Exclusive Webinar for Commissioners and Council Members on Remote Leadership

The COVID-19 pandemic has tested the structure of how we live, work and lead. For local governments, keeping communities safe goes beyond closures and safer-at-home orders, keeping communities safe means continuing to provide essential services and infrastructure upkeep while keeping employees safe as well.

On April 15 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), the Institute for County Government and Dr. Matthew Sowcik, Associate Professor at the University of Florida IFAS Extension will host a webinar on how to effectively lead your employees during these unprecedented times.

Wednesday, April 15 | 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

REGISTER NOW

View the Results from Wednesday's Survey

For these results and more, visit FAC's COVID-19 County Response Dashboard or download the spreadsheet with all the county-by-county data.

How is permitting taking place?

- Virtual filing and approval only: 37
- Other: 24
- Operations continue as normal: 15
- Halted until restrictions lifted: 1

What cleaning products should I use to protect against COVID-19?

Clean and disinfect frequently
Is your county issuing:

- New permits
- Renewals
- Only new permits required by statute

56
32
6

- touched surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. If surfaces are dirty, clean them using detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. To disinfect, most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. See CDC’s recommendations for household cleaning and disinfection.

USDA Implements Immediate Measures to Help Rural Residents, Businesses and Communities Affected by COVID-19

USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Rural Development will keep their customers, partners, and stakeholders continuously updated as more actions are taken to better serve rural America.

Read the full announcement to learn more about the opportunities USDA Rural Development is implementing to provide immediate relief to their customers, partners, and stakeholders.

Updates from the Supply Chain Task Force

The Supply Chain Task Force continues executing a strategy maximizing the availability of critical protective and lifesaving resources through FEMA for a whole-of-America response.

Efforts to date have focused on reducing the medical supply chain capacity gap to both satisfy and relieve demand pressure on medical supply capacity.

The task force is applying a four-prong approach of Preservation, Acceleration, Expansion and Allocation to rapidly increase supply today and expand domestic production of critical resources to increase supply long-term.

Click here to read more about the efforts of the Supply Chain Task Force.

Community-Based Testing Sites Transitioning to State Control

The Department of Health and Human Services and the FEMA worked with state and local partners to establish Community-Based Testing Sites (CBTS) in CDC-prioritized locations across the country. The CBTS model was developed for states, local public health agencies, healthcare systems, and commercial partners as they work together to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their communities, focusing initially on healthcare facility workers and first responders.

The CBTS model has been a profound success, screening over 84,800 individuals; testing over 77,000 individuals; and having a COVID positive rate of approximately 20% - meaning that the CBTS are testing the right individuals at the right time.

As a result of these advances, many states have indicated that they want to fully transition the CBTS to state control, allowing more flexibility in testing and reporting. Many states have already begun transitioning these programs, and other states have implemented testing sites based on the CBTS model.

Therefore, the federal CBTS Task Force is working with states to clarify whether sites want to continue as they are now, or transition to full state control. Under state control, CBTS sites would still receive technical assistance from the federal government and be able to request supplies through the normal
Send FAC Your Photos or Videos!

Images or Videos of the Response:

Counties on the Frontline

Local Governments are the first line of defense and the first to take action in recovery. During this unprecedented global emergency, we would like to share your images or videos from your county’s and community’s response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Whether it’s logistics and staging, community response or neighbor helping neighbor, please share your images or videos with us and your fellow counties.

Submit a Photo or Video

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban Bovo sang “Happy Birthday” and delivered supplies to Cleofe Gonzalez, a resident of the Hialeah Housing Authority.

Department of Health Resources

The Florida Department of Health's COVID-19 Case Dashboard is updated twice daily with the total number of cases in Florida.

Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 17,531 total** Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

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