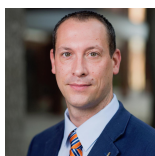


COVID-19 UPDATE

UNPRECEDENTED LEADERSHIP
 WEBINAR: HOW TO LEAD DURING COVID-19
 APRIL 15 | 2:00 P.M. ET
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Exclusive Webinar for Commissioners and Council Members on Remote Leadership



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During this webinar, you'll learn to how use a four-point framework to successfully lead from anywhere. You'll also learn best practices for working remotely to both share with staff as employ yourself.

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TAKE OUR SURVEY!
 Short 90 Second Survey

FAC surveys are getting statewide attention and recognition as people make decisions on COVID-19.

As the status of the coronavirus changes within the state, FAC would like to ensure that our [COVID-19 County Response Dashboard](#) accurately reflects those changes.

As these changes have occurred, we've identified two key areas in which we'd like to explore some more - lawsuit related to local COVID-19 response and county furlough plans.

Please [take the survey](#) regarding county litigation and furloughs.

Take the Survey

FAC COVID-19 Dashboard

[Governor's Executive Orders](#)

[County COVID-19 Websites](#)

[County COVID-19 Policies & Ordinances](#)

[State Agency Executive Orders](#)

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[FAC Updates](#)

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(updated daily at noon)

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Q&A with the CDC

Can I get COVID-19 from my pets or other animals?

At this time, there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19 to people or

FAC Sends Letter to Florida Delegation on Counties Priorities in Fourth Coronavirus Relief Package

On Thursday, April 9, FAC sent letters to the Florida delegates in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate regarding the fourth coronavirus relief package.

In the letter, they urged them to consider four key priorities for Florida counties: direct funding for all counties; to eliminate the non-federal cost-share for FEMA reimbursements; to allow teleworking as an eligible expense under the FEMA Disaster Declaration; and to allow counties to qualify for payroll tax credits.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

USDA Unveils Tool to Help Rural Communities Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address this pandemic.

USDA has taken many immediate actions to assist farmers, ranchers, producers, rural communities, and rural-based businesses and organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these actions, visit www.usda.gov/coronavirus.

that they might be a source of infection in the United States. To date, CDC has not received any reports of pets becoming sick with COVID-19 in the United States.

Pets have other types of coronaviruses that can make them sick, like canine and feline coronaviruses. These other coronaviruses cannot infect people and are not related to the current COVID-19 outbreak.

However, since animals can spread other diseases to people, it's always a good idea to practice [healthy habits](#) around pets and other animals, such as washing your hands and maintaining good hygiene. For more information on the many benefits of pet ownership, as well as staying safe and healthy around animals including pets, livestock, and wildlife, visit CDC's [Healthy Pets, Healthy People website](#).

Federal Government Requesting Data Reporting from Hospitals, Hospital Laboratory, and Acute Care Facilities

On March 29, 2020, Vice President Pence sent a letter to hospital administrators across the country requesting daily data reports on testing, capacity and utilization, and patient flows to facilitate the public health response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As a follow up, on April 10, 2020, Secretary Azar sent an additional [letter](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) to hospital administrators across the country. These documents detail the Federal Government's data needs, explains the division of reporting responsibility between hospitals and states, and provides clear, flexible options for the timely delivery of this critical information.

The objective is to allow states and hospitals either to leverage existing data reporting capabilities or, where those capabilities are insufficient, to provide guidance in how to build upon existing capabilities.

It remains critical that all requested information listed in the FAQ is provided daily to the federal government to facilitate planning, monitoring, and resource allocation in response to COVID-19.

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](#)



Escambia County Commissioner Lumon May hosted a grab-and-go, drive-through Easter event for children this weekend. Participants received a free boxed lunch, fresh vegetables, fruit and an Easter goody bag.

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 20,601 total** Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	20,035
Confirmed by DOH	2,341
Tested by private labs	17,694
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	470
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	
Confirmed by DOH	97
Tested by private labs	469

Total Cases Overview	20,601
Traveled	1,411
Contact with confirmed case	4,287
Travel & contact with confirmed case	1,059
Unknown and Under Investigation	13,278

**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.