
Of the four (4) dog bite reports, all were dogs biting humans (no dogs biting other dogs).
The dog bites (4), leash violations (6) and hours citations (40) are part of the 411 calls for service.

This information may become part of the conversation with Council at the briefing on Monday evening, 6:00. Let us know if you have any questions in advance of that time.

Sincerely,

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Census Bureau Launches COVID-19 Data Hub

Today the U.S. Census Bureau released a new resource page on Census.gov to help federal agencies, businesses, and communities make decisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Similar to the Census Bureau’s resources pages created during natural disasters, this resource page includes information on population demographics, economic indicators and businesses.

It features a new interactive data hub that centralizes already-released data from the American Community Survey and the County Business Patterns program to facilitate users’ access to data useful in pandemic-related decision making. The data hub, released as a beta version, will be updated periodically as the situation changes and as feedback is received from users.

The data hub provides four interactive features:

- The COVID-19 Impact Report allows users to browse dashboards with demographic and business data for the nation, states and counties. Information is presented in an interactive visualization that allows for further exploration and downloading.

- The Demographic and Economic Analysis feature provides selected statistics in an interactive map that can be incorporated into users’ own maps.

- The Highlighted Datasets allow users to access even more of these key data in an interactive map that includes further details down to the census tract level.
• **The Categorical Datasets** search allows users to select a data theme and to find and download (in map service and Excel formats) the census data that interests them.

The data hub also includes direct links to other Census Bureau data tools that provide additional information to guide decision-making, and links to Centers for Disease Control data on COVID-19 cases. The hub was built in collaboration with the Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri).

The Census Bureau provides access to this and all of its resources in support of the coronavirus response effort at [www.census.gov/coronavirus](http://www.census.gov/coronavirus).

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**U.S. Census Bureau Releases New “Pulse” Surveys for Small Business and Households to Measure Social and Economic Impacts Due to COVID-19**

In response to the unprecedented circumstances presented by COVID-19 and the urgent need for data, the U.S. Census Bureau is launching two new experimental surveys to measure temporal social and economic trends in the nation’s small businesses and households over the next three months. Responses from these experimental surveys will be posted within weeks of collection and will provide insight into the scope of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic response on social and economic measures in the U.S.

The experimental **Small Business Pulse Survey** includes a limited number of questions on topics such as location closings, changes in employment, disruptions in the supply chain, the use of federal assistance programs, and expectations concerning future operations. The survey should take just 5 minutes to complete. Each week, over 100,000 small businesses will receive the Small Business Pulse Survey and will be asked to respond within one week. Over the course of nine weeks, nearly one million small businesses will receive an invitation to participate. This survey defines small businesses as having a single location with 1 to 499 employees.

Results of this survey could provide useful information to the public, businesses, and policymakers for understanding how changes in business operations, employment, hours, and the availability of consumer goods and services are impacting American life. Data is planned to be posted weekly beginning in mid-May and is expected to include estimates for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, as well as for the 50 most populated Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

The experimental **Household Pulse Survey** is the result of an effort by the Census Bureau to work in collaboration with other federal statistical agencies to document temporal trends in how individuals are experiencing business curtailment and closures, stay-at-home orders, school closures, changes in the availability of consumer goods and consumer patterns, and other abrupt and significant changes to American life. Updates in question wording and weighting procedures are likely to change over the course of the implementation. Censuses expects to produce and disseminate data on a weekly basis. The sample is designed to produce estimates for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as for the 15 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas.
Pulse Surveys, Business Formation Statistics Will be Updated Weekly

JANE CALLEN | APRIL 23, 2020

Against a backdrop of unprecedented circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau recognizes the need for accurate, real-time data on the U.S. population and economy.

The ability to understand how individuals and businesses are weathering the current crisis is critical given business disruption, stay-at-home orders, school closures, changes in the availability of consumer goods and consumer patterns, and other abrupt and significant changes to American life.

The Census Bureau is answering the call with three new, major data products.

America Counts: How Census Data Help the Nation Respond to Disasters - Census Surveys Help Areas Prepare and Recover

In the broad landscape of disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, U.S. Census Bureau data can be immensely valuable.

The Census Bureau produces timely local data that are critical to emergency planning, preparedness, and recovery efforts for all types of emergencies.

2020 Census Response Rates

Are you curious about how many people in your community are responding to the 2020 Census? Stay up to date with a map of self-response rates from across the United States. Start here.
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Mayor Latham,

Here is a draft for the press release. Let me know if you have any changes!

Thanks,

Jacob

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Mr Latham, let's plant seeds of hope

Dear Mr Latham,

Today is National Arbor Day – a day to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

While celebrating this Arbor Day looks and feels different without community gatherings and large tree planting events, we can still make an impact together.

**Now is the Time for Trees.**

Trees represent hope and resilience – two things we could all use a little more of during these uncertain times. **Your gift today** will help continue the critical work of using trees to solve global issues.
Every dollar of your donation equals one more tree planted in a forest in need of revitalization. And each tree planted means a brighter future and stronger planet for generations to come.

Donate today and help us plant 25,000 trees this Arbor Day as we charge towards our goal of planting 100 million trees by April of 2022.

Together, let’s invest in hope AND trees as we celebrate Arbor Day 2020.

Stay safe and be well,

Stefanie Monge
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Jacksonville History Still Matters

Over the past month, the life of the city has changed, but the Jacksonville Historical Society continues. Like so many across the country, our staff and volunteers have been figuring out how to do their work safely, which means working remotely. With help from our technology consultants, we have successfully transitioned a lot of what we do every day to the JHS’s online platforms. We respond to multiple research requests each day, and catalogue the contents of our collections. We are developing innovative educational resources to share with the people of Jacksonville who cannot be physically present with us, for now at least.

Jacksonville’s many interesting stories continue to accumulate. Elsewhere in this newsletter you’ll see that the JHS is collecting the evidence and contemporary experiences that will become our history. What we are living through in this spring of 2020 isn’t past yet, but we already know that it will have historic reach. We and the people who come after us will want to know, and try to learn from the COVID-19 pandemic and how Jacksonville survived #Pandemic2020Jax and the Great Quarantine.

The Jacksonville Historical Society does what no other organization does, and the value of our work keeps growing. Knowing what happened to others who came before us is the key to understanding our city today. Historical awareness and understanding is how we take ownership of a place, and become citizens who care about its future.

Whether it is oral histories, maps, architectural drawings, unique manuscripts, or the tens of thousands of fascinating photographs that the JHS catalogs and preserves, all of our collections are available to you and to Jacksonvillians yet to come. To sustain these resources and make them accessible, we depend on your membership and special donations. That’s true now more than ever, as a significant part of our fundraising comes from special events that are now challenged by the social distancing of a pandemic. Our Great Fire Run, scheduled for May 2, has been postponed until November. Space rentals and public programs are on hold, and some among our membership are experiencing reduced income as well as uncertain prospects for the months ahead.

The JHS asks that if you can renew your membership, please do promptly and, if at all possible, at a higher level than before. If you are in a position to donate to our operations, the archives or to our facilities, your support will sustain the jobs of those who work in all these areas. To learn more about how you can help, please contact me directly at alan.bliss@jaxhistory.org or call me, at (904) 665-0064. To the dozens of members and donors who have recently renewed their support, our heartfelt thanks!

Important work lies ahead for the JHS. In two years, we will commemorate the
bicentennial of Jacksonville’s establishment, June 15, 1822, and planning is already underway. Forthcoming this May is the 2020 edition of Jacksonville’s Most Endangered Buildings List. The announcement of the Endangered Buildings list is much anticipated, and always takes place during National Historic Preservation Month. Each year we hold a special program around this event, and this year will be no exception, it will be exceptional! Stay tuned for news of our upcoming May “Endangered Buildings” Virtual Program, and more educational programming to follow this summer.

Fundraising continues for the renovation of the JHS’s Casket Factory building, as our general contractor / design team move ahead with preparations for the day that work begins. Completion of that project will open up 4,500 square feet of safe, air-conditioned space for collections storage, processing and research. The JHS archives will finally be able to breathe after years of working in four overflowing rooms in the Old St. Luke’s Hospital Building.

We have high hopes that conditions will permit the December opening of Jacksonville’s Gingerbread Extravaganza, for which planning is also underway. Our aim is for more, and more amazing, gingerbread creations than ever before. Builders have already signed up to participate, so it’s not too soon for you to let us know what historic or holiday-themed gingerbread house you dream of creating!

The Jacksonville Historical Society continues to be here for you. We hope that you will remain here for us.

With best wishes for health and peace,

Alan Bliss
Executive Director

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**Historic Preservation Update**

Prospects of demolition continue in the news, with the continuing request of First Baptist Church to demolish its ca. 1927 Sunday School Building, at 125 West Church Street. On February 26th, the Historic Preservation Commission declined the church’s application for a demolition permit, and instead proposed landmark status for the structure. That decision went to the City Council, which referred it to the Council’s Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Committee.

Owing to the social-distancing policies currently in place, the City Council and its committees have been meeting only “virtually.” Because of the nature of land use and zoning requests, the LUZ committee has deferred action until it can physically meet in a public setting, where comments can be heard directly. When
the matter is scheduled for public discussion, we will notify our membership so that concerned voices can be heard.

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**Documenting #Pandemic2020Jax**

A little more than a century ago, Jacksonville citizens faced loss in many ways from a series of events that were documented, for the most part, by news reporters and photographers, along with diaries and journals by citizens. The Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1888 (in which St. Luke’s Hospital played a healing role)... the Great Fire of 1901 (which stopped short of St. Luke’s Hospital) ... the Great War (which came to be known as World War I) ... and the Spanish Flu (also called the 1918 Flu Pandemic) all were dramatic events that could have brought our great city to its knees. Today we face a similar life-as-we-know-it-altering situation. How will we tell this story for future generations?

**CALLING ALL CITIZEN ARCHIVISTS, HISTORIANS AND DOCUMENTARIANS**

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our lives, our communities, and our society is unprecedented in our lifetime. Our individual understanding and reactions to this rapidly developing global event changes daily, which is why it is so important that we act now to document our individual experiences.

During this time, the Jacksonville Historical Society will be accepting community submissions of documentary material or creative works chronicling the local pandemic experience. Submissions should express how your life has changed and what it is like living during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**WAYS TO PARTICIPATE**

- Donate physical or digital material documenting your experience during the coronavirus pandemic. Examples include submissions of videos, typed or handwritten diaries, journals, essays, artwork, poems, music or photographs.
- When posting to social media, please use the hashtag #Pandemic2020Jax to contribute to this project.
- Children can also have fun documenting the pandemic with this COVID-19 Time
Capsule. It's something for your own family to enjoy using as you create memories of a time when you sheltered in place.

Future historians need to hear from you! They will want to know what was the local, lived experience of a global pandemic from day to day and week to week. Your perspective is significant and urgently needed. For those interested in contributing their voice to this community legacy, please consider donating now.

If you have any questions about accepted donations, please email us at archives@jaxhistory.org.

Mitch Hemann
Senior Archivist

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May I See Some ID? The History of the American Passport Photo

Most of us have had to endure the grueling experience of getting a passport photo taken. All those rules and regulations, and despite your best efforts, the unflattering product resembles something more akin to a mugshot. This ritual of depersonalization hasn’t always been the case. The history of the American passport photo is a lot more interesting than you might expect.

The Jacksonville Historical Society has an incredible collection of passport photos, mysteriously housed in a repurposed bench docket for the circuit court of Ocala. These photos represent a pivotal moment in the history of photo identification, and what they tell us is fascinating.
Bench docket repurposed as a scrapbook

Husbands and wives were often photographed together.

Photo identification has been around for more than a century, but there were hardly any rules back then. An individual was simply asked to submit a photo, no questions asked. In 1876, at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, a photographic ticket was adopted to address admission concerns, but it would still take some time before it became standard practice. Before photos were added, passports simply listed the distinguishing features of the passport holder. Probably not the most accurate way of confirming that the correct individual was standing in front of you.

In the earliest days, there was no real standardization for the process, and applicants were able to submit photos of themselves in groups, dressed however they liked, or engaging in their favorite pastimes. Oftentimes they were photos that they already had to avoid the fee associated with having a new photograph taken. Another reason a group photo was used is that married women were traditionally listed alongside their husbands and did not have passports of their own. Sometimes they were only listed as “wife” and the woman had to be accompanied by her husband in order to use the document. This practice continued as late as the 1930s.
In the 1920s, things changed dramatically and the rules became a lot more rigid with the adoption of a universal individual passport. With strict changes made to immigration laws, steamship companies found themselves shifting their focus and targeting the middle and upper class in hopes of promoting European travel. Society was slow to embrace it.

Among affluent, white Americans, these documents were perceived as being recorded as a suspicious person. Not everyone was pleased about being reduced to that standard. They were accustomed to being taken at their word, and they felt that they shouldn’t have to prove who they were to the authorities as they travelled. This was before any real documentary infrastructure was in place, such as driver’s licenses or social security numbers, and it took some adjusting. These days, it’s nearly impossible to avoid showing identification for one reason or another. Times have certainly changed.

Mitch Hemann
Senior Archivist

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DAR Jacksonville Honored for 125th Anniversary
On April 14, 2020, Jacksonville City Councilman Matt Carlucci introduced a resolution to honor the Jacksonville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on its 125th anniversary.

The chapter, also known as “The Mother Chapter of the State of Florida,” was formed five years after the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) was founded in 1890 soon after the Sons of the American Revolution voted to exclude women from its organization. Four women - whose common bond was a father or grandfather who was a patriot of the American Revolution - laid the groundwork for the Society.

The NSDAR was incorporated in 1896 by an Act of Congress, and with 3,000 chapters worldwide the Jacksonville Chapter holds a place of honor as the first in Florida. Many old, familiar Jacksonville names are part of the chapter’s history.

The Jacksonville Chapter’s founding began when Fannie Stockton was appointed in 1892 by Caroline Harrison, the wife of President Benjamin Harrison, to organize the first Florida DAR chapter. Mrs. Harrison passed away five months later from tuberculosis at age 60.

Fannie was the wife of John N.C. Stockton, an active Episcopalian, was very
closely connected with the building of Old St. Andrew’s Church in Jacksonville in 1888, which is located adjacent to the Merrill House Museum on A. Philip Randolph Boulevard.

Stockton was employed by Jacksonville banker D. G. Ambler as bookkeeper for five years before being admitted to partnership under the firm name of Ambler, Marvin & Stockton.

Ambler’s wife, Clarissa, was appointed by Letitia Stevenson, wife of Adlai Stevenson I, 23rd vice president of the United States, as Florida State Regent. Mrs. Ambler was later elected State Regent in February 1896, and she served through 1897.

In addition to Fannie Stockton and Clarissa Ambler, other charter members were Henrietta Shoemaker Christopher, Kate Livingston Eagan, May Livingston Mattair, Fannie Louis Mattair Davidson, Francis Barnard Taylor, Phoebe Caroline Meek, Isabelle Spafford Archibald, Mae Wilson Dancy, Sallie Alison Buckman, Fannie B. Stockton, Fannie B. Stockton Young, Julie Beauclerc Livingston, Mrs. W.S. Wightman and Mrs. J.E. Quimby.

Although not one of the 15 charter members, Helen P. Merrill held Jacksonville Chapter DAR meetings at her home (now the Merrill House Museum, built in 1878) and was DAR Florida’s First State Secretary-Treasurer 1904-1908 and a State 2nd Vice Regent in 1916.

During the early 1920s, the Florida Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution were instrumental in spearheading the design and installation of a column to commemorate the beginnings of European colonization of Florida half a century prior to the Plymouth Colony. This new column, designed by Charles Adrian Pillars, sculptor of Memorial Park’s “Spiritualized Life” sculpture, would replace a stone column erected by Jean Ribault in 1562 to claim Florida for France.

In 1924 a piece of land was donated near present-day Mayport for Pillars’ column. When U.S. Naval Station Mayport was established in 1941 the Ribault Monument became inaccessible to the public and was moved. Three moves later, in 1958, the monument found its permanent home on St. Johns Bluff, and became part of the new National Park site, Fort Caroline National Memorial. The Jacksonville Chapter paid for the renovation of the column in time for its rededication in 2012.

Six years ago, the Jacksonville Historical Society received a collection of materials from Anita Moore, a member of the DAR Jacksonville Chapter. Four trunks and one box of documents and memorabilia were inventoried by Sherrard Ceglia, assistant archivist.

Among those treasures inventoried was a silver nameplate with the inscription “Jacksonville Chapter – The Mother Chapter of the State of Florida – Organized April 2, 1895 for God and Country.”

In Carlucci’s resolution, the Jacksonville Chapter is lauded for its focus in patriotism, education and historic preservation, and its involvement with Wreaths
Across America for national cemeteries; scholarships for American History degrees; flag retirement ceremonies, and participation in naturalization services, among other activities.

The Jacksonville Historical Society joins Mr. Carlucci and City Council in recognizing this milestone! Congratulations on your 125th anniversary!

Kate A. Hallock  
Marketing & Communications Director

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**Got Stuff?**

Running out of ways to keep busy during the shelter-in-place order? Maybe this is a great time to clean out the attic, the basement, the garage, the storage unit and look for items that tell our city’s historic stories!

Military uniforms and medals from Jacksonville ancestors who served in a variety of wars and conflicts...diaries, journals, newspapers, letters and postcards, photographs...household items from late 1800s (or earlier) through the turn of the century, Roaring Twenties, Great Depression, and other notable eras in Jacksonville history would be gladly accepted by the Jacksonville Historical Society.

Our archivists are standing by...ready to accept appropriate donations into our collections!

Imani Phillips  
Assistant Archivist

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**The 2020 Speaker Series**

Due to concerns about the coronavirus and in compliance with Mayor Lenny Curry’s shelter-in-place mandate, the Jacksonville Historical Society suspended its March and April Speaker Series programs. At this time, the Society is hoping to
produce a video for its May program, which typically focuses on its annual list of endangered buildings. 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.

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### The Great Fire Run

The Great Fire Run has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, November 7. Watch for updates on social media in the coming weeks.

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### New Office Administrator Welcomed

The Jacksonville Historical Society is pleased to announce that Silvia Romero has joined the Society as office administrator. Although the timing for onboarding a new employee in the midst of the shelter in place executive order was not the best, Ms. Romero has risen to the occasion and joins staff in handling office business remotely.

Ms. Romero holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from the University of North Florida. She was employed by The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 2005-2012, serving as Associate Director of Education prior to working in education at the DuBow Preschool at the Jacksonville Jewish Center, and at Academie de

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!
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Please see the advisory below from our partners in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding an update on the Whole-of-America response to COVID-19.

April 24, 2020

FEMA Advisory

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

Attached you will find today’s FEMA Daily Briefing Points for the Whole-of-America response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These briefing points include Topline Messages, as well as Supply Chain Task Force; By the Numbers; FEMA and Department of Health and Human Services Response; and Guidance from Federal Agencies.

Topline messaging includes:

- **On April 16,** President Trump released [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](https://www.whitehouse.gov/coronavirus-task-force/opening-country/), providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country’s economy in several phases, depending on location.
  
  - Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening.
  - The federal government will continue to work with governors across the country to ensure they have the equipment, supplies and testing resources to reopen safely and responsibly.

- **On April 22,** HHS launched [Telehealth.hhs.gov](https://telehealth.hhs.gov). The site is a central source of information on telehealth resources and tools for patients and providers.
  
  - In his blog post “[Health Providers: Join the Telehealth Revolution](https://www.hhs.gov/about/blog/index.html),” the Surgeon General of the United States, Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams M.D., M.P.H., outlines the benefits of using telemedicine tools.
Working from the safety of home, these tools allow clinicians to perform virtual visits, refill and adjust essential medications, and modify treatments that will preserve and improve conditions that if left untreated, put patients at risk.

- As of April 23, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 66.9 million N95 respirators, 105 million surgical masks, 6.7 million face shields, 14.9 million surgical gowns, 747 million gloves, 10,563 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
  - FEMA continues to expedite movement of commercially pre-sourced and commercially procured critical supplies from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. through Project Airbridge.

- The U.S. has now processed 4.9 million samples, which is more total tests than the following nations combined: Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.
  - States should be making full use of the testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.
  - HHS and FEMA have expanded items supplied by the International Reagent Resource (IRR) to help public health labs access free diagnostics supplies and reagents.
  - On April 16, the FDA announced an expansion of testing options through use of synthetic swabs – with a design similar to Q-tips – to test patients by collecting a sample from the front of the nose.

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Follow FEMA on social media at: FEMA online, on Twitter @FEMA or @FEMAEspanol, on FEMA Facebook page or FEMA Espanol page and at FEMA YouTube channel.

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The latest episode of our new FLCities Snapshot video series is here! This video update provides a quick review of the news and events currently impacting local governments. Click the image below to watch this week’s episode.

With the ever-changing news cycle and all the challenges we’re facing in our communities and at home, FLCities Snapshot provides a quick highlight of the state and local issues you need to know about, as well as new resources offered by the League.

FLCities Snapshot is just another way the League continues to support our members during these challenging times.

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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:33 PM
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Subject: [POSSIBLE SPAM] [MKTG] FMEA COVID-19 Update: April 24, 2020

FMEA Members,

First, I hope you all saw the email FMEA sent out this morning announcing the cancellation of our Annual Conference that was to be held July 28-30, at The Breakers in Palm Beach. With the uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, not knowing when we will be able to convene together again in large groups, and other associated impacts, we felt it was the best decision to make, albeit unfortunate. Individual registration fees will be refunded automatically, and The Breakers will cancel all reservations made under the FMEA group rate and refund deposits. Please give them and us some time to get these processed.

New Information

As I’ve mentioned in previous emails, FMEA continues to update its COVID-19 Resource Center on a daily basis. Below are a few things from last week that I want to highlight:

- The Electric Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC) COVID-19 Resource Guide is now on its 6th version. This is an important document offering guidance to the electric utility industry as it relates to the pandemic. Updated sections since that last version are highlighted in red.
- Ernst and Young issued an informational guidance document on cost recovery for COVID-19 related costs for public power utilities.
- FEMA issued a fact sheet on Addressing PPE Needs in a Non-Healthcare Setting. This fact sheet, as well as other FEMA guidance documents, are on FMEA’s Resource Center page.
- We’ve also added a guidance document from OSHA on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19.
- There has been a lot of activity in Congress in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Congress is currently working on its fourth legislative package in response. APPA issued an Overview of the Federal Legislative Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic which provides a summary of federal legislative action to date.

Florida’s Re-Opening

Last week, President Trump announced his phased in approach for Opening Up America Again. Following suit, Florida Governor DeSantis formed a Re-Open Florida Task Force.
Executive Committee to discuss approaches to re-opening Florida's economy. The Task Force formed several industry working groups, including one on Administrative, Education, Information & Technology, Manufacturing, Mining, Utilities, and Wholesale Industries. FMEA will monitor the activity of the Task Force and Working Groups and report out any relevant information.

FMEA Information
This week, FMEA held two virtual roundtables – utility operations and mutual aid. The recording for the Utility Operations Virtual Roundtable is available on FMEA’s Members Only Resource Page, as is the presentation provided during the Mutual Aid Virtual Roundtable. The recording will also be posted as soon as it becomes available. As Hurricane Season gets closer and closer, FMEA will be holding several webinars during the month of May and into June on Hurricane Preparedness as well as hosting another mutual aid virtual roundtable.

Next week, on Tuesday, April 28, FMEA will host a Utility Safety Virtual Roundtable. Registration is free for all FMEA members. Additional FMEA webinars and virtual roundtables will be announced soon.

As always, FMEA remains committed to serving you and our Florida public power community during these difficult times. Please let us know if there is anything we can assist you with.

Stay well.

Amy Zubaly
Executive Director, Florida Municipal Electric Association
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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Twenty-Five Deaths Related to COVID-19, Morning Update

~29,356 positive cases in Florida residents and 818 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — 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 is updated twice daily. Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 30,174 total** Florida cases. There are currently 335 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,576 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 281 have died.

While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 21,298 tests performed on April 23, there were 2,082 positive results, or 10 percent.

Twenty-five people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Broward, Charlotte, Dade, Duval, Escambia, Jefferson, Lee, Manatee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Suwannee and Volusia counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 526 additional positive COVID-19 cases (513 Florida residents and 13 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 29,356 positive cases in Florida residents and 818 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting
times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

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### Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard [here](#).

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

### More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](#), this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling [1-866-779-6121](tel:1-866-779-6121). 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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Subject: Your Major Concern
Message: Hello Mayor, just let me start of by saying I voted for you. My family has always been devout republicans and I am a Deacon at my church. At this time of need I've been shopping for the elderly at my church. I'm not happy about this stuff that's going on in Georgia and I would prefer it wouldn’t spread this way. Please help to protect us and the people we are taking care of. God Bless You

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

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Message:
Hello,
I have recently moved back to Jacksonville Beach, after the death of my husband, to live with my sister. I would like to build a pool house with spa pool on her property. I was told I will need to apply for a building variance but couldn’t find online how to get an application. I understand things are delayed with COVID19, but would like to get my application on the agenda as soon as possible. Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated. Please say hi to your mom for me.

Department: Mayor's Office
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Dear Charlie Latham,

Charlie Latham has added you as a user to the RingCentral business phone system.

- Your company number is: (904) 853-1929
- Your extension number is: 6275
- Your direct line is: (904) 877-1149
- Your email address for login is: clatham@jaxbchfl.net

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Mayor and Council,

Below is a running log of COVID-19 updates in reverse chronological order, so the newest is at the top.

April 24:
- Federal Updates
  - Several states are beginning to reopen their economy by loosening restrictions on non-essential businesses
    - Colorado, Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee
  - Interim funding package for $484 B for small businesses and hospitals was passed
  - Studies carried out by the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasure Center indicate:
    - Two disinfectants effective in killing COVID-19
      - Bleach will kill the virus in 5 minutes
      - Isopropyl alcohol will kill the virus in 30 seconds
      - Both applications are based on spraying the disinfectant only; rubbing or wiping the disinfectant results in faster kill times
    - Survivability of virus depends on conditions
      - Lives longer at low humidity and low temperatures
      - Inactivates faster at higher humidity and higher temperatures
      - Sunlight destroys the virus quickly
    - Operational Relevance of these findings:
      - Risk of transmission from surfaces outdoors is lower during daylight
      - Higher temperature & humidity of indoor environments will reduce the viral contamination on surfaces faster
      - Surfaces in low humidity environments may require additional care to minimize risk of transmission
- State Updates
  - No new updates at this time
- Jacksonville/City Updates
  - Jacksonville has opened one additional testing site, and is looking to open two more
  - Declaration of Emergency extension 6 for Jacksonville Beach is issued, taking us through April 30
  - Administration has issued Addendum 2 to Personnel Directive 2020-01 (Accrued Leave Usage)
    - The Directive is extended through May 3, 2020 (Sunday, end of pay period)
    - Departments will revert to all terms and conditions for use of accrued leave as defined in the City’s established policies, labor contracts and SOPs commencing May 4, 2020
  - Health & Safety (Fire Marshal) is working to establish protocols for when employees return to work on a full time basis
  - Staff is actively advertising temporary signage allowances within the City’s Land Development Code to essential businesses to assist during the emergency
    - A one-page fact sheet has been developed, and is being delivered to businesses
  - Virtual Briefing scheduled for 04/27
  - Next Virtual Council Meeting scheduled for 05/04
April 21:
- **Federal Updates**
  - No new updates at this time
- **State Updates**
  - The Governor has assembled a task force of statewide elected officials and business representatives to discuss/advise on steps for re-opening the state
  - Schools will remain closed through the remainder of the school year
- **Jacksonville/City updates**
  - Partial re-opening of beaches
    - Mayor did a nationally televised interview regarding re-opening of the beaches on 04/20
    - Public is being cooperative with both time and social distancing restrictions
    - Local media and social media sites have actively pushed actual images of Jacksonville Beach vs. national media images from special events and beaches other than ours
  - Administration is reviewing current operating model and temporary policies for modification on May 1
  - Health & Safety (Fire Marshal) requests each facility establish a personal protective equipment area (PPE) with masks, gloves and sanitizer to support employees upon a return to work notice (cancellation of work from home)
  - Staff is evaluating temporary signage relief for business identified as essential, but with operating restrictions
  - First virtual Council meeting was held on 04/20;
    - Next virtual Briefing scheduled for 04/27
    - Next virtual Meeting scheduled for 05/04

April 17:
- **Federal Updates**
  - The Federal Government has released guidelines for “Opening Up America Again”, which is structured into three phases for states to follow; it is unclear where Florida fits into the federal guidelines at this time.
  - The CARES Act allows for distribution of ICMA 457(b) funds
    - Information was distributed by Human Resources on April 17 with details of the distribution and a form
    - Contact HR if you have further questions about the program
  - The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country continues to be updated (https://covid19.healthdata.org); **this latest update represents a significant decrease to the projected impact to Florida**
    - Florida’s peak resources demand is now projected to have been experienced on April 14 (vs. May 3 projection)
    - All beds needed drops to 1,535 (20,184 available)
    - ICU beds needed drops to 405 beds (1,695 available)
    - Invasive ventilators needed drops to 367
    - Total deaths decreases to 1,363 by August 4 (from 4,750)
- **State updates**
  - No new updates at this time
- **Jacksonville/City Updates**
  - Mayor Curry and the Beaches Mayors have agreed to the following:
    - Open all City of Jacksonville Parks and golf courses, with restrictions
    - Open the beaches, with restrictions
      - Hours of 6:00-11:00 am, and 5:00-8:00 pm
      - No: sunbathing; towels; blankets; chairs; coolers; grills; etc.
      - Participation in recreational activities consistent with social distancing guidelines, to include walking, biking, hiking, fishing, running, swimming, taking care of pets and surfing
- Dogs will be allowed beach during open hours, on leash, during these special opening periods
- Opening starts 5:00 pm Friday evening
- 4 lifeguard chairs will be out starting tomorrow
- End zones and parking lots east of 1st will remain closed; parking lots west of 1st are open
- The second order of laptops was partially received today (25 of 30); formatting will proceed next week, with further internal distribution as needed
- The City’s first virtual Council meeting will be held Monday, April 20 at 6:00 pm
- Note: The month of March has been eliminated from this and future emails, for brevity; the log is still being maintained on the City’s server

April 14:
- **Federal Updates**
  - The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country continues to be updated ([https://covid19.healthdata.org](https://covid19.healthdata.org))
    - Florida’s peak resources demand has been moved to May 3
    - All beds needed stay within the available by approximately 16,000
    - ICU beds needed is within available by approximately 600 beds
    - Invasive ventilators needed drops to approximately 970
    - Total deaths increases to approximately 4,750
- **State Updates**
  - The governor extended EO20-87, restricting STRs through the remainder of April
  - Mayor Curry extended his declared state of emergency for Duval County for 30 days, until May 12
    - The extension is only for the state of emergency
    - The extension allows Duval to continue receiving state and federal funds for COVID-19 response
    - The extension does not affect the Safer at Home EO, which has no expiration date
- **City Updates**
  - The City’s first virtual Council briefing was held on April 13
    - Review of 2019 Police Statistics conducted
    - City Attorney 6-month report was provided
    - Council provided direction on financial assistance from the City to assist with COVID-19 impacts
  - The City will hold its first virtual Council meeting April 20 at 6:00 pm
  - A second virtual Council briefing is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 6:00 pm
  - The City’s annual employee spring picnic has been postponed
  - The May 22 Moonlight Movie is being canceled, with potential for adding an additional date in the Fall

April 10:
- **Federal Updates**
  - The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country has been updated again ([https://covid19.healthdata.org](https://covid19.healthdata.org))
    - Florida’s peak resources demand has been moved to April 26
    - All beds needed stay within the available by almost 14,000
    - ICU beds needed is within available by approximately 450 beds
    - Invasive ventilators needed drops to approximately 1,040
    - Total deaths decreased to approximately 4,000
- **State Updates**
  - Awaiting an update to Governor’s EO 20-87 extending STR restrictions
- **City Updates**
  - First round of laptops have been distributed
  - An order for an additional 30 laptops has been placed
April 8:

- **Federal Updates**
  - The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country has been updated again ([https://covid19.healthdata.org](https://covid19.healthdata.org))
    - Florida’s peak resources demand stays at April 21
    - All beds needed is now within available by 12,000
    - ICU beds needed is now within available by approximately 140 beds
    - Invasive ventilators needed is estimated drops from approximately 2,100 to approximately 1,300
    - Total deaths decreases by approximately 2,400 (to 4,357 by August 4, 2020) with the updated model
  - Federal regulations are being changed in response to COVID-19 to allow employees to make withdrawals from their retirement accounts; additional information will be provided by Human Resources when ready for distribution

- **State Updates**
  - Certain calls regarding non-compliant businesses are continuing to either be directed to DBPR, or addressed by Police Department
  - Building Division is continuing to work with contractors on interpretation and application of the Governor’s EO 20-91 and its impacts on construction activities

- **City Updates**
  - IT is continuing to format and distribute the first 20 laptops, with the goal of full distribution by end of week
  - The City has purchased seven (7) iPads for City Council for use in virtual meetings and future electronic agenda management; the iPads may not be ready for April 13 proposed Briefing, but should be available for April 20 Council Meeting

April 6:

- **Federal Updates**
  - New “return to work” guidance has been incorporated into our practices for employees returning to work
  - CDC guidance now recommends covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others, to protect others from you, not you from others
  - The IHME model for COVID-19 impact by state and for the country has been updated ([https://covid19.healthdata.org](https://covid19.healthdata.org))
    - Florida’s peak resources demand has moved forward, from May 3 to April 21
    - All beds needs is exceeded by approximately 7,000
    - ICU beds needed is unmet by approximately 770 beds
    - Invasive ventilators needed is estimated at approximately 2,100
    - Total deaths only decreases by approximately 100 (to 6,770 by August 4, 2020) with the updated model

- **State Updates**
  - Certain calls regarding non-compliant businesses are being directed to DBPR, while others are being addressed by Police Department

- **City Updates**
  - First 20 laptops are being formatted for distribution; goal is to have all needed laptops distributed by end of week
o Following the deep cleaning of SCADA and City Hall last week, remaining buildings will be deep cleaned in the coming two weeks: O&M, Parks, Meter Shop and Butler; the next round of deep cleaning after that will occur starting April 20
o Level of Service is being reduced, and a commensurately flexible schedule is being installed, for Utility Billing in order to better meet the social distancing guidelines of 6’ separation; see email sent separately for specific details
o United States Tennis Association (USTA) released guidance this weekend recommending a halt to all tennis play in an abundance of caution; the Huguenot tennis center will close following play on Wednesday, April 8

April 3:
- Federal Updates
  - New guidance has been issued for “return to work”; the City will incorporate this into our policies for employees out with illness or COVID-19 during the pandemic
- State Updates
  - Governor’s EO closing non-essential businesses went into effect 12:01 am today
  - Calls received regarding non-compliant businesses are being directed to the DBPR website for reporting (similar to restaurant and bar complaints)
  - Information was distributed to contractors clarifying non-essential construction work; contractors with issues being directed to the State Coordinator’s office for clarifications or to request changes at the state level
  - Three additional EOs were issued since the last report; one clarifies that EO 20-91 (closing non-essential businesses) superseded any local EO to that effect, for clarity; the other two EOs do not materially affect Jacksonville Beach
- City Updates
  - First 20 laptops have been received; setup and distribution will commence next week to support remote work
  - SCADA and City Hall were deep cleaned yesterday; additional buildings to be cleaned in coming weeks
  - Staff looking into a virtual briefing for April 13; technology to be tested next week
  - The tennis center afternoon hours are changed from 3:00 pm to sunset instead of 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and is closed on weekends

April 1:
- Federal Updates
  - Federal government continues to reference modeling being performed for evaluation of impacts to the US and each State
  - The site (covid19.healthdata.org) still indicates Florida is 30+ days away from peak healthcare resource demand for COVID-19 response
- Jacksonville/Duval updates
  - Mayor Curry issued EO 2020-5, Emergency Non-Essential Business Closure
  - The EO goes into effect Friday morning at 12:01 am
  - The EO is modeled after the Miami-Dade EO effectuating the same results
- State Updates
  - Governor DeSantis issued EO 20-91, restricting non-essential services, and requiring certain populations to stay at home
  - The EO goes into effect Friday morning at 12:01 am, and will remain in effect until April 30
  - The EO incorporates Miami-Dade’s list of defined essential services; since Jacksonville/Duval effectively mirrored the Miami-Dade ordinance, there is only minor differences between the Governor’s EO and Mayor Curry’s EO executed earlier in the day
- City updates
  - Staff has started review of the Governor’s EO to determine impacts to construction activities; contractors will be notified of impacts on Thursday, April 2
- An amendment to the COOV1D-19 Personnel Directive was issued, identifying the expiration of the directive on April 30, and capping credited sick leave hours at eighty (80) per person.
- Staff conducted a walkthrough of the Council meeting for April 6
- Staff has identified an additional resource for City specific data (thank you Councilor Golding!)
  - Floridadisaster.org is hosted by the Florida Department of Emergency Management
  - The website provides data on COVID-19 cases throughout the state, and even breaks down data by city
  - As of today, Jacksonville Beach is reported at 11 confirmed cases

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Florida State and Local Partners,

Thank you for your continued efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) for the benefit of the people of Florida. As you know, our citizens are best served when response is locally executed, State managed and Federally supported. The Federal government scales best practices, coordinates key priorities, provides regulatory flexibilities, guidance, and key resources to supplement, but not replace, private sector, local, and State resources. On January 31, the Trump Administration declared the coronavirus a public health emergency. The declaration set in motion the Trump Administration’s whole-of-government approach to protecting the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. Working in partnership with State, Local, and Tribal leaders, the President and Administration have and continue to leverage all resources to respond to the coronavirus, bringing together government and private industry in a collaborative response.

Through collective action, shared sacrifice, and national determination, we will overcome this threat.

President Donald J. Trump

Attached, please find a fact sheet (The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of Florida) overviewing Federal coordination and assistance provided to the State of Florida and the people of Florida to combat the coronavirus. The attached information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of Florida in partnership with State and local leaders. 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 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

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**COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials**

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again**: On April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled new guidelines (download here) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On March 31, the White House announced updated Coronavirus Guidelines for America (Español), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance recommending...
individuals wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided guidelines regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.

- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – www.coronavirus.gov. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live here.

- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership. FEMA’s public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found here. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found here.

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation’s response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial 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 is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.

- **Rural Resource Guide**: USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a resource guide for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.

- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a website to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ’s Coronavirus Fraud Prevention website. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a website with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

- **Social Media Resources**: Download the Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool. Follow the White House on Twitter and Facebook. Also follow HHS (Twitter/Facebook) and CDC (Twitter/Facebook) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House’s YouTube page.

- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration’s (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline here.

- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources**: The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a fact sheet that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.

- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions here. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), Food and Drug
Administration (FDA), Department of Education (DoED), Department of Agriculture (USDA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of State (DOS), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of the Treasury (USDT), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).
Mayors Provide Input to Governor’s Task Force

The Florida League of Cities is pleased to see cities engaged during Florida’s recovery process, and we thank Governor DeSantis for ensuring local voices are heard. The Governor appointed Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis to serve on the Industry Working Group on Administrative, Education, Information & Technology, Manufacturing, Utilities and Wholesale and Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry to serve on the Industry Working Group on Tourism, Construction, Real Estate, Recreation, Retail and Transportation.

In another example of local voices being heard, just this morning, Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey was invited to present to the Industry Working Group on Agriculture, Finance, Government, Healthcare, Management and Professional Services.

Mayor Dailey did a tremendous job advocating for local decision-making by highlighting the great work taking place in his city. He made a point to recognize that local decisions allow him to respond to Tallahassee’s unique community needs – and reiterated that we’re seeing innovative initiatives taking place in cities across Florida.

Here are some highlights from Mayor Dailey’s presentation:
“Cities do share similar challenges as we move forward with the global pandemic. However, some things are specific to Tallahassee. I think it’s also important to remember, as members of the Task Force, that with 412 municipalities and 67 counties, it’s important that we, the government closest to the people, also respond to the needs of our individual communities.”

- “We’ve also found that communicating directly with citizens, having a consistent and a constant message, has been widely accepted here in Tallahassee. Look, during times of crisis people want to know what’s going on, they want you to shoot straight with them, they want to know what the situation looks like and what the plan is being able to move forward. We have made it a practice to provide clear guidance on how this community is going to move forward, how we’re going to do it together, and what that success looks like.”

- “First and foremost, we listened to our healthcare community. Our two hospitals here in Tallahassee have been tremendous community partners...Everybody is at the table, everybody is getting the updates. We work hand-in-hand with the healthcare community and depend on their guidance to keep us safe.”

- “It’s also important to listen to the needs of our community. Citizens come first. If we can’t respond to our citizens then we aren’t doing our jobs...We developed a three-pronged approach, dealing with small businesses, non-profits and individuals.”

- “I can tell you that we are looking forward to, and will endorse and support, the recommendations that come out of this task force. And I think I can speak for cities all across the state of Florida, that we are looking for clear guidance on how we can all move forward in the next couple of months.”

- “We look through things differently as well, because we’re the boots on the ground, we’re the closest to the people. I’ll give you an example. We’re working with the school district, and all of us want, in the most safe and healthy way, to move forward and open up businesses, but at the same time we have schools closed. We’re paying attention to the work/life balance of families. As mom and dad are sitting at the dinner table thinking of who’s going to teach third grade math tomorrow and who’s going to work, I think that’s something we need to keep in consideration.”
To listen to the entirety of his comments, click here.
Mayor Dailey speaks from 1:17:50 to 1:36:10.
This week, Senator Rick Scott wrote an op-ed for the Tampa Bay Times on his “Let’s Get Back to Work” plan, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of government, the private sector and individuals necessary to get Florida and the nation back to work.

In the op-ed, Senator Rick Scott wrote, “As Americans discuss how to safely re-open the economy, in accordance with guidance from public health officials, one thing needs to be clear: We all have a part to play. State and local governments, business owners, families and federal agencies all have a role. If all of us take responsibility and create a clear plan, we can put our country and our economy back on a path to recovery.

The federal government plays a significant role in funding and supporting efforts to rebuild our economy. But we can’t rely solely on the federal government. Health care is a local
… Business owners – large and small – and American families also need to do their part to plan for our economic recovery. Ultimately, it’s up to consumers themselves, not government, to decide when our economy gets back to its former strength. When Americans feel comfortable going to their favorite restaurant, flying on a plane, going to the movies, or going back to their job, our economy will be back.

… That means every family must start thinking about what precautions they, their employer or their favorite businesses should take. Families need to make sure they have access to programs that address their direct needs. And business owners must ask themselves: Is proper social distancing possible in my store or factory? Do I have the necessary PPE and sanitizing products? Am I going to test employees and customers who enter or take everyone’s temperatures?

… We can and we will come back better and stronger than before. America has faced many challenges in our 244-year history and we’ve always overcome them. It will not be easy – it will take strategic foresight, determination and diligence, and most importantly a commitment from everyone, but I know that after we heal the sick, we can also heal our broken economy and get back to work.”

Read the full op-ed in the Tampa Bay Times HERE.

See more of what Senator Scott has been up to this week below.

Sen. Rick Scott Statement on Reforms Needed to Make Paycheck Protection Program Work

Senator Rick Scott released the below statement ahead of a deal to provide more funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

Senator Rick Scott said, “My focus has and will always be on helping small businesses and individuals that are struggling because of the Coronavirus. I am all for helping these groups and that will never change. I am also very supportive of additional funds toward this program because there are many small businesses that need it. But we cannot throw caution to the wind in the middle of a crisis. We still have to be smart about how we spend taxpayer dollars.

“I am concerned that many businesses with thousands of employees have found loopholes to qualify for these loans meant for small businesses. Unfortunately, when it comes to the PPP, millions of dollars are being wasted. Right now, companies that are not being harmed at all by the Coronavirus crisis have the ability to receive taxpayer-funded loans that can be forgiven. That’s wrong, and it takes money out of the hands of those Americans who really need it. Congress must clarify that PPP loans will only be available to businesses that show a substantial reduction in revenue due to the Coronavirus. Second, I have heard from many constituents that they are unable to access the loans at their bank because of requirements individual banks are setting. These requirements were not in the law and are leading to many small businesses having a very hard time accessing these dollars.
Congress must make it clear that banks should not and cannot set these requirements that actively withhold help from those in need.

“What I will not support are efforts by Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer to use this crisis to expand government and fund priorities that have nothing to do with the Coronavirus. We must focus our efforts on helping the individuals and small businesses that need it most – and that’s what I will continue to do.” Read more HERE.

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**Sen. Rick Scott Proposes Amendment to Improve Paycheck Protection Program**

Senator Rick Scott released the below statement regarding his proposed amendment to improve the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

*Senator Rick Scott* said, “I have heard from many small business owners who have not yet been able to access a PPP loan. If you are one of those businesses, I want you to know that I am fighting to make sure you have access to the important resources you are entitled to through the CARES Act. My first priority is helping American small businesses and individuals that are struggling, and providing more funding through the PPP will do that. Unfortunately, millions of taxpayer dollars are not making it to the small businesses truly in need. As Congress comes to a final agreement, I am urging my colleagues to make two critical reforms that I am fighting for.

“First, my amendment makes sure PPP loans will only be available to businesses that show a substantial reduction in revenue due to the Coronavirus. We shouldn’t be sending taxpayer money to businesses that haven’t been harmed by this crisis and we need to ensure funding goes to the businesses truly impacted.

“Second, my amendment makes it clear that banks should not and cannot set requirements that actively withhold help from those in need. Instead, they must process applications on a first come, first served basis. I’ve shared my proposed amendment with negotiators, and hope my colleagues will put individuals and small businesses first and add this language to the final bill.” Read more HERE.

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**Sen. Rick Scott to President Trump: Rescind Higher Education Slush Fund**

Following the President’s call for Harvard University to pay the money back from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Senator Rick Scott outlined his plan to rescind funding for Harvard and other wealthy universities. Last month, Senator Scott sent a letter to the Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Russ Vought urging the Administration to rescind billions of dollars of wasteful and unrelated funding included in the CARES Act, including for the Kennedy Center and the slush fund for bloated higher education institutions.

*Senator Rick Scott* said, “It’s ridiculous that wealthy universities like Harvard, which has a $40 billion endowment, would get taxpayer funding during a crisis. That takes money out of the hands of small businesses and individuals that need it. The university whose mission is to educate the ‘citizen-leaders for our society’ should show some leadership of their own and return this money. If they continue to refuse to do so, I’m urging the President to immediately submit the rescission request to Congress that I called for two weeks ago so we can rescind the funding to Harvard and other wealthy higher education institutions.” Read more HERE.
Sen. Rick Scott Urges HHS Oversight in Taxpayer Dollars to Hospitals

Senator Rick Scott sent a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar requesting information on the agency’s plan to oversee and administer Coronavirus-related funding for health care providers and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, while also giving providers the resources they need to keep Americans healthy. Read more, including the full letter, HERE.

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Sen. Rick Scott Asks IRS to Address Improper Payments and Get Money to Americans in Need

Following reports of improper economic relief payments, Senator Rick Scott sent a letter to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner Charles Rettig requesting that the IRS address issues surrounding these payments so this money can quickly get to Americans hurting from the impacts of the Coronavirus. Read more, including the full letter, HERE.

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Sen. Rick Scott Releases Daily Update on Coronavirus Growth Rate by State and Florida County

This week, Senator Rick Scott continued to release updates on the growth rate of cases of the Coronavirus by state, and by county in Florida, according to Johns Hopkins Center for Systems Science and Engineering and Florida Department of Health data. Senator Scott is releasing this information daily to show which states are slowing the growth of Coronavirus. See updates from this week HERE, HERE, HERE, HERE, and HERE.

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Senator Rick Scott Leads Colleagues in Requesting Hold on WHO Funding Until Congressional Review of its Role in Covering Up the Coronavirus

Senators Rick Scott, Ron Johnson, Thom Tillis, Steve Daines and Kevin Cramer sent a letter to Senate Appropriations Committee leadership requesting that any funding for the World Health Organization (WHO) be withheld pending a Congressional hearing to investigate the WHO’s role in helping Communist China cover up information regarding the threat of the Coronavirus. Read more, including the full letter, HERE.

IN THE NEWS

Sen. Rick Scott on FOX News: Small Business Loans Should Go to Those in Need, Not Big Businesses

Watch the full interview HERE or below.
Sen. Rick Scott: Don’t Believe the Lie That Government Has to Be Wasteful and Inefficient

Senator Rick Scott wrote an op-ed for Fox News on how taxpayer dollars from the CARES Act should be supporting individuals and small businesses severely impacted by the Coronavirus, not big businesses or wealthy institutions.

In the op-ed, Senator Rick Scott wrote, “While much of the funding in the CARES Act was necessary and will help those struggling during this crisis, unfortunately, many programs are riddled with waste, inefficiency and potential fraud. These federal programs are “erring” a lot, and many of the beneficiaries aren’t hard-working families. It’s big businesses, well-connected industries, wealthy property owners and, in some cases, dead people.

More than 70 publicly traded companies have received taxpayer-funded loans (that can be forgiven) through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which was meant to support small businesses that are suffering. Nothing in the bill required businesses to prove that they are suffering financial harm from this crisis.

… You know what small businesses didn’t get a loan under the PPP? Your local coffee shop, florist, hairdresser or mom-and-pop hardware store. After the well-connected businesses with long-standing financial relationships with the banks got their forgivable loans, the program ran out of money.

… The political class in Washington scoffs when people like me say that government needs to be run like a business. They say government’s too complicated to run like a business. Any elected official or government bureaucrat who believes that should resign tomorrow, because they are part of the problem.

Common sense isn’t complicated.

Don’t send money to dead people. That’s not complicated.

Don’t bail out huge corporations or send taxpayer money to businesses that haven’t been hurt by this crisis. That’s not complicated.

Don’t incentivize workers to stay on government-run, taxpayer-funded programs when this crisis has ended and we need them to go back to work. That’s not complicated.
Democrats, and unfortunately many Republicans, push the lie that government just has to be wasteful, that there’s nothing we can do about it. We just have to accept it. They push that lie so when the time comes for them to propose their trillion-dollar big-government programs or their giveaways to connected special interests, no one will pay attention.

Don’t believe the lie.”

Read the full op-ed in Fox News HERE.

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*Fox News*: Sen. Rick Scott: Coronavirus stimulus – get help where it's needed but don’t believe this government lie

*Fox News Radio*: America’s Road to Recovery

*The Hill*: GOP senator proposes amendment to Paycheck Protection Program

*The Hill*: GOP senator: 'Millions of dollars are being wasted' in coronavirus small business fund

*Newsmax*: Sen. Scott: Millions Wasted on Paycheck Protection Loan

*WJXT*: Florida senators sound off as talks drag on $450B virus aid package for small businesses, hospitals

*Bay News 9*: Rubio, Scott Talk Lessons Learned in 1st Paycheck Protection Program Payout

*Florida Daily*: Florida Delegation Urges Equitable Distribution of CARES Act Hospital Funding

*Florida Daily*: Rick Scott Wants More Oversight from HHS on Coronavirus Funds Sent to Hospitals

*The Hill*: GOP sounds alarm bell over coronavirus-fueled debt

*Florida Daily*: With Marco Rubio’s, Rick Scott’s Support, Senate Approves $484 Billion More in Coronavirus Stimulus Funds

*The Hill*: GOP senator: 'We're way behind' on coronavirus testing

*The Epoch Times*: Republican Lawmakers Unhappy Over Harvard’s Share of Federal Bailout Money

*WOKV*: Sen. Scott: Businesses have a lot of work to do to ease coronavirus concerns

*Florida Politics*: ‘Improper’ stimulus payments from IRS rattle Rick Scott
Florida Daily: Rick Scott Wants Information on PAHO’s Response to Coronavirus and Cooperation with the WHO

IN THE STATE

Senator Rick Scott is committed to keeping Florida families safe and healthy. Following the passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Senator Rick Scott released a CARES Act Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document with information on how Floridians can get help amid the Coronavirus crisis and details about the support available to small businesses, individuals, non-profits.

See the FAQ document HERE or more resources and information available to Floridians by visiting www.RickScott.senate.gov/CoronavirusResources.

ON SOCIAL MEDIA
Happy Anniversary to my amazing wife and best friend, Ann!

I can't imagine sharing the past 48 years with anyone else and I can't wait to see what's in store in the years ahead. Thank you for always being by my side and for the countless memories we have made.
We must always stand against all forms of hatred and injustice, today and every day.

Today, we honor and remember the memory of the millions of victims of the Holocaust. Let us #NeverForget.

#SenateRepublicans @SenateGOP · Apr 20
Today, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, we remember and honor the 6 million Jews and millions of other innocent people who tragically perished during the Holocaust.

We will never forget.

#NeverAgain
Expanding testing continues to be the most important step we can take to stem the spread of the #Coronavirus and help get our country back to normal.

This is a great step forward!

FDA authorizes first at-home coronavirus test
The FDA has authorized the first diagnostic test with a home collection option for COVID-19, the disease caused by coronavirus.
foxnews.com

10:34 AM · Apr 21, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone
Thank you @Publix for the incredible work you are doing to help our farmers and serve those in need!

This is what Florida is all about!

In times like these, coming together and showing support for one another is one of the most important things we can do.

I’m thrilled that our military will be honoring our health care workers who are on the front-lines fighting this silent killer and protecting our loved ones.
Today, @POTUS approved additional funding for the #PPP program to get desperately needed money to small businesses.

We need to make sure that taxpayer $$ is going only to the small businesses and individuals that need it most.

President @realdonaldtrump just signed Phase 3.5 of coronavirus relief legislation into law!

Here’s what it includes:

+ $310B to refill the small business Paycheck Protection Program
+ $75B for hospitals
+ $25B for testing

More help is on the way.
To Quality Cities Subscribers:

This issue of Quality Cities was being written before the COVID-19 outbreak in the U.S. We wanted to share the content with you and have included a last-minute article on what some cities are doing to assist their residents during the pandemic. This issue will only be available digitally and will not be printed. The Florida League of Cities will be publishing a special digital magazine dedicated to COVID-19 to be emailed in early May.

We are also in the process of mailing the second edition of The City That Talks children’s book to elected municipal officials, city managers and city clerks. (This will replace the previous edition.) This picture book is the flagship project of President Isaac Salver’s Readers2Leaders initiative. Click here to read more about The City That Talks and how you can virtually share the book within your community.

Visit readers2leaders.com to access digital versions of the book in English, Spanish and Creole and for civic education activities geared toward students.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the cities you serve.
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Message: Please stop threatening to close the beaches if people don't comply with the rules. This is a free country and we, the citizens, have every right to go to the beach where there is nothing but OPEN AIR!! I pay ridiculous property taxes to live in Jacksonville Beach and to hear constant threats of closing the beaches is infuriating. PLEASE STOP!

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/28730
Good morning all,

I hope that all is well with you and yours.

Here is the information for our first Zoom subcommittee meeting regarding Vacation Rentals on Thursday, April 30th at 11:00 am:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86723458686?pwd=d3JwdHVYOHl4N2cwY3q4Mzd3dGtYZz09

Meeting ID is 867-2345-8686
Password is 382104

If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like specific information to be included in our discussion, please send it to me at Julie.fishman@tamarac.org.

Thank you,

Julie
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Florida League of Cities-Florida Local Government Information System Association Webinar

Security Awareness in the New Reality

Wednesday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)

Safer-at-Home restrictions have created a new reality for many of us here in Florida, now requiring us to work remotely and access secure networks through the use of VPN or other methods.
Malicious actors have stepped up their game during this pandemic and are trying their best to compromise you and your organization.

Join the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Local Government Information System Association on Wednesday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about security best practices from Bob Pacheco at Eurofins. He will provide a basic pandemic primer and an overview of social engineering tactics to look out for in today’s new reality, along with helpful tips on practicing security hygiene for your equipment and networks at home.

This presentation will help raise your awareness of the potential security threats currently being leveraged so you can be ready in the event you are targeted by cyber criminals.

Click the button below to register for this free webinar today!
Florida Department of Health Announces More Comprehensive Reports, Issues Once-Daily COVID-19 Update

~29,996 positive cases in Florida residents and 843 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — Today, the Florida Department of Health announced that, in order to provide more comprehensive data, the Department will now release this report on COVID-19 cases in Florida once per day. The Florida Department of Health COVID-19 dashboard will also provide updates once per day. As a part of this change, the state will also provide a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county. Previously, this information was only available for select communities. The Department of Health will issue the new surveillance report for all counties this afternoon.

Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 306 new positive COVID-19 cases and nine deaths related to COVID-19. There are a total of 30,839 Florida cases** with 1,055 deaths related to COVID-19. To date, there have been 356 long-term care facilities associated with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,748 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 299 have died.

While Florida’s testing continues to increase, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall has decreased from 10 percent to 9 percent. Of the 15,579 tests performed on April 24, there were 1,331 positive results, or 9 percent.

Since 6 p.m. on April 24, nine people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 in Dade and Suwannee counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 306 additional positive COVID-19 cases (289 Florida residents and 17 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
There are currently 29,996 positive cases in Florida residents and 843 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard here.

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

**More Information on COVID-19**

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.
For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-866-779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day.** Inquiries may also be emailed to **COVID-19@flhealth.gov.**

**About the 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 people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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I would like to place a complaint with the city of Jax Beach for not enforcing proper COVID 19 practices at the Cinottis bakery.
Went to pick up a phones in order and was floored that atleast 15 of the workers present on a Saturday were not wearing mask, gloves or practicing any kind of social distancing. When I asked the owner about this, she raced around the counter and got in my face and told me to get out or she would call the police. I left without my order and had to demand a refund which was fine as the order was wrong anyway and given their lack of appropriate health and safety standards during this virus, I would never eat their food. The utter lack of responsibility on this business to practice safe & healthy practices while handling food is flatly unacceptable. There was additionally no limitation on the number of customers allowed in and the staff were Jammed up next to each other dealing with the onslaught of customers. I will never return to this business and believe your office should address the situation formally.

Please reach out to me with a response as to addressing the situation.
904-504-0335

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
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Name: Robin Jordan
Address:
City, State, Zip: Jax Beach
Name of Company:
E-mail Address: rmjordan20@gmail.com
Phone Number: 904-504-0335
The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org/node/3441/submission/28743
State, Local, and Tribal Leaders –

Thank you to everyone that joined the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, Local, and Tribal Leaders on April 22. As of April 24, the White House has coordinated 196 COVID-19 briefings that have helped inform over 95,000 State, Local, and Tribal leaders. And we look forward to continuing the partnership and robust coordination and outreach with you. Below, please find a recap of the briefing call. We would also like to highlight several important announcements:

- **President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act**: Friday, April 24, President Trump signed the new legislation into law to further assist American businesses, workers and healthcare providers. The legislation provides $310 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), $60 billion more for the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Disaster Loan Program, $75 billion in funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and $25 billion to support our Nation’s testing efforts. Read more from the SBA [here](#). Find more on the Paycheck Protection Program [here](#).

- **President Trump Announces Comprehensive Strategy to Revitalize Communities Hit Hard by the Coronavirus**: Wednesday, April 22, President Trump announced that the Administration is implementing a comprehensive strategy for distressed communities severely impacted by the coronavirus. Working with State and local leaders, the Administration will target resources to these communities and take other measures, including providing more support for community health care centers and expanding access to telehealth. The effort will be directed by the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council led by House and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson.

- **U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance**: Wednesday, April 22, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund of the CARES Act. As stated by the legislation signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds “are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19).” The guidance document (here) and frequently asked questions (here) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. You can find additional information about Assistance to State and local governments [here](#).

- **Treasury Department and IRS Release State-by-State Figures for Economic Impact Payments**: The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today released state-by-state figures for Economic Impact Payments, with 88 million individuals receiving payments worth nearly $158 billion in the program’s first three weeks. As of April 17, the IRS issued 88.1 million payments to taxpayers across the nation. More payments are continuing to be delivered each week. More than 150 million payments will be sent out, and millions of people who do not typically file a tax return are eligible to receive these payments. Payments are automatic for people who filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019, receive Social Security retirement, survivor or disability benefits (SSDI), Railroad Retirement
benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries who didn’t file a tax return in the last two years. More here.

- **HHS Award Nearly $165 Million to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic in Rural Communities:** Wednesday, April 22, the Department of Health and Human Services awarded nearly $165 million to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities. These investments will support nearly 1,800 small rural hospitals and provide additional funding to 14 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funding Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) to provide technical assistance on telehealth to help rural and underserved areas combat COVID-19. More here. HHS also announced additional allocations of CARES Act Provider Relief fund. More information can be found here.

- **Administration Releases COVID-19 Telehealth Toolkit to Accelerate State Use of Telehealth in Medicaid and CHIP:** Thursday, April 23, the Trump Administration released a new toolkit for states to help accelerate adoption of broader telehealth coverage policies in the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) during the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This release builds on the agency’s swift actions to provide states with a wide range of tools and guidance to support their ability to care for their Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries during this public health emergency. More here.

- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Announce New Nursing Home COVID-19 Transparency Effort:** On Sunday, April 19, CDC announced new regulatory requirements that will require nursing homes to inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. CMS will now require nursing homes to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Finally, CMS will also require nursing homes to fully cooperate with CDC surveillance efforts around COVID-19 spread.

- **U.S. Department of Education Makes Available Over $13 Billion to Support Continued Education for K-12 Students:** Thursday, April 23, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced more than $13.2 billion in emergency relief funds are available to State and local education agencies to support continued learning for K-12 students whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus. Read more here. Find more COVID-19 resources from the Department of Education here.

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**COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials**

- **Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:** On April 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force unveiled new guidelines (download here) for the reopening of America. Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response. The guidelines also
set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. In the days and weeks ahead, the Administration plans to continue robust coordination and outreach with State, Local, and Tribal leaders as we collectively work to reopen the country.

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** On March 31, the White House announced updated *Coronavirus Guidelines for America* (Español), extending social distancing efforts through April 30. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance recommending individuals wear cloth face coverings *in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain* (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies, particularly in areas of significant community-based transmission. On April 8, CDC also provided guidelines regarding when people in critical infrastructure roles can return to work after being exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Additional information on critical infrastructure below.

- **Up-To-Date Information:** The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live [here](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer:** Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership*. FEMA’s public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found [here](http://www.coronavirus.gov). Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found [here](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines:** On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated [critical infrastructure guidance](http://www.coronavirus.gov) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS continues to work with stakeholders in the critical infrastructure community to update the advisory list if necessary as the Nation’s response to COVID-19 evolves. The guidance, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial 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 is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.

- **Rural Resource Guide:** USDA and Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses, and communities. USDA developed a [resource guide](http://www.coronavirus.gov) for State, Local, and Tribal leaders, and other stakeholders.

- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth:** Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a [website](http://www.coronavirus.gov) to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Fraud & Scam Protection:** The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ’s Coronavirus Fraud Prevention [website](http://www.coronavirus.gov). The Federal Trade Commission has also established a [website](http://www.coronavirus.gov) with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.

- **Social Media Resources:** Download the [Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool](http://www.coronavirus.gov). Follow the White House on [Twitter](http://www.coronavirus.gov) and [Facebook](http://www.coronavirus.gov). Also follow HHS ([Twitter/Facebook](http://www.coronavirus.gov)) and CDC ([Twitter/Facebook](http://www.coronavirus.gov)). You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House’s [YouTube](http://www.coronavirus.gov) page.

- **Mental Health Resources:** Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration’s (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-959-8530 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline [here](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

- **Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](http://www.coronavirus.gov) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for
treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and to expand assistance to rural areas.

- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions [here](#). Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Education (DoED), Department of Agriculture (USDA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of State (DOS), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of the Treasury (USDT), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Thank you again for your partnership in this whole-of-government, All-of-America effort to defeat the coronavirus. 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 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.

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**White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call Readout**

*April 22, 2020*
Recovery and Response Update

Topline

- As of April 24, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 70.5 million N95 respirators, 104.5 million surgical masks, 7 million face shields, 14.8 million surgical gowns, 779.1 million gloves, 10,563 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.
- FEMA and HHS have obligated $51.1 billion to support COVID-19 response efforts from the first three emergency supplemental appropriations.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- On Thursday, April 16, President Donald J. Trump unveiled the Guidelines for Opening Up America Again! (slide deck). Developed by the top medical experts from across the Government and based on verifiable metrics regarding the situation on the ground, the guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response.
- The criteria include showing a downward trajectory of COVID-like symptoms reported over 14 days in a given state or region, as well as a decline in documented cases or positive tests during the same 14-day window.
- They also set clear benchmarks on new cases, testing, and hospital resources for States to meet to proceed toward a phased reopening. State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to
local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred or have been mild).

- The guidelines also outline state responsibilities to have in place before moving into a reopening plan: protecting workers in critical industry, particularly protecting the most vulnerable, those who live and work in senior care facilities, and having a plan for testing symptomatic individuals with a focus on vulnerable populations.

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

- **Topline:** As of April 15, the State/Local Public Health Laboratories, Commercial Laboratories, Hospital Laboratories, CDC, and VA have performed approximately 4.9 million COVID-19 tests. This is more total tests than those performed in Australia, Austria, Canada, France, India, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, South Korea, and the United Kingdom combined. The Administration continues to take actions to scale and expand testing options – on April 16, FDA announced an expansion of testing options through use of synthetic swabs to test patients. States should be making full use of the testing resources available to them, to include leveraging the full capacity available through commercial laboratories in addition to the capability provided through state laboratories.

- **Food and Drug Administration Approves First COVID-19 Home Collection Kit:** FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn announced that the FDA approved the first COVID-19 home collection kit. The FDA continues to facilitate test development to ensure access to accurate diagnostics working with over 350 test developers and authorizing 63 types of tests to date.

- **Recommendations for State and Local Elected Officials**
  - Work with your State and Local Public health departments to optimize the testing ecosystem within your State.
  - Each State will have very different requirements for testing. Optimize your testing strategy to include each type of platform and use them in the appropriate situations.
  - At present the commercial laboratories are operating at 50% capacity. Remember to factor these into your testing ecosystem.

**Economy/CARES Act Update**

**U.S. Department of the Treasury – Coronavirus Relief Fund**

- See above
  - [U.S. Department of the Treasury Releases Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance](#)
  - [Treasury Department and IRS Release State-by-State Figures for Economic Impact Payments](#)
  - [President Trump Signs H.R. 266 – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act](#)

**U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Support and Coronavirus Food Assistance Program**

- On Friday, April 17 Secretary Perdue announced the Corona Virus Food Assistance Program. President Trump directed Secretary Perdue to expedite assistance to our farmers, ranchers and consumers. CFAP will use the funding and authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), and current CCC funds. The programs announced spend approximately $19 billion to support farmers, ranchers, and consumers through $16 billion in direct payments to farmers and $3 billion in a new innovative Food Box Distribution Program.

- USDA is working to be as flexible as possible to get food out to the people who need it during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Most recently, USDA announced Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) benefits, providing assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures to repurpose their school lunch money to SNAP benefits. States are continuing to apply for this program and USDA is approving plans on an ongoing basis. USDA has extended its innovative SNAP online pilot program to a number of states to allow the online purchasing of food through authorized SNAP retailers.

- USDA is working to ensure children are fed in the event of school closures, and we continue to waive restrictions and expand flexibilities across our programs. USDA announced a collaboration with the Baylor
Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals a week to students in rural schools closed due to COVID-19. These boxes will contain five days’ worth of shelf-stable, nutritious, individually packaged foods that meet USDA’s summer food requirements. The use of this innovative delivery system will ensure rural children receive nutritious food while limiting exposure to COVID-19. USDA has also partnered with Panera who will work with the Children’s Hunger Alliance in Columbus, Ohio to provide meals at library meal sites.

DHS – Critical Workers Infrastructure Guidance

- On April 17, DHS CISA released version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers guidance to help state and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19.
- Version 3.0 provides clarity around a range of positions needed to support the critical infrastructure functions laid out in the original guidance and Version 2.0. This iteration includes a reorganization of the section around Healthcare and Public Health and more detail to clarify essential workers; emphasis for Emergency Medical Services workers; and adds lawyers and legal aid workers.
- Also included is language focused on sustained access and freedom of movement; a reference to the CDC guidance on safety for critical infrastructure workers; and a statement saying sick employees should avoid the workplace and the workforce. In worker categories, all references to “employees” or “contractors” have been changed to “workers.”
Please see the advisory below from our partners in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding an update on the Whole-of-America response to COVID-19.

April 25, 2020

FEMA Advisory

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Whole-of-America Response

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  - Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening.
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  - The act provides $320 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program, along with $75 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers to fight coronavirus and $25 billion for ongoing testing across the country.
  - The [Paycheck Protection Program](https://www.sba.gov/loans-programs/paycheck-protection-program) processed nearly $350 billion in loans to 1.6 million small businesses from funding provided in the CARES Act. More than 4,900 lending institutions participated in making these SBA-backed loans.

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During this difficult and uncertain time we want to reach out to let you know that you are in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers!

We are blessed because of the generosity and kindness of our donors to be able to continue supporting cancer patients during this most challenging of times.

We invite you to read the message below that we received this week from the wife of a cancer patient Hope Hollow supported.

We "thank you" for your past support and belief in Hope Hollow and we are asking for your continued and future support of our mission.

Take good care...may you be safe...be well...and be hopeful,
Jane Jacquemin-Clark and Kevin Clark
Founders of Hope Hollow

**A message from Jonell about Hope Hollow**

"I'm sorry for the long post but I hope you take the time to read it. I haven't posted anything about what we are going through as a country, state, city and families right now but I can't seem to get my mind off of the people that have cancer and are dealing with extra hard issues right now. Sure it's hard to find toilet paper and people complain about it but there are people who will lose their lives and not even have the virus. Cancer patients' immune systems are compromised and their families worry constantly and can't be with them. I know the struggle first hand on a normal day but now with this virus there are so many extra challenges. Procedures that can't be done now
or have to wait. I know everyone knows this but it's really been weighing on my mind so much lately. I received the stimulus money today and it's the perfect time for me and my family to give back to Hope Hollow that eased so many worries for us while we went through Walt's cancer. I've talked about this organization several times and I pray that some of you will be generous enough to help Hope Hollow by sending a donation. It is an amazing nonprofit. No amount is too small.

If you haven't checked them out, look them up either on Facebook or on their website www.hopehollow.com. There is a direct link to donate along with their mailing address if you would rather send a check. Jane and Kevin are the most wonderful, caring people and have done so much good for so many cancer patients and their families. #hopehollow

~Jonell Buskirk

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- On April 25, FEMA announced that more than $5.1 million dollars in crisis counseling service grants have been made available to five states.
  - The grants, made to Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Washington, will support programs providing free, confidential counseling to assist individuals through community-based outreach and educational services.
Due to the COVID-19 nationwide emergency and the need to protect the safety and health of all Americans, the crisis counseling will be delivered by phone, internet and the media (including social media).

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Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Nineteen Deaths Related to COVID-19

~30,680 positive cases in Florida residents and 848 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health releases a report on COVID-19 cases in Florida once per day. The Florida Department of Health COVID-19 dashboard is also providing updates once per day. The state is providing a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county. Previously, this information was only available for select communities. The surveillance data report is available here.

On April 25, results for more than 19,000 tests were received, the second most since testing began. Over the past seven days, an average of more than 15,000 tests have been reported per day, the highest seven-day average since testing began. While Florida’s testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 9 percent. On April 25, five percent of new cases** tested positive. This percentage has steadily decreased over the past two weeks. Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 689 new positive COVID-19 cases and 19 deaths related to COVID-19. There are a total of 31,528 Florida cases*** with 1,074 deaths related to COVID-19.

To date, there have been 366 long-term care facilities associated with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list here. The daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,934 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 311 have died.

Since 11 a.m. on April 25, nineteen people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 in Alachua, Broward, Citrus, Dade and Volusia counties.

New Florida cases include:
- 689 additional positive COVID-19 cases (684 Florida residents and 5 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 30,680 positive cases in Florida residents and 848 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state’s efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard here.

* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

**This percentage is the number of people who test positive for the first time divided by all tests, excluding people who have previously tested positive.

***Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website.
this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-866-779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

About the Florida Department of Health

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"Garden Club seeks to celebrate Tallahassee's trees with Third Live Oak Trail"
‘The Tallahassee Garden Club is asking you to nominate your favorite live oak to become part of the Third Live Oak Trail. The next time you walk through your neighborhood or on a local trail, take time to appreciate the live oaks and snap a photograph of the biggest and best. Tree candidates should be visible from the street or on public property.

‘Citizens have an opportunity to become part of a community celebration honoring Tallahassee’s natural beauty — these are our trees,’ said Sudi Scott, TGC tree chair and trail coordinator.

After nominations are gathered, the Tallahassee Democrat will publish a list of locations on the trail. Just as families drive through nearby neighborhoods to view Christmas light displays, they will be able drive slowly through neighborhoods to savor a view of our heritage trees from the safety of their cars. Or citizens can stroll along a greenway or trail to enjoy groves of these ancient trees.

TGC, in cooperation with local teachers, will offer suggestions for ways parents can pass along the history and ecological importance of our heritage trees to the next generation.

‘By documenting our oldest live oak trees, our community would help revive the importance of Tallahassee’s trees and carry over an appreciation of our history,’ said Scott. She hopes the Third Live Oak Trail will gain support for thoughtful planning so Our coverage will resume when Florida’s venues reopen
Tallahassee’s citizens can preserve our city’s natural beauty today for future generations.

'Beauty equals livability,' Scott said...

Those trees that were on Tallahassee’s earlier Live Oak Trails will also be included if they still stand. The first Live Oak Trail took place June 6, 1940. It was co-sponsored by the Tallahassee Garden Club and the Community Planning Council. The second event was held April 13 and 14, 1941.

These original Live Oak Trails aimed to prevent destruction of the city’s live oaks, according to "The Live Oak Trail" (1999) by Carolyde Phillips O’Bryan. O’Bryan’s main resource was a scrapbook kept by her aunt, Carrie Edwards Elliot, who was instrumental in organizing the first trail. Carrie Elliot, along with her garden club colleagues and the Committee Planning Council, deserve much credit for tree preservation in Tallahassee and the development of protective ordinances.

As the book’s preface makes clear: ‘The giant live oak trees that give Tallahassee its shade and beauty are here today because of the efforts of a small group of men and women who struggled over many years to keep the city from cutting them down.’

Carrie Elliot’s legacy continues today as TGC launches a Third Live Oak Trail, and citizens strive to protect these grand oaks that are part of Tallahassee’s heritage..."

-- Donna Meredith, Tallahassee Democrat

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"Yard sign surprises keep spirits high despite stress of social distancing"
"With 'stay at home' orders canceling celebrations, a Tampa company is delivering some much-needed cheer with yard signs.

Tampa Yard Greetings makes and installs beautiful, colorful, delightful yard transformations to celebrate any special occasion, from birthdays and graduations to graduations and new babies. They also have blank signs you can customize yourself.

The folks from Tampa Yard Greetings swoop in when no one is looking and turns customers' yards into a wonderland of well-wishes or, if you prefer, pink flamingoes. They leave the signs in place for 24 hours, up to one week.

Then, like magic, they're gone…"

-- Fox 13 News, Tampa

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Coronavirus Florida: As pandemic slams businesses, towns ease up on sign enforcement
"..Notice the takeout and delivery signs dotting Palm Beach County roads? Some towns are relaxing code enforcement to help out those businesses. Things look a little different lately on Palm Beach County’s commercial corridors.

There are fold-out signs propped up along sidewalks in Tequesta, banners along U.S. 1 in Jupiter and a hodgepodge of flags, banners and yard signs on Military Trail near the West Palm Beach city line.

Businesses, particularly restaurants, are doing what they can to promote their services during the coronavirus pandemic, luring motorists off the street and into their establishments to grab carryout food now that they are barred from serving meals on-site.

On the flip side, some Palm Beach County municipalities — among them Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter and Tequesta — say they are relaxing enforcement of ordinances that regulate where businesses can prop up signs and how those advertisements look.

‘We knew that the whole COVID thing was going to impact their business and we felt like that if we gave them the option to use kind of inexpensive means to notify the public that they’re open for takeout and delivery, it might tide them over through this,’ said Dean Fowler, Jupiter’s code compliance supervisor..."
"Florida is full of scenic drives. Here are some of our favorites."

"Living in a state surrounded largely by water means an abundance of two things: beaches and beautiful drives. It’s not unusual to find a bridge, like the Sunshine Skyway, hoisted hundreds of feet above sea level, giving drivers an expansive view of the waters below.

So you can imagine there’s plenty of competition for the title of ‘most scenic drive in Florida.’ Last year, online publication Thrillist came out with a list of the country’s most scenic drives in all 50 states and they named the Florida Keys’ famous Seven-Mile Bridge as the winner.

‘The open blue sea stretching out on all sides might get a little repetitive when you’re looking out the window, but it’s easy to appreciate the novelty of driving one of the longest bridges in the world,’ wrote Thrillist’s Aaron Miller...

Tallahassee’s Canopy Roads

A drive east from town on Miccosukee Road will treat visitors to one of Tallahassee’s canopy roads. Times (2010) Florida’s landscape differs incredibly when you drive from north to south. Miami offers more of a tropical landscape, with palm trees, beaches and
heat.

But in Tallahassee, there’s more of a traditional Southern landscape, with big trees and a different kind of green.

That is especially true of Tallahassee’s nine official canopy roads, forming a total of 78 miles of distance...

Clearwater Memorial Causeway

A shot from below of the Clearwater Memorial Causeway in 2007. Times (2007) On bad days, the Clearwater Memorial Causeway is simply a lengthy obstacle to the beach.

But for many, it’s a place to walk, bike or look at birds.

The bridge is about half a mile long and people have even made videos of their experiences driving across the structure. Fort Island Trail by Crystal River

A view from Fort Island Trail near Crystal River, a scenic road with numerous twists and turns. Image from Google Earth This drive was described by one editor as a good way to clear your head. Another said this was a drive full of twists and turns, a bit adventurous for Florida’s typical, flat landscape.

The road winds by the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge and past Fort Island Trail Park before coming to Fort Island Beach. Take the path for a spin if you like..."

-- Elizabeth Djinis, Tampa Bay Times

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