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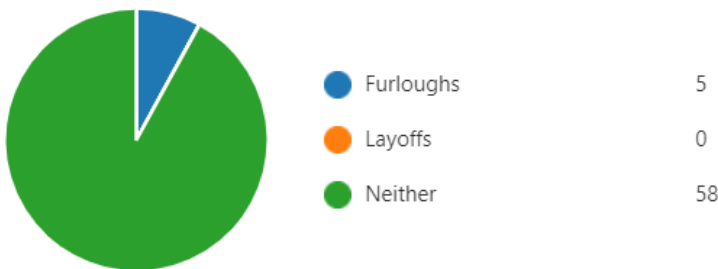
For these results and more, visit FAC's COVID-19 County Response Dashboard or download the spreadsheet with all the county-by-county data.

Has your county instituted furloughs or layoffs?

● Furloughs	5
● Layoffs	0
● Neither	58

Has your county been sued as result of action your county took in response to COVID-19?

● Yes	1
● No	62

CARES ACT:
Deadline for Urban Counties is TODAY

Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the CARES Act provides for payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The CARES Act established the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. Treasury will make payments from the Fund to States and eligible units of local government.

A unit of local government eligible for receipt of direct payment includes a county, municipality, town, township, village, parish, borough, or other unit of general government below the State level with a population that exceeds 500,000.

To ensure payments are made within the 30 day period specified by the CARES Act, governments must submit completed payment materials no later than **11:59 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2020**. Eligible local and Tribal governments that do not provide required information—and in the case of a local government, the required certification—by **11:59 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2020**, may not receive any payment from the Fund.

FAC COVID-19 Dashboard

Governor's Executive Orders

County COVID-19 Websites

County COVID-19 Policies & Ordinances

State Agency Executive Orders

FAC Partner Resources

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News Articles

Q&A with the CDC

Can animals carry the virus that causes COVID-19 on their skin or fur?

Although we know certain bacteria and fungi can be carried on fur and hair, there is

Governments eligible for payments must provide payment information and required supporting documents using the electronic form accessible here.

no evidence that viruses, including the virus that causes COVID-19, can spread to people from the skin, fur, or hair of pets.

However, because animals can sometimes carry other germs that can make people sick, it's always a good idea to practice [healthy habits](healthy-habits) around pets and other animals, including washing hands before and after interacting with them.

White House Releases Guidelines to Re-Opening America

On Thursday, April 16, President Donald Trump unveiled new federal guidelines laying out conditions for parts of the U.S. to start relaxing the measures imposed to try to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The plan for "[Opening Up America Again](Opening-Up-America-Again)" identifies the circumstances necessary for areas of the country to allow employees to start returning to work. However, the decision to lift restrictions will ultimately be made by state governors.

[Click here](Click-here) to view the plan.

FEMA Releases Disaster Financial Management Guide

On Thursday, April 16, FEMA released the '[Disaster Financial Management Guide](Disaster-Financial-Management-Guide)" to support jurisdictions in establishing and implementing sound disaster financial management practices, which are critical for successful response and recovery. The guide takes an all-hazards approach and addresses a broad range of issues and contains concepts, principles and resources applicable to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response environment.

The guide identifies the capabilities and activities necessary to prepare and successfully implement disaster financial management while maintaining fiscal responsibility throughout response and recovery operations. This includes considerations and practices necessary to track, calculate and justify the costs of an emergency; support local reimbursement reconciliation; avoid de-obligation of grant funding; and effectively fund and implement recovery projects and priorities. The principles, concepts and resources contained in the guide can support jurisdictions in identifying the resources needed to support their community, increase the efficiency of recovery efforts, and reduce the likelihood of audits and financial penalties for the jurisdiction.

[Click here](Click-here) to view the guide.

EPA Announces Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Governments

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is updating its coronavirus website to include new resources for state, local, and tribal agencies and intergovernmental associations. These resources will help EPA and its partners continue to provide the environmental protection the nation depends on without interruption during the coronavirus public health emergency.

[EPA's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Agencies and Associations](EPA-link) contains important information on grants, enforcement and compliance programs, water infrastructure, and a host of other issues important to effective environmental program delivery. The webpage will be updated regularly with new information.

FEMA Announce FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program

On April 13, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), announced the availability of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program, COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S).

The FY 2020 EMPG-S program assists states, territories, tribes and local governments with their public health and emergency management activities supporting the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. Through this grant program, FEMA will award funding to support planning and operational readiness for COVID-19 preparedness and response; development of tools and strategies for prevention, preparedness, and response; and ongoing communication and coordination among federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial

partners throughout the response.

To allow sufficient time for FEMA to conduct an initial eligibility review of the application prior to the final submission deadline, **applicants are strongly encouraged to begin their initial application in Grants.gov at the time of this announcement** to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission. Applicants should complete the initial Grants.gov application **at least one day before the April 28, 2020** application deadline. Upon completion of the initial review, FEMA will determine whether an application is eligible to proceed further and will notify the applicant to complete their submission in ND Grants. Completed final applications must be submitted in ND Grants no later than **5 p.m. EDT, April 28, 2020.**

To view this announcement, please click here. For an FAQ on the Emergency Management Grant Program, please click here.

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.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time in the history of Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control, they have a completely EMPTY kennel! Check out their video on this GREAT NEWS!

Submit a Photo or Video

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 24,119 total** Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found here.

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	23,443
Confirmed by DOH	2,674
Tested by private labs	20,769
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	686
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	676
Confirmed by DOH	101
Tested by private labs	575

Total Cases Overview	24,119
Traveled	1,549
Contact with confirmed case	6,073
Travel & contact with confirmed case	1,250
Unknown and Under Investigation	14,571

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