

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Governor DeSantis Issues Several Executive Orders including one on Local Government Public Meetings

Today, Gov. Ron DeSantis has issued the following executive orders, including one regarding local government public meetings.

### Executive Order 20-69

Regarding local government public meetings - any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place is suspended.

### Executive Order 20-70

This directs all movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches to close in Broward County and Palm Beach County.

### Executive Order 20-71

This directs all restaurants and food establishments within the State of Florida to suspend on-premises food and alcohol consumption for customers. Take-out and delivery still permitted.

## USDA Urgently Request Counties' Input

USDA is anticipating that it may be forced to close down because of the coronavirus and they are preparing their processes if that happens.

Since USDA Rural Utility Service (RUS) acts as a bank, they routinely sign documents and file them for registration in the local county records. They are investigating ways that they can get them signed, notarized and witnessed properly or electronically signed and submitted with a telework employee force. They need to understand which states allow electronic signatures (they think a state would be the exception rather than rule if they did not allow but we need to know the exceptions) and need to understand which counties are incapable of accepting electronically signed documents.

Please forward this message to your department that works on these questions.

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

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

In accordance with this mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, CISA developed an initial list of "[Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#)" to help State and

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## EXTERNAL RESOURCES

### [FAC COVID-19 Webpage](#)

### [Center for Disease Control](#)

- [Florida Mitigation Strategies](#)
- [Mitigation Strategies](#)
- [Guidance for Schools and Childcare Programs](#)

### [Florida Department of Health](#)

- [COVID-19 Toolkit](#)
- [COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#)

### [Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Tracking Dashboard](#)

### [FAC Gold Corporate Partner, Witt O'Brien's, Resources](#)

- [COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Considerations](#)
- [Community Readiness Help](#)

### [FEMA Resources](#)

- [Public Assistance Fact Sheet](#)
- [Grants & Contracting Brochure](#)
- [Top 10 Procurement Mistakes](#)
- [Eligible Emergency Protective Measures Fact Sheet](#)

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local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list can also inform critical infrastructure community decision-making to determine the sectors, sub-sectors, segments, or critical functions that should continue normal operations, appropriately modified to account for Centers for Disease Control (CDC) workforce and customer protection guidance.

[Click here](#) to view the document.

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## FEMA Process Update

NACo has reached out to FEMA for greater clarity on the FEMA process for public assistance for states, local governments and eligible nonprofits. [Click here](#) for a direct response from FEMA for NACo members – and [click here](#) for a file regarding eligible emergency protective measures.

Based on that response, it is NACo's understanding that counties and other local governments are covered by the President's actions on March 13. Therefore, they do not need to wait for individual Governors to request a federal disaster declaration.

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## SBA Working Capital Loans Available in FL

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Florida small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Ron DeSantis on March 17, 2020.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

## Actions Taken by Florida's Counties

### ***FAC Sends Out NEW Survey Regarding Counties' Processes for COVID-19***

As counties grapple with responding to the ever changing information coming out regarding COVID-19, FAC felt we could all learn from each other. Yesterday, FAC sent out a new survey to our members with additional questions as well as a request to update their answers since the previous survey.

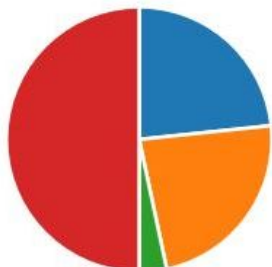
**Between the two surveys, 44 out of 67 counties responded.** [Click here](#) to see which counties have responded to each survey.

Even if you've completed the survey prior, additional questions have been added and your answers may need to be updated as the situation with the coronavirus is constantly changing. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

Additional emails will be sent out in the future, asking you to refresh your answers so all information is up to date. Responses to the [survey](#) will be included in FAC's regular COVID-19 newsletter and FAC's COVID-19 Webpage.

***Has your county closed or changed hours for beaches?***

***Are staff from your county telecommuting?***



● Yes	7
● No	7
● Shortened Hours	1
● Does not apply	15

● Everyone	3
● No one	13
● Non-Essential Only	12

**UPDATED SURVEY**

**VIEW THE RESULTS**

*Given the constantly evolving situation regarding COVID-19 and the continual influx of responses from these surveys, FAC is working diligently to ensure the accuracy of all entries and answers. However, as the situation continues to advance, the data may not reflect the most up-to-date information.*

## Confirmed Cases in Florida

The Florida Department of Health recently announced the launch of a new [COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#) which is updated twice daily with the total number of cases in Florida.

Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 520 total\*\* Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	474
Confirmed by DOH	256
Tested by private labs	218
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	6
Deaths	10
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	46
Confirmed by DOH	27
Tested by private labs	19

Total Cases Overview	520
Traveled	145
Contact with confirmed case	85
Travel & contact with confirmed case	88
Unknown and Under Investigation	202

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

## In the News...

### Senate Republicans introduce trillion-dollar coronavirus package

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell introduced the text of the Republicans' trillion-dollar proposal for the so-called phase three coronavirus stimulus package, paving the way for negotiations with Democrats to formally begin. [Read more.](#)

