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CARES Act Implementation in Florida

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) would like to thank you for your continued leadership to bring relief to counties through the CARES Act implementation. While the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) has provided substantial aid to local governments, as you are aware the CRF does not cover the entirety of Florida's counties. **Only 12 counties and one city (Jacksonville/Duval) in the third largest state in the country has received funding from this portion of the CARES Act legislation. There are 55 county and 410 municipal government bodies that did not receive funding.** FAC, jointly with the Florida League of Cities (FLC), has expressed this concern with Governor DeSantis and requested that the state allocate funding from the unspent portion of funds reserved for local governments (45% of state allocation) to these remaining local governments. Local governments and the communities they serve, both big and small, have been financially impacted by this pandemic. We fear that the necessary and authorized potential economic relief programs, as well as other important services that local governments provide to the citizens of Florida will also be impacted negatively. We are one Florida and it is our hope that through congressional efforts and the state doing their fair share that all local governments will receive this critically needed funding.

FAC/FLC Joint Letter to Governor

CARES Act FL Funding Allocations

Counties on the Frontline Report

National Association of Counties Call to Action

On May 22, FAC joined the National Association of Counties (NACo) by signing on to a letter urging Senate leadership for support and cooperation for a new round of direct, flexible aid for local governments of all sizes. On May 15, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the [Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions \(HEROES\) Act \(H.R. 6800\)](#). Last week, Sens. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) [introduced](#) the State and Municipal Assistance for Recovery and Transition (SMART) Act in the Senate, and Reps. Mikie Sherrill (D-N.J.) and Tom Reed (R-N.Y.) cosponsored the bill in the House. These bills include flexible funding to counties of all sizes. To view NACo's letter to Senate leadership, please click [here](#).

Florida Counties Continued Response to COVID-19

Pandemic

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC), continues to focus on Coronavirus pandemic and its impact to local government. We are continuing to track counties and how they are operating during this time. Our COVID-19 website contains all information relating to Florida's 67 counties including ordinances and orders, local state of emergency declarations, curfews and reopening information. FAC has also hosted a series of COVID-19 related webinars to keep our members informed of federal and state issues. Please visit the [website](#) for all things pertaining to Florida counties during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here](#) to visit the website.



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for CONTACT US, FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, ABOUT, EDUCATION, COVID-19 RESOURCES, and SIGNATURE INITIATIVES. The main heading is COVID-19 RESOURCES. Below this, there is a section for COVID-19 COUNTY RESPONSE DASHBOARD with a virus particle graphic. The Public Meetings section displays three metrics: Regular BOCC Meetings (55 Counties), Meeting in Person (38 Counties), and Meeting Remotely (33 Counties). Two data tables are provided: 'What virtual format is your county using?' and 'How are citizens able to provide public comments?'. The right sidebar contains links to Governor's Executive Orders, County COVID-19 Websites, County COVID-19 Policies & Orders, State Agency COVID-19 Orders, FAC Updates, Spreadsheet of FAC's Data (updated daily at noon), Webinars, and Counties on the Frontline Report.

Public Meetings

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| Regular BOCC Meetings | Meeting in Person | Meeting Remotely |
| 55 Counties | 38 Counties | 33 Counties |

What virtual format is your county using?

| Choices | Percentage | Count |
|----------------------|------------|-------|
| Other | 35.82% | 24 |
| Zoom | 29.85% | 20 |
| Facebook Live | 17.91% | 12 |
| GoTo Meeting/Webinar | 10.45% | 7 |
| No answer | 10.45% | 7 |
| YouTube Live | 8.96% | 6 |
| Total Entries | | 67 |
| Unanswered | | 6 |

How are citizens able to provide public comments?

| Choices | Percentage | Count |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Other | 35.82% | 24 |
| Email | 28.36% | 19 |
| Through electronic chat function | 19.40% | 13 |
| In person | 17.91% | 12 |
| No answer | 5.97% | 4 |
| They cannot | 1.49% | 1 |
| Total Entries | | 67 |
| Unanswered | | 12 |

Orders and Policies

Florida Counties Prepare for Hurricane Season

June 1 marks the start of the 2020 hurricane season. While counties continue to respond to COVID-19, they are quickly developing parallel plans for preparing and responding to any major storm event. What will be particularly challenging this year is how best to accommodate evacuees needing shelter space. Due to social distancing protocols, host shelters will have to function much differently and their capacity numbers will be

reduced. This will inevitably put pressure on counties and local school districts to open more shelter facilities or rely on non-congregate shelter options, such as hotels. Either way, counties will remain on the frontline to protect their communities and will rely on the strong federal-state partnership to support their efforts.

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