



COVID-19 UPDATE

FEMA Public Assistance Activated

With FEMA Public Assistance Category B having been activated by the President for the response to COVID-19, FDEM is providing Florida's counties with some guidance on general procurement for commodities and services that may be procured during this event. The following documents are available as a resource:

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

FDEM is also advising emergency/exigency circumstances for the procurement of those goods and services may provide for an exemption for competitive procurement.

FDEM Hosting Weekly Briefings

The Florida Division of Emergency Management will hold a weekly briefing with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and our members every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) regarding the coronavirus.

Call-in Number: 888-585-9008
Conference Room Number: 488-097-156#

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

White House Briefing Call

On **Wednesday, March 18**, at **1:00 PM ET**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). If you would like to join, registration instructions and additional background is available [here](#).

Date: Wednesday, March 18
Time: 1:00 PM ET
Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.

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](#)

LATEST UPDATES

March 16, 2020
[Florida Department of Health Launches New COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#)

March 15, 2020
[State of Florida Issues Updates on COVID-19](#)

[Click here](#) to view other updates.

Confirmed Cases in Florida

FDOH Launches New COVID-19 Case Dashboard

Today, the Florida Department of Health announced the launch of a new [COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#). To keep Florida residents and visitors safe, informed and aware about the status of the virus, this dashboard will be updated twice daily.

As of noon, there are 155 total** Florida cases:

- This includes 19 additional positive COVID-19 cases (14 Florida residents and 5 non-Florida residents) were reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 137 positive cases in Florida Residents and 18 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents		137
Confirmed by DOH		82
Tested by private labs		41
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*		6
Deaths		4
Cases in Non-Florida Residents		18
Confirmed by DOH		15
Tested by private labs		2

Total Cases Overview	155
Traveled	38
Contact with confirmed case	28
Travel & contact with confirmed case	47
Under Investigation	42

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

Actions Taken by the State of Florida

Yesterday, the Governor provided several additional updates on Florida's efforts to respond to COVID-19:

- Governor DeSantis requested that Health and Human Services send home the 61 Floridians that were previously aboard the Grand Princess Cruise line, home from isolation from Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Department of Health to hire additional epidemiologists from university health programs to help with workload.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to extend all existing nursing home and assisted living facility licenses for 90 days to remove distraction from patient care.
- Governor DeSantis directed Director Moskowitz to expand his emergency order and prohibit all visitation to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities and adult group homes to all visitors for the next 30 days.
- Governor DeSantis directed the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to suspend drivers' license renewal requirements for 30 days.
- Governor DeSantis directed all agencies to suspend for 30 days licensing and registration renewal requirements for existing professional licenses (e.g. realtors).

What's Happening at the Capitol

Lawmakers to vote Thursday on \$93.2B budget

Lawmakers will vote on the upcoming state budget Thursday after the House and Senate convene at noon, legislative leaders announced Sunday evening. [Read more.](#)

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