

COVID-19 UPDATE

WEBINAR
The Science of COVID-19: Today and In the Future
 Thursday, April 2 at 1:00 pm EDT

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For more than a decade, FAC and ICG have partnered with UF/IFAS Extension to bring to you our renowned education sources. Join us on **Thursday, April 2**, as they along with UF Health bring their leading epidemiologists and researchers to speak to Florida's leaders regarding the science of COVID-19. [Click here](#) to view the agenda.

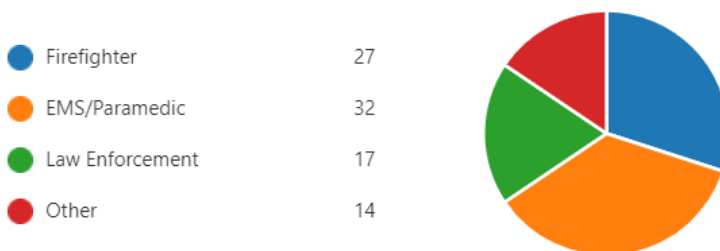
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The webinar is free but registration is required. ICG will be offering 1.5 hours of elective credits towards CCC or CGE coursework. [Click here](#) to register.

View the Results from Monday's Survey

In the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), Congress allowed the employers of health care workers and emergency responders to exempt those workers from the leave benefits of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. On Monday, March 30, FAC sent out a survey to see how counties are complying with the FFCRA as it has raised some questions.

How is your county defining emergency responder?



View the Results

Governor DeSantis Issues Statewide Stay-at-

FAC COVID-19 Dashboard

Governor's Executive Orders

County COVID-19 Websites

County COVID-19 Policies & Ordinances

State Agency Executive Orders

FAC Partner Resources

FAC Updates

Spreadsheet of FAC's Data
(updated daily at noon)

External Resources

Latest Updates

News Articles

Q&A with the CDC

Can the virus that causes COVID-19 be spread through food, including refrigerated or frozen food?

Home Order

Today, Governor DeSantis issued [Executive Order 2020-91](#) which mandates a statewide stay-at-home order for all Floridians.

Floridians are required to limit movements and all personal interactions outside the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities.

The Executive Order follows the federal definition of essential services as well as those so defined in Miami-Dade. All of those services are defined in attachments to the Governor's order.

FEMA Establishes Process for Requesting Ventilators

Given the scarcity of the ventilators in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and the current capacity of the private sector to meet the demand, the federal government has adopted a process to manage federal ventilator resources to ensure the ventilators are shipped to the states in the amount needed to manage the immediate crisis. In the case of ventilators, immediate is defined as requirements necessary to sustain life within a 72-hour window.

To submit a request, states and tribes will work through their FEMA/ HHS regional leadership. [Click here](#) to view the steps to requesting a ventilator that the State of Florida has been instructed to use in requesting a ventilator.

At present, the federal government has 10,469 total ventilators available, which includes 9,404 in the Strategic National Stockpile and 1,065 available from the Department of Defense.

In addition to submitting requests through this process, state, and tribal officials are encouraged to share the FDA's [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) for Ventilators](#) issued on March 24. The EUA allows anesthesia gas machines and positive pressure breathing devices to be modified for use as ventilators. The EUA also provides guidance to assist health care personnel on use of other ventilators like CPAP devices for sleep apnea, with COVID-19 patients in respiratory distress, as well as on shelf life of existing ventilators.

Coronaviruses are generally thought to be spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets. Currently there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Before preparing or eating food it is important to always wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds for general food safety. Throughout the day wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, or going to the bathroom.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

In general, because of poor survivability of these coronaviruses on surfaces, there is likely very low risk of spread from food products or packaging that are shipped over a period of days or weeks at ambient, refrigerated, or frozen temperatures.

Learn what is known about the [spread of COVID-19](#).

President Trump Extends Coronavirus Guidelines for 30 Days

On Tuesday, March 31, President Donald J. Trump announced the extension of the [Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#) for an additional 30 days through Friday, April 30th. The recommendations are simple to follow and will continue to have a resounding impact on public health. [Click here](#) to view the guidelines.

FEMA Creates Supply Chain Task Force for Sourcing Life-Saving Equipment

Closing the gap between what the private sector is able to provide to healthcare end-users and what is needed for the fight against COVID-19 is a key priority for the White House Coronavirus Task Force. In support of the task force, FEMA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service created a Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force, one of eight COVID-19 focused task forces under the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC). This task force is taking a whole-of-America approach to address limited supply of critical protective and life-saving equipment.

The task force's primary effort is the sourcing of personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other critical resources requested by states, tribes and territories. By using the structure of FEMA's NRCC, the task force is finding and executing solutions to meet urgent demand and enable the U.S. Government to surge support to COVID-19 "hot spots" as they arise.

The Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force is executing a whole-of-America approach to address limited supply of critical protective and life-saving equipment. [Click here](#) to learn more about their four-prong approach.

Stateside Release Report on State & Local Government Responses to COVID-19

The State and Local Government Responses to COVID-19 Report includes State Legislation and Executive Orders related to paid leave proposals, mandated business closures, appropriations for state responses to the outbreak and Executive actions such as the creation of task forces and declarations of emergency. Selected agency, regulatory and rulemaking actions are also being included as they are announced or emerge. It also identifies those legislatures that are suspending activities as a result of this crisis. Updates are continuously being made to this report. [Click here](#) for most recent version.

FDEM Hosting Applicant Briefings

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is holding applicant briefings next week. To view the schedule and to register, please [click here](#).

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 6,955 total** Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	6694
Confirmed by DOH	972
Tested by private labs	5722
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	87
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	261

Total Cases Overview	6955
Traveled	744
Contact with confirmed case	1033
Travel & contact with confirmed case	473
Under Investigation	4444

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



COVID-19 COUNTY RESPONSE DASHBOARD
FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

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

The graphic features a teal background with a white dashed border. On the right side, there is an illustration of a laptop displaying a dashboard with various charts and graphs, including a bar chart, a line graph, and a pie chart. A magnifying glass is positioned over the laptop screen, symbolizing data analysis and monitoring.