Quick Question!

What does your county need the most right now?

More collection/testing kits
Select

More personal protection equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers
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Increased social distancing
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To get back to work
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U.S. Department Of Labor Publishes Guidance Explaining Paid Sick Leave And Expanded Family and Medical Leave Under FFCRA

Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) announced its first round of published guidance to provide information to employees and employers about how each will be able to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) when it takes effect on April 1, 2020.

FFCRA will help the United States combat and defeat COVID-19 by giving all American businesses with fewer than 500 employees funds to provide employees with paid leave, either for the employee’s own health needs or to care for family members. The legislation will ensure that workers are not forced to choose between their paychecks and the public health measures needed to combat the virus while at the same time reimbursing businesses.

What is a novel coronavirus?

A novel coronavirus is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified. The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold.

A diagnosis with coronavirus 229E, NL63, OC43, or HKU1 is not the same as a COVID-19 diagnosis. Patients with COVID-19 will be evaluated and cared for differently than
The guidance – provided in a Fact Sheet for Employees, a Fact Sheet for Employers and a Questions and Answers document – addresses critical questions, such as how an employer must count the number of their employees to determine coverage; how small businesses can obtain an exemption; how to count hours for part-time employees; and how to calculate the wages employees are entitled to under this law.

Patients with common coronavirus diagnosis.

Click here to visit the CDC Coronavirus Website.

Implementation of Executive Order on Airport Screening & Isolation

The Governor entered E.O. 20-80 requiring COVID-19 screening of all persons flying into Florida airports from any airport in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, and that all persons on the flights quarantine for 14 days. The DOH has a paper screening form it will use for all arriving passengers. Law enforcement and the National Guard are required to be present at the airports during the DOH screening. The National Guard will be present to assist DOH but the National Guard is NOT there in a law enforcement capacity.

The E.O. requires screening of all persons on commercial and private flights, including non-stop and connecting flights. The E.O. has been implemented at Tampa, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, and Miami airports. The Department of Health will be phasing in implementation at other Florida airports over the next few days. Sheriffs who provide law enforcement at airports should communicate with their local Department of Health director to find out when screening will be implemented at your airport. Screening is initially occurring on direct flights and will be implemented for connecting flights during subsequent phases. Screening at FBOs for private aircraft will also be phased in by DOH.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office have asked the governor's office for clarification on whether its expected to verify quarantine compliance with the individuals arriving from these states. It is their advice that as of right now to not engage in any monitoring or enforcement.

Homeland Security and Homeland Defense Data Sets Available

As Homeland Security and Homeland Defense (HLS/HD) Mission Partners respond to the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, all applicable licensed datasets have been released to Local, Tribal, and Territorial users with COVID-19 operational needs. This expanded access covers these additional data products: Licensed Parcel Data; 2020 Roads and Routing Dataset; and Dun & Bradstreet Business Points Data. Click here for directions on how to access this information.

NACo Resources

Missed the coronavirus briefing with NACo? Listen to the recording!

Yesterday, the National Association of Counties (NACo) held a call for their members, providing an update on counties' federal policy priorities regarding COVID-19. If you were unable to join the call, click here to access the recording.

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 1,682 total** Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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**Cases include both residents and non-residents of Florida.
**Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.**

**COVID-19 COUNTY RESPONSE DASHBOARD**

Arming counties with the information they need to stop the spread of the coronavirus in their communities.