

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

State EOC Activates to Level 2 for Coronavirus

Originally detected in China, a new coronavirus (COVID-19) that is causing an outbreak of respiratory disease has now been detected in almost 100 locations internationally, including the United States. On Sunday, March 1, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) announced the first case of the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida.

Responding to the coronavirus in the state, today, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) has activated to a Level 2. DEM has officially invited/requested FAC be involved in the coordination at the state EOC.

As such, starting today, FAC will be sending out regular updates on the status of the coronavirus in the state. FAC has already created a webpage regarding the coronavirus where all relevant information will be stored. [Click here](#) to visit FAC's webpage on the coronavirus.

At this point, should you have any questions, please refer to your county EM director.

White House Briefing Call

On **Wednesday, March 11, 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 11

Time: 1:00 PM ET

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Current Statewide Status

- Declared Public Health Emergency
- No Executive Order has been issued
- Purchases and Resources authorized and facilitated by DEM (via WEBEOC) currently at 50/50 Cost Share Status
- Purchases and Resources obtained by local government without DEM approval and coordination currently is 100% responsibility of local government

Current FDEM Status

- DEM Level 2 Activation
 - Saturday, March 7, 2020 is "DAY 1" of statewide activation and effort at DEM
 - Initial briefing held with FAC and other agency representatives occurred at 1:00 p.m. EST
- DEM is gearing up for sustained coordination effort
- Official invitation / request for the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and Florida League of Cities (FLC) to have seat at the table
- Over the next couple of days, communication and operations schedule will be established to facilitate coordination between federal, state and local government
 - Expect schedule of routine communication efforts to be established
- DEM is currently in communication with local Emergency Managers regarding:
 - Local coordination plans and efforts

- Local inventory of resources and current and future needs
- Advising that all purchases and acquisitions and efforts should begin to be tracked and accounted for in anticipation of potential emergency funding efforts
- Advising that resources are scarce nationwide, but if supplies are needed, local governments should attempt to utilize local vendors first, even if the supplies are on “backorder” (go ahead and get in line now)

Note: Priority for FDEM requests may be given to those jurisdictions that have already experienced COVID-19 cases.

FAC Resources

FAC created a resource webpage intended to house all relevant information regarding the current situation in Florida and the United States as well as the latest updates from DOH and DEM and helpful external resources. [Click here](#) to visit FAC's webpage on the coronavirus.