Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a new strain that was discovered in 2019 and has not been previously identified in humans. Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. Standard recommendations to prevent infection spread include regular hand washing, covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, thoroughly cooking meat and eggs. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

The World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, declared the rapidly spreading coronavirus outbreak a pandemic. Further, they acknowledged that the virus will likely spread to all countries on the globe.

Indian River County Status (3/30/20):
There are 24 confirmed cases in Indian River County.
- Men: 14, Women: 10
- Deaths: 0
- Hospitalizations: 2
- Age Range: 25 to 84
- Average Age: 57

Florida Status (3/30/20):
There are 5,473 positive cases in Florida (50 counties) and 63 deaths. (FDOH)
- Governor DeSantis is ordering a unified “safer at home” policy for South Florida.
- The Florida Surgeon General issued a Public Safety Alert on Saturday urging all to stay home if 65 and over or have medical conditions.
- Visitors from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Louisiana, and other hotspots must self-isolate for 14 days pursuant to EOC 20-80.
- DEP has closed all Florida State Parks to the public effective Monday, March 23 until further notice.
- All beach access points on the Treasure Coast are closed (Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River) until further notice.
- The Florida Department of Health has a dedicated COVID-19 call center: (866) 779-6121. The call center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The Florida Department of Health has a dedicated e-mail for inquiries: COVID-19@flhealth.gov.
U.S. Status (3/30/20):
There are 144,672 cases in the United States (in 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands) and 2,575 total deaths.

- President Donald Trump extended the voluntary national shutdown until April 30.
- Fifty TSA screening officers and 19 additional TSA employees across the United States have tested positive for coronavirus in the last two weeks, including two from the Orlando International Airport. Those officers represented 18 airports in 14 states across the nation.
- The U.S. has become the epicenter of the global pandemic overtaking China and Italy.
- President Trump has signed a $2 trillion stimulus package Friday. Its key elements include sending checks directly to individuals and families, a major expansion of unemployment benefits and financial assistance for small businesses.
- The USNS Mercy, a 1,000-bed Navy hospital ship, arrived Friday at the Port of Los Angeles to treat non-coronavirus patients from area hospitals. A second Navy hospital ship, the USNS Comfort, with 1,000 beds, 12 operating rooms and a full medical staff, arrived at Manhattan's Pier 90 in New York today.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a coronavirus test that can provide results in less than 15 minutes. The test's maker, Abbott, said it expects to deliver 50,000 tests per day beginning next week.
- Disneyland and Disney World has announced they are going to stay closed until further notice. It is reported that Disney stands to lose $13 million per day from the U.S. closures alone.
- New York City is the epicenter for cases in the United States. More than 21,000 NYC residents are sick with coronavirus. A nurse from Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City is among the 280 dead.
- The Federal Government has activated the US National Guard in three of the hardest hit states – California, Washington and New York.
- U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams advised that, “…this week, it’s going to get bad.” Further he advised this morning that “Everyone needs to stay home.”
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans (up to $2 million) for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19. Upon a request received from a state’s or territory’s Governor, SBA will issue an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.

World Status (3/30/20):
There are 745,308 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the world and 35,307 deaths.
(FDOH Data and Surveillance Dashboard March 30, 2020)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND OTHER LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Department of Revenue Order of Emergency Waiver #20-52-DOR-002 – Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes.
Department of Revenue Order of Emergency Waiver #20-52-DOR-001 – Property tax extension from March 31, 2020 to April 15, 2020.

President Donald Trump – Approve Florida Disaster Declaration for Crisis Counseling for affected individuals in all areas in the State of Florida.

President Donald Trump Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning COVID-19

Supreme Court of Florida Administrative Order No. AOSC20-17 – Extends no jury activities and no non-essential court hearings until April 17, 2020.

Executive Order 20-87 – Governor DeSantis signed order to suspend vacation rental operations in Florida.

Executive Order 20-86 - Governor DeSantis signed order persons entering Florida from an area of substantial community spread to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entering the state of Florida by roadways.

Executive Order 2020-83 – Governor DeSantis signed order regarding protective measures for vulnerable populations, gatherings of private citizens, and density of the workforce. Florida Department of Health Public Health Advisory - Florida Surgeon General and State Health Officer, Scott A. Rivkees, M.D., issued a public health advisory to protect the public health and safety by issuing Protective Measures for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce.

Executive Order 2020-82 – Governor DeSantis signed order regarding isolation of individuals traveling to Florida.
Executive Order 2020-80 – Governor DeSantis signed order mandating airport screening and isolation.

Executive Order 2020-72 – Governor DeSantis signed order prohibiting all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices and other health care practitioners’ office in the State of Florida from providing any medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedure or surgery.

Executive Order 2020-71 – Governor DeSantis signed order suspending alcohol sales for consumption on premises, suspends all food and restaurants in Florida to close on-premises food consumption for customers, closes gyms and fitness centers.

Executive Order 2020-70 – Governor DeSantis signed order requiring restaurants in Palm Beach and Broward counties that seat more than ten people to discontinue offering eat-in service.

Executive Order 2020-69 – Governor DeSantis signed order suspends statutes requiring an in person quorum for government meetings and allows local governments to utilize communications media technology.

Executive Order 2020-68 – Governor DeSantis signed order suspending liquor licenses for bars, limiting groups gathering on beaches, limiting restaurant occupancy and requiring restaurants to screen employees for COVID-19.

Executive Order 2020-52 – Governor Ron DeSantis signed order declaring a State of Emergency.

Executive Order 2020-51 – Governor DeSantis signed order establishing Coronavirus Response Protocol and directed the State Surgeon General to issue a Public Health Emergency.

FL Department of Business and Professional Regulation DBPR EO No. 2020-03 – Executive Order related to applications for permits, licenses, rates, and other approvals.

FL Department of Business and Professional Regulation DBPR EO No. 2020-02 – Executive Order related to extended shelf life for PPE.

FL Department of Business and Professional Regulation DBPR EO No. 2020-01 – Executive Order Extending license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal deadlines.

FL Division of Emergency Management 20-006 – Visitation Limits at Residential, Skilled Nursing and Long-term Care Facilities.

FL Division of Emergency Management 20-005 – Emergency Order Suspending Florida Statutes limiting who can visit facilities in Broward County.

FL Division of Emergency Management 20-004 – Emergency Order Suspending Florida Statutes for the purpose of allowing school districts to adjust school calendars as needed.

FL Division of Emergency Management 20-003 – Emergency Order Designating Deputy Director Kevin Guthrie as a Deputy State Coordinating Officer.

FL Division of Emergency Management 20-002 – Emergency Order Suspending Florida Statutes for the purpose of prohibiting certain individuals from visiting facilities.

FL Division of Emergency Management 20-001 – Emergency Order Suspending Florida Statutes that prevent or hinder necessary action by the Division in coping with COVID-19 emergency.

FL Department of Health DOH No. 20-003 – Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19

FL Department of Health DOH No. 20-002 – Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19

FL Department of Health DOH No. 20-001 – Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19

Governor DeSantis Activates Emergency Bridge Loan Program for Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19.

Florida’s anti-price-gouging law – Triggered by Governor DeSantis’ emergency declaration March 9.
### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BATTLE RYTHYM

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### PUBLIC INFORMATION HOT LINES
- Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Call Center: Open 24/7 (866) 779-6121
- Indian River County Emergency Information Center: Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily (772) 226-4000
- Have Symptoms? Call Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital Nurse Triage Line from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. Call 772-226-4846. After a questionnaire and if the individual meets the criteria, they will be given an appointment to go through their drive-thru testing center.
- Department of Health Indian River Call Center: M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (772) 794-7411
- School District of IRC at-home Learning Helpline 8:am-7pm M-F (772) 564-6085
- School District of IRC Student Services Helpline (student mental health/wellbeing)8:am-7pm M-F (772) 564-6199
- Florida’s Price Gouging Hotline (866) 966-7726 or [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com)

### ESF 5 (Information & Planning)
- The Better Business Bureau has issued a scam alert regarding the proposed federal stimulus checks. The BBB has received reports of people contacted through text message, social media posts and messages, and phone calls. More information on these scams and how to avoid them can be found at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).
- Governor DeSantis announced today that he is suspending state rules preventing law enforcement, emergency management, and health care retirees with state pensions from returning to work within one year of their retirement.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management announced that they have received a significant number of COVID-19 collection kits.
- Initial model runs for the continuance of COVID-19 are pushing the peak to go beyond April and late May.
- More deliveries of PPE are expected to arrive today at the Indian River County EOC.
- Piper Aircraft has announced that they will begin making more than 1,000 face shields daily to help support the medical staff at Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital. They also donated more than 1,300 N-95 masks to the hospital.
- Governor Ron DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin. The survey can be taken online at [https://floridadisaster.biz/](https://floridadisaster.biz/).
- The annual statewide hurricane exercise has been cancelled for this year.
- President Donald Trump – Florida Disaster Declaration for Crisis Counseling for affected individuals in all areas in the State of Florida.
- Indian River County’s temporary community staging area located in the warehouse behind the EOC is ready and awaiting shipments from the Florida Division of Emergency Management. IR Fire-Rescue is serving as our Logistics Section.
- Orders submitted to FDEM for PPE and other supplies are expected today or tomorrow. Distribution will begin once orders are sorted.
Chief Stone will start providing weekly press briefings in the Indian River County EOC media room on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. This will start tomorrow, March 27.

A media report will be prepared by IRCEM and distributed to the press on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays, beginning Monday, March 30.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management is coordinating with suppliers and confirms that there are no supply chain issues. Suppliers are trying to move product as fast as they can. If fact, many retail outlets have increased their staff to assist with stocking shelves.

Many retailers have announced special hours for senior citizens, those with disabilities, and compromised immune systems (Walmart, Sam’s Club, Publix and Target. See their websites for specific hours.)

DEP has closed all Florida State Parks to the public effective Monday, March 23 until further notice.

The Attorney General’s Office has activated the Price Gouging Hotline for all consumers in Florida. Concerned residents with price gouging issues can call (866) 9NO-SCAM to make a report. Commodities currently covered by price gouging laws include protective masks, sanitizing, and disinfectants.

The Japanese Prime Minister and International Olympic Committee agree to postpone the Olympic Games by about one year.

Due to school closings, the FBI reports that children will potentially have an increased online presence and/or be in a position that puts them at an inadvertent risk. Due to this newly development environment, the FBI is seeking to warn parents, educators, caregivers, and children about the dangers of online sexual exploitation and signs of child abuse.

Governor DeSantis submitted a Request for Major Disaster Declaration to the White House. The request includes certain programs under Individual Assistance: Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Community Disaster Loans, and the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Program (D-SNAP) as a result of the COVID-19 response. To date, only the Crisis Counseling has been approved.

United Way has established the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, a dedicated resource for working families affected by this crisis. UWIRLC leaders recognize the potential for economic impact, particularly affecting hospitality and service industry workers, is high. The organizations that serve populations in need every day will find themselves under-resourced and facing growing demand. Additionally, the community will be encouraged to work together to find new and innovative ways to provide essential services. United Way and their partners are working to identify those critical needs and resource gaps to best determine an appropriate response. This fund will support local organizations and the individuals and families they serve who are affected by this crisis. The Indian River County COVID-19 Community Response Fund has been launched with a board designation from our Disaster Response fund. United Way will seek donations from other organizations and individuals in the weeks ahead. Funding will be distributed to organizations across the county best positioned to meet the emerging needs resulting from this crisis.

The following funding is available through the United Way COVID-19 Community Response Fund:

- **Rent Assistance:** TC Homeless Services Council (772) 567-7790 or www.tchelpspot.org
- **Utilities Assistance:** Economic Opportunities Council (772) 562-4177 or www.eocofirc.net
- **Food Access Assistance:**
  - United Against Poverty (772) 564-9365 or www.upirc.org
  - TC Food Bank (772) 489-3034 or www.stophunger.org
  - Food Pantry of IRC (772) 770-2068 or www.foodpantryirc.org
- **Pick-up Food Assistance:**
  - The Source (772) 564-0202 or www.iamthesource.org
  - Salvation Army (772) 978-0265 or www.Salvationarmyflorida.org/verobeach
- **Diapers and Formula Assistance:**
  - Buggy Bunch (772) 226-0467 or www.thebuggybunch.com
  - CareNet Pregnancy Center (772) 569-7939 or www.carenetirc.org
- Effective March 22 at normal closing time all City of Vero Beach and Indian River County beach access points will be closed to the public until further notice.
• The Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center activated to a Level 1 (Full) activation on March 14, 2020.

• The Indian River County Emergency Information Center (EIC) was activated on Thursday, March 19, 2020. The Emergency Information Center to serve as a source to the public for rumor control. The schedule is currently 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 7-days a week, until further notice. The Call-Center script was updated on March 20. The EIC number is (772) 226-4000.

• Emergency Information Center Calls to Date: 1,749

• The Indian River County Emergency Operations Center was activated to a Level 2 “virtual” activation on Saturday, March 21, 2020. ESFs #4 (Firefighting), #8 (Public Health), #11 (Food & Water), #14 (Public Information Officer), and #16 (Law Enforcement) were activated. A daily call-in schedule has been established as 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

• Indian River County EM is supporting resource requests from law enforcement, assisted living facilities and nursing homes and submitting them to the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Mission Status (as of March 30):
• 48 Tasked
• 34 Partially complete
• 7 Completed (one was a state mission)

Mission Breakdown
• 71 – Health care facilities
  • 37 Assisted Living Facilities
  • 4 Memory care facilities
  • 12 Nursing homes
  • Home health care agencies
  • Hospice
  • Visiting Nurses Association
• 2 IRC Emergency Services
• 11 Law enforcement
• 1 DOH
• 4 State missions

ESF 14 (Public Information Officer)
• Indian River County Emergency Management (Chief Stone) will start providing weekly press briefings in the Indian River County EOC media room on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. This will start tomorrow, March 27.
• A media report will be prepared by IRCEM and distributed to the press on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays, beginning Monday, March 30.
• The Florida Department of Health issues updates through their Joint Information Center twice daily (11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.). Contact (850) 815-4940 or email ESF14@em.myflorida.com.
• For local media inquiries, call Stacy Brock at (772) 794-7479 or email stacy.brock@flhealth.gov.
### RECOMMENDED RESOURCE LINKS AND CONTACTS

2. Department of Health Indian River County: http://indianriver.floridahealth.gov/
8. The Florida Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline call center: 866-779-6121. The call center is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Inquiries may also be send by e-mail COVID-19@flhealth.gov.
10. FDOH COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard: https://fdoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/8d0de33f260d444c852a615dc7837c86

### PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

- Florida Governor DeSantis, by Executive Order 20-83, is urging all persons over 65 years of age to stay home and to take other actions as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- The CDC recommends people who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and have symptoms of fever, cough or difficulty breathing should call their health care provider or county health department immediately and self-isolate.
  - The Department of Health Indian River County hotline 772-794-7400. M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (772) 794-7411
  - **Have Symptoms?** Call Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital Nurse Triage Line from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. Call 772-226-4846. After a questionnaire and if the individual meets the criteria, they will be given an appointment to go through their drive-thru testing center.
  - **Additionally, everyone is encouraged to:**
    1. Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
    2. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
    3. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
    4. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
    5. Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.
Incident Graphics:

**Florida numbers**
**March 30, 2020**

![Florida map and statistics]

**Worldwide distribution of cases**
**March 30, 2020**
**745,308 confirmed cases**

![Global distribution map]

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**Disclaimer for USA and World Data:**
Data for states and countries (as shown below) comes from a public service maintained by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE).

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Tad Stone
Title:
Emergency Management Director
Date/Time:
March 30, 2020 2:00 p.m.