

COVID-19 UPDATE

WEBINAR

The Future of COVID-19: Research, Vaccines and How to Move Forward

Thursday, April 23 at 1:00 pm EDT

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The Institute for County Government and the University of Florida IFAS Extension will host a panel of experts from UF Health to provide an update on testing, research and vaccines as well as discuss steps on moving forward.

This webinar is a follow up to an April 2, 2020 webinar: The Science of COVID-19. A recording of "[The Science of COVID-19](#)" is available to [watch on our website](#).

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This webinar counts as 1.5 elective credits towards your CCC or CGE certification. Registration is free but you must register to get credit.

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ANSWER OUR POLL!

Only **One Question**

Is your county negotiating hazard pay for any workers?

Yes

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NACo Answers Counties Questions on the CARES Act

NACo members submitted questions during a March 26 national call focusing on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act; [PL 116-136](#)), a March 30 call for NACo members to connect with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an April 3 call for large urban counties and an April 10 national call focusing on how the CARES Act benefits counties.

Please find the link to the recordings of all NACo national calls [here](#). To view the questions and answers from NACo's national calls, please [click here](#).

U.S. Senate Passes Coronavirus Relief Package

On Tuesday, the U.S. Senate passed the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, also known as the "COVID-19 3.5" relief package. This package is a good step toward supporting counties' vast health, safety and economic recovery responsibilities, many of which are mandated by states and the federal government, but we need more resources as we address this unprecedented pandemic.

County revenues are plummeting while costs are skyrocketing. NACo [found](#) that the pandemic could lead to massive budgetary impacts for county governments and local taxpayers, with as much as \$144 billion in lost revenue and increased expenditures through FY2021.

KEY PROVISIONS FOR COUNTIES

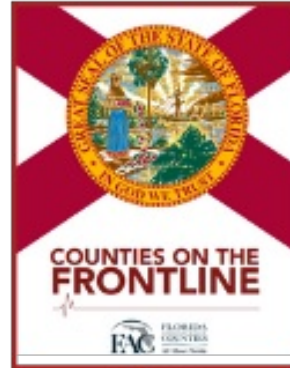
An additional **\$75 billion** for hospitals and health care providers

\$11 billion to states and localities to scale up local COVID-19 testing capacity; with **\$225 million** directly to rural health clinics

\$320 billion to replenish SBA's Paycheck Protection Program, a loan initiative aimed at helping small businesses weather the economic fallout from the COVID-19 response

FAC and NACo are pleased that [President Trump committed](#) to working with us to enable counties to use CARES Act and future funding to cover lost revenue, and he pledged to provide additional aid for states and local governments in future legislation.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to advocate for counties. As we move forward, FAC and NACo will work to secure robust, direct and flexible funding for counties of all sizes.



Q&A with the CDC

Can the COVID-19 virus spread through sewage systems?

CDC is reviewing all data on COVID-19 transmission as information becomes available. At this time, the risk of transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 through sewerage systems is thought to be low. Although transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 through sewage may be possible, there is no evidence to date that this has occurred. This guidance will be updated as necessary as new evidence is assessed.

SARS, a similar coronavirus, has been detected in untreated sewage for up to 14 days. In the 2003 SARS outbreak, there was documented transmission associated with sewage aerosols. The available information suggests that standard municipal wastewater system chlorination practices may be sufficient to inactivate coronaviruses, as long as utilities monitor free available chlorine during treatment to ensure it has not been depleted.

Wastewater and sewage workers should use standard practices, practice basic hygiene precautions, and wear personal protective equipment ([PPE](#)) as prescribed for current work tasks.

NACo Releases Guidebook on Virtual Meetings Platforms

NACo created some clear and simple guidelines and tips for running secure virtual meetings with the following softwares - GoToWebinar, Zoom, Cisco WebX, and Microsoft Teams. NACo analyzed their key features and security procedures.

To view the general guide, please [click here](#). For the guidebook on best practices, 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.

[Submit a Photo or Video](#)



Monroe County commissioners share simple reminders for staying safer at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 28,309 total** Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	27,543
Confirmed by DOH	3,079
Tested by private labs	24,464
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	893
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	
Confirmed by DOH	110
Tested by private labs	656

Total Cases Overview	28,309
Traveled	1,636
Contact with confirmed case	8,142
Travel & contact with confirmed case	1,384
Unknown and Under Investigation	16,381

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

A graphic for the "COVID-19 COUNTY RESPONSE DASHBOARD". The text "COVID-19 COUNTY RESPONSE DASHBOARD" is in large white letters on a teal background. Below it, in smaller white text, is "FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES". At the bottom, a white italicized line reads "Arming counties with the information they need to stop the spread of the coronavirus in their communities." To the right is an illustration of a laptop displaying a dashboard with a bar chart and a pie chart, with a magnifying glass over it. The background features a bar chart and a line graph with data points.