

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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Missed Yesterday's Webinar? Watch it now!

Yesterday, the Institute for County Government and the University of Florida IFAS Extension hosted 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 from the April 2 webinar on the science of COVID-19.

[Click here](#) to watch the webinar.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU
Answer Our **One Question** Poll



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.

To help FAC's data stay relevant to current county decisions, please answer the poll question below.

Is your county negotiating hazard pay for any workers?

Yes

Select

No

Select

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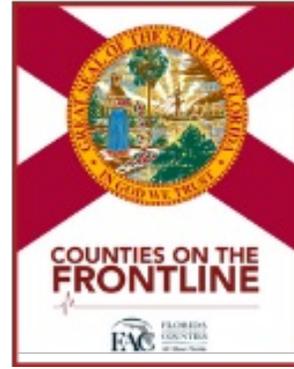
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Secretary of the Treasury Releases Guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments on the Coronavirus Relief Fund

On Wednesday, April 22, Secretary of the Treasury, Steven Mnuchin, released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Section 5001 of the CARES Act).

As stated by the [legislation](#) signed by President Trump on March 27, the use of funds “are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).” The guidance document ([here](#)) and frequently asked questions ([here](#)) provide, in detail, examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Additional information about Assistance to State and local governments [here](#).



More Resources from FAC's Corporate Partners!

Counties of all sizes are facing budget impacts due to COVID-19 and its far-reaching impact on our local economies. FAC works every day to develop programs and partnerships to help counties fulfill their mission, including Cashvest by three+one. Learn more about Cashvest by three+one in the video.

For additional resources from FAC's other program and corporate partners, 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](#)



Sarasota County Public Works staff has continued to complete projects while they social distance. Last week, crews replaced a sidewalk on Concord Street.

Q&A with the CDC

What should I do if an employee is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19?

In most cases, you do not need to shut down your facility. But do close off any areas used for prolonged periods of time by the sick person:

- Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting to minimize potential for other employees being exposed to respiratory droplets. If waiting 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- During this waiting period, open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in these areas.

Follow the [CDC cleaning and disinfection recommendations](#):

- Clean dirty surfaces with soap and water before disinfecting them.
- To disinfect surfaces, use [products that meet EPA criteria for use against SARS-Cov-2](#)^{external icon}, the virus that causes COVID-19, and are appropriate for the surface.
- Always wear gloves and gowns appropriate for the chemicals being used when you are cleaning and disinfecting.
- You may need to wear additional personal protective equipment (PPE) depending on the setting and disinfectant product you are using.

In addition to cleaning and disinfecting, employers should determine which employees may have been exposed to the virus and need to take additional precautions:

- Most workplaces should follow the [Public Health Recommendations for Community-Related Exposure](#).
- Critical infrastructure workplaces should follow the guidance [Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#).

Sick employees should follow [CDC-recommended steps](#). Employees should not return to work until they have met the criteria to [discontinue home isolation](#) and have consulted with a healthcare provider and state or local health department.

If an employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, employers should inform fellow employees of their possible exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace but maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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 30,174 total** Florida cases. More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	29,356
Confirmed by DOH	3,263
Tested by private labs	26,093
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	1,012
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	
Confirmed by DOH	112
Tested by private labs	706

Total Cases Overview	30,174
Traveled	1,672
Contact with confirmed case	9,243
Travel & contact with confirmed case	1,452
Unknown and Under Investigation	16,989

**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.

