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[Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Confirmed cases in FL residents: 21,865

Hospital admissions: 3,249

Total cases: 22,519

Deaths: 614

Total tests: 215,521

Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) [Daily Report as of April 15, 5PM](#)
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) [Hospital Beds Census and Staffed Availability Crosstabs](#)

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Florida State Action

April 15

Governor moves unemployment assistance under DMS (see separate PDF)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor DeSantis announced during a COVID-19 press conference that he is moving the unemployment assistance program from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to the Department of Management Services (DMS), which acts as the administrative arm of the state.

April 10

[State requests waiver to allow SNAP recipients to purchase groceries online](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – On April 10, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) requested a federal waiver to permit the State of Florida to launch a pilot project that will allow Florida families to purchase groceries online with their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card.

[Governor extends vacation rental ban](#)

Executive Order 20-103 extends the vacation rental ban (EO 20-87) through April 30th.

[Governor announces loosened testing restrictions; more daily testing coming next week](#)

April 8

[Governor suspends Pasco County municipal elections](#)

Executive Order 20-97 orders the suspension of the April 14, 2020 elections in San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills.

April 7

[State announces actions to make reemployment assistance more user friendly](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced multiple actions taken to improve the ability for Floridians to access the Reemployment Assistance program, including the use of paper applications and free printing and mailing of those applications through FedEx locations across the state.

April 6

[Supreme Court issues emergency procedures for state courts](#)

Administrative Order 20-23 directs judges and court personnel to maintain workflow by using technology to the maximum extent possible. All grand jury proceedings, jury selection proceedings, and criminal and civil jury trials remain suspended.

[Governor suspends doc stamp taxes for federal funds](#)

Executive Order 20-95 directs the Florida Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending the collection of doc stamp taxes for moneys businesses receive under the CARES Act SBA loan program, known as the Paycheck Protection Program.

April 2

[Governor suspends action on foreclosure, eviction](#)

Executive Order 20-94 suspends statutes providing for a mortgage foreclosure cause of action and eviction cause of action for 45 days.

[Governor orders state agency workers to help DEO with reemployment assistance](#)

Executive Order 20-93 directs agencies to have all available state personnel temporarily assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), to make alternate application formats available, and to immediately procure the necessary services to address problems with the current reemployment assistance program known as CONNECT.

[President Galvano releases memo on fiscal update for Florida](#)

President Galvano discusses Florida's \$2 billion in reserves and the expectation that the state will not need to adjust the current year budget, but that legislators will likely return to Tallahassee in fiscal year 2020-21 in order to appropriate federal funds.

April 1

[Governor amends safer-at-home order](#)

Executive Order 20-92 amends order 20-91 to note that the statewide order supersedes any conflicting local order.

[Governor issues statewide safer-at-home order](#)

Executive Order 20-91 requires that Florida residents stay home unless engaging in essential services or activities, with specific reference to [CISA "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce" version 2.0](#).

March 31

[Governor orders beaches in Palm Beach County, Broward remain closed](#)

Executive Order 20-90 requires all beaches remain closed in the counties of Palm Beach and Broward.

March 30

[Education Commissioner extends school closure through May 1st](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – On a call with district superintendents, Commissioner Richard Corcoran advised that districts should remain closed through May 1st. All districts were required to have their distance learning plans implemented as of today.

[Governor asks South Florida residents to stay home](#)

Executive Order 20-89 directs all residents in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties to stay home, in order to create consistency for the region.

[Governor makes changes to FRS for recent retirees](#)

Executive Order 20-88 waives certain requirements for recent retirees who are in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) if they are working in response to COVID-19.

March 27

[Governor prohibits vacation rentals, implements checkpoints for travelers](#)

Executive Order 20-87 suspends any new reservations for vacation rentals for the next 14 days.

Governor issues new guidelines for travelers coming into Florida

Executive Order 20-86 requires a 14 day quarantine for anyone coming into Florida from a state from an area of community spread, including Louisiana, and including travel by car or other transportation. Law enforcement is directed to set up checkpoints on roads coming into the state and to provide information on COVID-19.

March 26

Governor allows telehealth, immunizations for state group health insurance

Executive Order 20-85 directs DMS to amend state employee health plan benefits to include telehealth services at no additional cost and to waive costs for influenza vaccinations, effective immediately.

March 24

Governor directs Surgeon General to issue public health advisories

Executive Order 20-83 directs Surgeon General Rivkees to issue public health advisories to those 65 and older or anyone who has underlying medical conditions, warning of the dangers of gathering in groups of 10 or more, and asking people to work from home when feasible.

Governor expands on New York area quarantine requirement

Executive Order 20-82 adds anyone who is covered by this order must inform anyone they have contact with in the last 21 days of their travel to prevent community spread.

March 23

Governor orders 14 day quarantine for all New York area travelers

Executive Order 20-80 requires any air travelers to Florida from the New York tri-state area (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) must be screened upon arrival and quarantined for 14 days.

March 20

Governor orders prohibition on elective and non-emergency surgeries

Executive Order 20-72 directs physicians and healthcare professionals to stop performing any medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedures which, if delayed, would not harm patients.

[Governor orders closure of all gyms and fitness centers statewide; prohibits food and alcohol consumption on-premises](#)

Executive Order 20-71 directs all gyms and fitness centers to close statewide. Additionally, it requires all food and alcohol sold in restaurants be consumed off-premises.

[Governor orders movie theatres, bowling alleys, gyms and in more to close in Broward and Palm Beach counties](#)

Executive Order 20-70 directs all movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches to close in Broward County and Palm Beach County.

[Governor creates flexibility for local governments to meet virtually](#)

Executive Order 20-69 suspends the requirement that municipal governing bodies have a quorum in person or meet at a specific location to take action and allows municipal governing bodies to meet via telecommunications.

March 19

[Florida lawmakers approve \\$25 million for direct costs to contain coronavirus](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Legislators came back to Tallahassee Thursday to sign the state budget. Now it heads to the Governor’s desk.

[Florida state offices ordered closed to public as infections in Florida rise](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Department of Management Services' (DMS) new policy requires a state-issued employee ID badge to enter the offices of the Departments of Children and Families, Education, Health, and others at least until April 19.

March 17

[Governor DeSantis requests that schools remain closed through April 15th](#)

All PreK-12 school testing canceled this year and no school grades.

[Governor DeSantis orders all bars, nightclubs, breweries to close for 30 days](#)

Restaurants restricted to no more than 50% capacity. Groups are limited to 10 people at restaurants, beaches, and patrons must distance themselves by at least 6 feet.

[Gov. DeSantis calls for Florida universities to do online classes through rest of spring semester](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis says all state universities will continue online classes only through the remainder of the spring semester.

[CMS Approves First State Request for 1135 Medicaid Waiver in Florida](#)

On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation a national emergency. This bold action enables the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive certain requirements in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP under Section 1135 authority. This includes the ability to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities, and states may now submit Section 1135 waiver requests for CMS approval that will remove administrative burdens and expand access to needed services. Shortly after the President's declaration, Florida became the first state to submit a Section 1135 waiver request in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.

March 16

[Governor Ron DeSantis Thanks Legislature for Taking Swift Action to Make Nearly \\$28 Million in Federal Funds Available for COVID-19 Response](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis thanked members of the Florida Legislature for providing the necessary resources to address the state's ongoing response to COVID-19. The Legislature's action will support the Florida Department of Health's ability to receive new funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

[Governor Ron DeSantis Activates Emergency Bridge Loan Program for Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will provide short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced economic injury from COVID-19. The application period opens tomorrow, March 17, 2020 and runs through May 8, 2020.

[Surgeon General Rivkees issues emergency order DOH 20-002](#)

Allows health care professionals licensed in any U.S. state or territory to practice in Florida, including telehealth, for 30 days.

March 14

[Governor DeSantis announces a ban on visiting nursing homes for 30 days to slow coronavirus spread](#)

TALLAHASSEE - Gov. Ron DeSantis, while contending that many Florida residents are not at risk of getting the coronavirus, announced on Saturday a 30-day ban on visits to nursing homes as he acknowledged that the virus is spreading through some communities.

March 13

[Governor DeSantis announces all Florida public schools to close for 2 weeks to limit coronavirus spread](#)

TAMPA, Fla. - Public schools across Florida will be closed for two weeks to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The Florida Department of Education announced Friday evening that all schools would be shut down for the weeks of March 16-20 and March 23-27.

March 12

[Governor Ron DeSantis Activates Emergency Business Damage Assessment Survey for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, 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.

[Florida Office of Financial Regulation \(OFR\) Provides Guidance to Florida Securities Professionals Regarding COVID-19](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. - The Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) today provided guidance to Florida’s securities professionals regarding the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

[Florida Office of Financial Regulation \(OFR\) Provides Guidance to Florida State-Chartered Financial Institutions Regarding COVID-19](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. - The Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) today provided informational guidance to Florida’s financial institutions regarding the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

March 9

[Governor DeSantis issues Executive Order No. 20-52 which designates the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for COVID-19](#)

March 1

[Governor DeSantis issues Executive Order 20-51](#)

Directs Surgeon General Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to better equip Florida with the resources needed to handle this public health threat

Florida Local Action

April 14

[Leon County reinstates nightly curfew, 11pm to 5am, effective Wednesday](#)

[Tampa Mayor announces crisis relief fund for residents](#)

TAMPA, Fla. - Today, Mayor Jane Castor announced the One Tampa: Relief Now, Rise Together fund and its first relief plan in partnership with the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and The Tampa Bay Chamber. This initial relief fund will provide direct rent, mortgage, or utility payments for one month, up to \$1250 for eligible individuals and families, and \$5000 for businesses.

[St. Pete closing tennis courts, dog parks; expanding relief fund](#)

St. Petersburg, Fla. – Mayor Kriseman announced additional closures of public gathering places, including tennis courts, pickle ball courts, dog parks, and skate parks. He also announced a second phase of grant funding through the city's Fighting Chance Fund.

April 13

[Hillsborough enacts overnight curfew, vote Thursday to require masks](#)

TAMPA, Fla. – Effective immediately, all residents must be inside their homes from 9pm to 5am daily. The county's Emergency Policy Group will take a formal vote on Thursday, April 16th, on Mayor Jane Castor's idea to require everyone wear face masks when conducting essential business.

April 10

[Broward requires face masks when obtaining essential services](#)

Emergency Order 20-07 requires essential workers to wear masks in public and for the public to wear masks when obtaining essential services.

April 9

[Miami-Dade requires face masks inside stores, essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-20 requires use of face masks for anyone working at or visiting grocery stores, pharmacies, or using public transit, rideshare, and more.

[Broward amends non-essential business orders](#)

Emergency Order 2020-06 amends the non-essential business closure requirements pursuant to the Governor's Exec. Order 20-91 and Miami-Dade Emergency Order 07-20.

[Miami-Dade issues amendment to EO 14-20 regarding building code inspection services](#)

April 6

[Broward extends state of emergency declaration](#)

This emergency order extends the state of emergency declaration for seven days.

April 4

[Miami-Dade asks residents to wear masks outside the home](#)

Emergency Order 19-20 encourages all resident to wear a cloth facial covering consistent with the current CDC guidelines, including cloth masks, when outside their home. Effective immediately.

[Miami-Dade orders mandatory twice-daily reporting by hospitals](#)

Emergency Order 18-20 requires each hospital to report on a daily basis by 10:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., the following information stated in this order to the County, which includes data on general acute beds, ICU beds, ventilators, and more. Effective April 4th at 11:59 p.m.

April 3

[Broward closes pools, hot tubs; requires social distancing at essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-05 requires social distancing at all essential businesses or when engaging in essential activities, and closure of all pools, pool decks, hot tubs, golf courses, tennis courts, gyms, fitness centers, etc whether commercial or not. Effective April 4th.

April 2

[Miami-Dade orders changes for restaurants, closes salad bars](#)

Emergency Order 17-20 orders essential commercial and retail establishments that provide unpackaged food for consumption to limit capacity and monitor entrances and exits in areas where food is sold. Also orders closing of salad bars, self-serve food stations (except pre-packaged grab and go items) and encourages sanitary practices for employees and customers.

April 1

[Miami-Dade extends state of emergency](#)

Emergency Order 16-20 extends the declaration of local state of emergency for seven days, beginning on April 1.

[Amendment to EO 16-20](#)

March 31

[Miami-Dade bans access of common use amenities including pools, golf courses](#)

Emergency Order 15-20 requires all common use amenities, whether commercial or non-commercial, to close temporarily. These include pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, golf courses, and more.

March 30

[Broward extends state of emergency](#)

This emergency order extends the declaration of local state of emergency for seven days, beginning on March 31.

[Jacksonville halts new hotel reservations](#)

Emergency Order 2020-4 prohibits hotels from accepting new reservations except from “essential lodgers.” This does not apply to vacation rentals.

[City of Miami requests condos make changes to prevent social spread](#)

Miami is urging condominium homeowners associations and management companies to close common areas and amenities, drain pools, move to virtual meetings, and perform extensive cleaning.

[Broward issues EO 20-04, which updates stay at home order regarding boats, real estate activities](#)

[Hillsborough amends “safer at home” order](#)

March 28

[Miami-Dade relaxes requirements for county employees](#)

Emergency Order 14-20 suspends all laws, statutes, codes, and regulations relating to county employees performing building code functions and adopts emergency procedures for construction moving forward.

[Amendment to EO 14-20](#)

March 27

[Miami-Dade asks essential businesses to enforce social distancing](#)

Emergency Order 13-20 requires essential businesses to make all efforts to maintain social distancing, such as using visible markers to keep residents six feet away from each other.

March 26

[Orange County issues stay at home order](#)

Emergency Order 2020-05 is a "Stay at Home" order, ordering all non-essential retail and commercial businesses to close and all residents to stay home from non-essential travel

[City of Miami issues 10pm to 5am curfew](#)

Residents are required to be home from 10pm to 5am nightly. Exceptions include medical emergencies, travel to/from essential workplaces, dog walking within 250 feet of residents' homes, and food delivery services.

[Hillsborough County issues "safer at home" order](#)

The emergency order directs residents to stay at home as much as possible twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, except for engaging in essential activities.

[Amendment to "safer at home" order](#)

[Broward issues "safer at home" order](#)

Emergency Order 20-03 directs residents to shelter-in-place, with the exception of engaging in essential activities, effective March 27.

[Amendment to EO 20-03 \(listed as EO 20-04\)](#)

March 25

[Pinellas County issues "safer at home" order](#)

The emergency order asks residents to stay home except for engaging in essential activities, effective March 26 at 12pm.

[Miami-Dade urges older residents, those with medical issues to stay home](#)

Emergency Order 11-20 urges persons over 65 years of age or who have a serious underlying medical condition to stay home and take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

[Osceola County issues stay at home order](#)

Emergency Order 2 directs all non-essential businesses to close and residents to stay at home, except for those engaging in essential workplace activities, seeking medical help,

March 24

[City of Miami orders residents to shelter-in-place](#)

Emergency Order 20-04 asks residents to stay at home unless they are seeking goods and services from essential retail and commercial establishments.

[Miami-Dade prohibits public gatherings of 10 or more](#)

Emergency Order 10-20 prohibits groups more than 10 people from gathering in public. Lists specific and essential service exemptions.

[Orange County issues “Stay at Home” order](#)

Emergency Order 2020-04 directs residents to stay at home, ordering all non-essential retail and commercial businesses to close and all residents to stay home from non-essential travel, with exceptions, effective March 26th at 11pm.

[Amendment to EO 202-04](#)

[Leon County issues stay at home at home order and curfew of 11pm to 5am](#)

Issued jointly by the City of Tallahassee and Leon County, the order asks that residents stay at home with the exception of traveling to work, outdoor recreational activities, and going to the grocery store, effective March 25th. Police have the authority to disperse groups of 10 or more.

March 23

[Miami Beach issues “safer-at-home” order](#)

Emergency Order 3-23-20 directs all residents to stay at home, effective March 24th. Exceptions include engaging in essential retail and commercial activities, attending religious services, outdoor recreational activities, and more, so long as residents maintain social distancing efforts.

[Broward County closes libraries, parks, and makes changes to public transportation](#)

Emergency Order 20-02 indicates that libraries are already closed as of March 19th and requires all parks to close and certain social distancing changes to go into effect for public transportation as of March 24th.

[Alachua County issues shelter-in-place and closure of non-essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-09 requires that all non-essential business and operations must cease. All places of public assembly are closed to the public. People should not leave their homes except for essential activity.

[Jacksonville asks businesses to allow employees to work from home](#)

Emergency Order 2020-3 asks businesses to allow their employees to work from home, if at all possible. This goes into effect Tuesday morning, March 24th at 8am.

March 22

[Broward County closes all non-essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-01 directs all non-essential retail and commercial business to close down, effective March 23rd. This does not apply to healthcare providers and public health operations, grocery stores, banks, transportation operations, childcare centers, and more.

[Palm Beach County orders all marinas, boat ramps closed](#)

Emergency Order 1 requires all boat ramps, marinas, and boat docks to close. Prohibits public use of any islands, sandbars, and intracoastal lands. Exception for commercial fishing operations.

[Amendment to EO 1](#)

March 21

[Miami-Dade prohibits new reservations on hotels, AirBnB](#)

Emergency Order 09-20 says hotels, motels, short-term vacation rentals and other commercial lodging establishments shall not accept new reservations for persons other than essential lodgers.

[Amendment to EO 09-20](#)

[Miami Dade prohibits all rafting](#)

Emergency Order 08-20 prohibits all rafting, i.e. watercraft tied together in close proximity, except in the case of rescuing passengers or towing an inoperable boat.

March 20

[Jacksonville closing all Duval County beaches](#)

Mayor Lenny Curry along with Beaches' Mayors direct all Duval County beaches to close, effective 5pm Friday.

[Orange County issues a curfew of 11pm to 5am](#)

Emergency Order 2020-03 directs residents to stay at home between the hours of 11pm and 5am daily, effective March 20th.

March 19

[Pinellas County moves to close beaches for two weeks](#)

TAMPA, Fla. – Amid growing concerns of coronavirus, Pinellas County Commissioners vote to close beaches for two weeks, starting at 11:59pm Friday.

[City Of Jacksonville Adds COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site In Collaboration With Baptist Health And Telescope Health](#)

[Miami-Dade County Mayor orders all non-essential retail and commercial businesses to close](#)

Effective 9 p.m. Thursday. Does not apply to businesses that provide food, shelter, healthcare, social services, business supplies, or childcare centers who are now under certain restrictions.

[Amendment to EO 07-20](#)

[Amendment 2 to EO 07-20](#)

[Amendment 3 to EO 07-20](#)

[Miami-Dade Mayor closes all parks and beaches](#)

Emergency Order 06-20 requires all beaches, parks, and recreational centers—publicly or privately owned—to close.

[Amendment to EO 06-20](#)

[Amendment 2 to EO 06-20](#)

[Amendment 3 to EO 06-20](#)

March 18

[City of Tampa announces all public beaches closed](#)

[Clearwater City Commission votes to close all beaches for two weeks starting March 23rd](#)

[City of Tampa to Launch Tampa Recovery Hotline for Social Recovery and Business Relief in the face of COVID-19](#)

March 17

Miami-Dade issues emergency orders closing all restaurant dining rooms (takeout and delivery only) and all bars, bowling alleys, movie theaters, gyms, fitness studios.

- **Groups larger than 10 not allowed on beaches, parks, or county recreation facilities**
- **Use of mopeds, scooters, bikes, motorized bikes not allowed on public roadways**

Miami Beach issues emergency order closing all public beaches and parks, sidewalk cafes, and city parking lots and garages

Curfew is in effect from 12pm to 5am. All restaurants, bars, pubs, breweries are closed for dining room service (takeout and delivery only). All movie theaters, arcades, live performances, gyms, and fitness centers are closed. All other non-essential businesses shall close by 10pm

Ft. Lauderdale announces all public gatherings more than 10 people are prohibited

All bars, pubs, night clubs shall close. All gyms and fitness studios shall close. All restaurants shall end dine-in customer service (takeout and delivery only). All beaches, city parks and recreational facilities are closed. All city commission meetings, public board meetings, sports leagues, and HOA meetings are postponed.

Town of Palm Beach orders curfew from 9pm to 6am

All public beaches and recreation facilities are closed.

March 16

Jacksonville Orders Establishments to Limit Attendance to no more than 50 people

Mayor Lenny Curry orders many establishments — including bars, restaurants, movie theaters and churches — to limit attendance to no more than 50 people as of 5 p.m. Monday.

City of St. Pete orders prohibition on public assemblies of larger than 50 people

Restaurants, bars, theaters, stadiums, bowling allies, athletic fields, arenas, gyms, and fitness centers must operate at no more than 50% capacity beginning March 17th.

City of Orlando announces all city-sponsored or hosted events with more than 10 people are canceled

South Florida Cities Announce Sweeping Restrictions

South Florida cities—including Miami, Miami Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach, Hallandale—announce sweeping restrictions on bars/restaurants, curfews, canceled public events, and beach closures.

[Tampa and St. Pete limit restaurants and bars to 50% capacity](#)

Tampa bars and restaurants must close by 10pm; last call for alcohol in St. Pete is 9 p.m.

[St. Pete joins other local governments in allowing city employees to work from home](#)

March 12

[Miami-Dade declares a local state of emergency](#)