



**Brevard County  
Emergency Operations Center  
Community Report # 20-021  
April 5, 2020, 6:00 PM**

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Incident Name  
**COVID-19**

Brevard County EOC Status  
 Level 1 – Full Activation

State of Florida EOC Status  
 Level 1 – Full Activation

**Current Event Status**

**Event Overview**

- **The pandemic currently affects over 183 countries, with more than 1,263,976 cases worldwide, including 331,234 cases in the United States**
- Residents may call 2-1-1 for up-to-date information between 8 AM and 6 PM daily
- The FDOH COVID-19 call center is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day at 1-866-779-6121, but is experiencing a large volume of calls. Another option is to email [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)

<b>COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING IN BREVARD COUNTY</b>	
<p><b>FDOH</b>            North, Central &amp; South locations</p> <p>Symptoms are a fever of 100.4+, cough, and shortness of breath</p> <p>Must meet <u>ONE</u> of the following criteria:            Symptomatic individuals who:            -Are age 65 and older            -Have underlying health conditions            -Are First Responders            -Have a prescription from a medical doctor</p> <p>To schedule an appointment, call 321-454-7141</p>	<p><b>OMNI HEALTHCARE</b>            Melbourne location</p> <p>Must meet <u>ONE</u> of the following criteria:            -First Responders            -Over 45 with one chronic illness            -Over 60 years old            -Healthcare workers            -Publix or Winn Dixie employee            -Low grade fever or cough</p> <p>To schedule an appointment, call 321-802-5515 or 321-727-1973 or visit <a href="http://www.COVID19testbrevard.com">www.COVID19testbrevard.com</a></p> <p><small>*Insurances will be billed for testing</small></p>

**Local Considerations**

- **Brevard County COVID-19 drive-through testing locations and criteria:**
  - **Florida Department of Health: north, central & south Brevard locations**
    - **Symptoms are fever of 100.4+, cough, and shortness of breath**
    - **Must be symptomatic and meet ONE of the following criteria: age 65 or older, have underlying health conditions, are a first responder, or have a prescription from a medical doctor**
    - **To schedule an appointment, call 321-454-7141**
  - **OMNI Healthcare: Melbourne location**
    - **Must meet ONE of the following criteria: first responder, over 45 with one chronic illness, over 60 years old, healthcare worker, Publix or Winn Dixie employee, low grade fever or cough**
    - **To schedule an appointment, call 321-802-5515 or 321-727-1973 or visit [www.covid19testbrevard.com](http://www.covid19testbrevard.com)**
    - **Insurances will be billed for testing**
- Brevard County issued an order to limit tourism and lodging:
  - Brevard County is closed to tourists and leisure visitors.

- Effective April 3, all hotels, motels, campgrounds, short-term (defined as less than 28 days) vacation rentals, and other transient rentals, to include marinas, recreational vehicle parks, and timeshares, shall cease renting to tourists for 30 days.
- The order does not apply to rentals to transitory military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, construction workers actively engaged in projects in Brevard County, and others working or engaged in formal business in Brevard County. A letter from the lodger's employer must indicate the purpose of the stay and must be presented at rental or lodging facility upon arrival.
- (Not COVID-related) A burn ban is in effect countywide due to the Keetch-Byram Drought Index exceeding 500. All of east central Florida now in moderate drought conditions, and the peak of Florida brushfire season is fast approaching.
- Retailers' announced hours dedicated for first responders and healthcare workers:
  - Winn-Dixie stores and pharmacies: Monday and Tuesday, 8 – 9 PM
- Retailers' announced hours dedicated for seniors:
  - Winn-Dixie stores and pharmacies: Monday – Friday, 8 – 9 AM
  - Publix stores and pharmacies: Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 – 8 AM
  - Walmart stores/pharmacies/vision centers: Tuesday, 6 – 7 AM
  - Walgreens: Tuesday, 8 – 9 AM, senior discounts offered all day
  - Target: Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8 – 9 AM
- BJ's Wholesale Club has announced new initiatives: employee temperature check upon shift entry; mask and glove availability to staff; \$2 hourly wage increase to staff; stores will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 12, to allow staff to rest and recharge; and overhead audio announcements to remind customers of social distancing instruction. BJ's now limits the number of members allowed inside clubs at one time. The number of members allowed in clubs varies by location based on the square footage of each club. No more than 20% of a club's total capacity will be allowed in the building at any given time.
- Space Coast Area Transit has waived all fares through April 30
- Eastern Florida State College:
  - All four EFSC campuses will remain closed for the rest of the spring term, students should not come to campus.
  - Special considerations are being made for a limited number of programs and labs. In those cases, strict social distancing guidelines shall be followed.
  - Student Services will be available remotely, including virtual one-on-one student meetings that may be necessary. [View our Student Services guide for details.](#)
  - Also read [updated Frequently Asked Questions](#) for important information.
  - Suspended in-person classes resumed March 30 in an online format for the rest of the Spring term.
- Brevard County Public Schools:
  - Food distribution sites were open weekdays from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at 27 schools last week, serving 205,156 meals to children ages 18 and younger. Click for [locations.](#)

- Brevard Public Schools has been identified as an essential service under the governor's stay-at-home order. Remote instruction, food service, and support operations will continue. BPS continues to implement remote-work and social distancing practices with staff.
- Distance learning will remain in effect until May 4.
- Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> is a planned student/teacher holiday and as such the feeding distribution sites will not be open.
- United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource guide can be found at <https://online.uwbrevard.org/servlet/eAndar.article/685/-19-COVIDCommunity-Resources>
- City of Cape Canaveral:
  - BCSO monitored beaches for CDC guideline compliance.
  - Noted peak attendance at approximately 450 +/- 50 people from Cocoa Beach Pier to Jetty Park. All individuals complied and no parking concerns to report.
  - Notices shall be posted at public beach access points to advise residents that beach activities are limited to participating in recreational activities (consistent with social distancing guidelines) such as walking, biking, hiking, fishing, running, or swimming. Beaches are closed to activities which violate the CDC social gathering and social distancing guidelines.
  - Additional information, click [here](#)
- City of Cocoa:
  - All City of Cocoa facilities closed to the public until further notice; select services are available on an appointment basis.
  - Additional information, click [here](#)
- **City of Cocoa Beach**
  - **Fire Dept assisted Police Dept Ag Marine unit in Banana River for speeding boaters and congregated groups on islands in the "Thousand Islands" area.**
  - **Police Dept patrolling City beaches**
- Town of Grant-Valkaria:
  - Town Hall is closed to the general public; essential services will continue; in-person meetings and services are discontinued until further notice.
- Town of Indialantic
  - Beaches are closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing, and swimming through April 30. Activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs, organized sports or lying on blankets and grouping of persons is not permitted. People will not be allowed to congregate on boardwalks and access areas. Compliance with the CDC recommendations regarding social distancing shall apply.
  - Beach parking and beach access parking will remain closed.
  - Town Hall, police, and fire departments remain closed to the public. Customer service continues by telephone or electronically.
- City of Indian Harbour Beach:
  - All exercise and playground equipment in City parks are closed.
  - All beach parking is restricted.

- Building permit applications can be submitted through e-mail at [building@indianharbour.org](mailto:building@indianharbour.org)
- Business Tax Receipt applications, fire inspections, alarm permits should be submitted electronically to the City Clerk, Sue Frank at [sfrank@indianharbour.org](mailto:sfrank@indianharbour.org)
- City of Melbourne:
  - Information can be found on our dedicated web page: <https://www.melbourneflorida.org/about/covid-19>
- Town of Melbourne Beach
  - Municipal Emergency Executive Order 2020-04 pertaining to beach restrictions was signed into effect. This order supersedes previous beach closure order (2020-03).
  - Order relays that public beaches in the Town of Melbourne Beach are now closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing and swimming. Activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs, organized sports or lying on blankets and grouping of persons is not permitted. People will not be allowed to congregate on boardwalks and access areas. Social distancing shall apply. When your activity is complete, you will be required to leave the beach area. This follows State of Florida Executive Order 20-91, Safer at Home, specifically Essential Activities and will apply until further notice. Beach parking and beach access parking will remain closed. Failure to comply with the Order may result in further restrictions being applied.
  - All annual fire inspections have been postponed until further notice.
  - All building inspections continue at the discretion of the Building Official on a case-by-case basis.
  - Police department lobby is closed; for non-emergency, dial (321) 723-4343.
  - Town Hall lobby remains closed to the public; all business must be conducted via phone (321) 724-5860 or click [here](#)
- Town of Melbourne Village
  - Town Hall is closed to the public; essential services will continue through drop box at Town Hall door, phone (321) 723-8300, or email [town@melbournevillage.org](mailto:town@melbournevillage.org); in-person meetings and services are discontinued until further notice.
- City of Palm Bay:
  - The Palm Bay Utilities Department will extend the suspension of service shut-offs due to non-payment through April 30. Penalties and fees associated with late payments will be waived during this time.
  - The Utilities Department will continue regular operations to provide customers with clean, fresh drinking water and sewer service during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The Palm Bay Building Division is allowing a 90-day extension on permits, but contractors must contact the Building Division to request it; 30 days are automatically granted.
  - City Council extended the local state of emergency on April 1.
  - City facilities remain closed to the public while city operations continue. Essential city services and COVID-19 updates available at [www.pbfl.org/COVID19](http://www.pbfl.org/COVID19)
- Town of Palm Shores
  - Shoreside Park is closed indefinitely.

- Town Hall is closed to the public and requests for permits and inspections should be called to 321-242-4555 to schedule an appointment.
- City of Rockledge
  - All city facilities have limited access to the public; building department is using a drop-box system.
  - All city events canceled until May 31
- City of Satellite Beach:
  - Satellite Beaches are closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing, and swimming, through April 30. No congregating on boardwalks or accesses will be permitted.
  - All Satellite Beach recreation facilities are closed until further notice. This includes the dog park, skate park, tennis courts, racquetball courts and all athletic fields. All indoor recreation facilities, playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, and beach parks are closed.
  - All walking paths through the DeSoto stormwater park, sports and recreation park are accessible by foot only; no parking is permitted.
- City of Titusville
  - Declared Local State of Emergency on March 18.
- City of West Melbourne
  - The city continues to serve the public primarily through telephone (321-727-7700), email [info@westmelbourne.org](mailto:info@westmelbourne.org)
  - The skatepark at West Melbourne Community Park closed; so that City Recreation employees are able to be Safer at Home starting April 3.
  - Parking at the park is closed. The park is available for walking and running, provided persons abide by social distancing requirements.

#### **Rumor Control**

- The City of Palm Bay has not mailed letters to residents regarding a curfew order.
- FWC is not issuing citations to boaters.
- Homeland Security is not preparing to mobilize the National Guard to announce a nationwide two-week quarantine for all citizens.
- The causeways are not closing.

#### **Central Florida Highlights**

- Orange County regional temporary drive-through testing site no longer has an age requirement. New requirements include: a fever of 99.6 or higher AND be experiencing respiratory symptoms OR have a preexisting condition, including: cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, chronic lung disease, cancer, chronic kidney disease. In addition, healthcare workers and first responders may be tested, regardless of symptoms.
- The Department of Children and Families will waive work requirements for individuals participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; additional information can be accessed by calling 850-300-4DCF or click [here](#)
- Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court COVID-19 information can be viewed [here](#)

Central Florida Status as of 4/5 – 6:00 PM (most recent update of FDOH website)	
County	Total Cases
Brevard	79
Indian River	55
Lake	101
Martin	60
Orange	713
Osceola	229
Seminole	191
St. Lucie	82
Volusia	151
Total	1,661

### State/National Highlights

- Answers to frequently asked questions relating to Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order 20-91 are available [here](#)
- The CDC has recommended the use of cloth face coverings, in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission; cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95s; for information click [here](#)
- If you have questions about your business being an essential service, or would like to request for your business to be added to the approved list of essential services outlined in Executive Order 20-91; click [here](#)
- Florida’s Division of Emergency Management is seeking the assistance of Florida manufacturers and suppliers to fill the needs of Florida’s hospitals and emergency care services including N95 masks, face shields, and gowns. N95 masks are a current priority. If you can help, contact: [logsecsupportdir@em.myflorida.com](mailto:logsecsupportdir@em.myflorida.com)
- AARP launched a program called “Friendly Voices” that allows people to request a call from a volunteer to chat and connect. A volunteer will call anyone back Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM. Additional information, click [here](#)
- The Small Business Administration implemented the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which authorizes up to \$349 billion in forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) for a list of SBA lenders.
- The CDC urges residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days, effective immediately.
- DEM Executive Order 20-93:
  - Directs the Department of Economic Opportunity and other executive agencies to take necessary actions to improve DEO’s Reemployment Assistance Program.
- DEM Executive Order 20-94:
  - Implements an immediate foreclosure and eviction moratorium as it relates to non-payment for 45 days
- DEM Executive Order 20-91:



- “Essential Services and Activities” Order states senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition (such as chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19, and all persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. To view Executive Order 20-91, click [here](#)
- Department of Children and Families:
  - As directed by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 27, the Department of Children and Families has submitted a federal waiver to temporarily increase all Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients’ benefit amounts to the maximum monthly allotment based on household size for the months of March and April. Updates have been posted on the website regarding SNAP benefits <https://www.myflfamilies.com/covid19/access.shtml>
- The U.S. Small Business Administration Advance on an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) information can be viewed [here](#)
- All persons whose point of departure originates from Louisiana and the Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), entering the State of Florida must isolate/quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of arrival. Highway checkpoints have been added on I-95 and I-10 to enforce restrictions, per Executive Order 20-86.
- The Governor has directed sales and use taxes to be due on April 30 (originally due April 20), and property taxes to be due April 15 (originally due March 31).
- For FDOH dashboard for the number of COVID-19 cases in Florida, click [here](#)
- Report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse at 1-844-30-0433 or click [here](#)

### **Public Protective Measures**

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid close contact with sick people, and stay home when sick
- Advise sick employees to stay home
- Allow telework or administrative leave
- Follow respiratory etiquette by coughing/sneezing into your sleeve
- Instead of handshakes, consider offering fist bumps, elbow bumps, or the Vulcan salute

### **Additional COVID-19 Online Resources**

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- FDOH: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/>
- FDOH Posters/Flyers Toolkit: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/covid19-toolkit.html>

### **Social Media Platforms**

- CDC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CDC/>
- CDC Twitter: @CDCemergency and @CDCgov

- FDOH Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FLDepartmentofHealth/>
- FDOH Twitter: @healthyFla

### Approval Information

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### Stay Informed via Social Media

Brevard County Emergency Management is also providing updates via the following social media accounts:

Twitter: @BrevardEOC

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BrevardEOC>

Text Brevard EOC to 888-777

FDOH's COVID-19 website <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19/> or contact FDOH's 24/7 COVID-19 call center at 866-779-6121 or via email at COVID-19@flhealth.gov