



St. Johns County

# COVID-19

## Situation Report – 18

Date: March 29, 2020 | 1600 hrs

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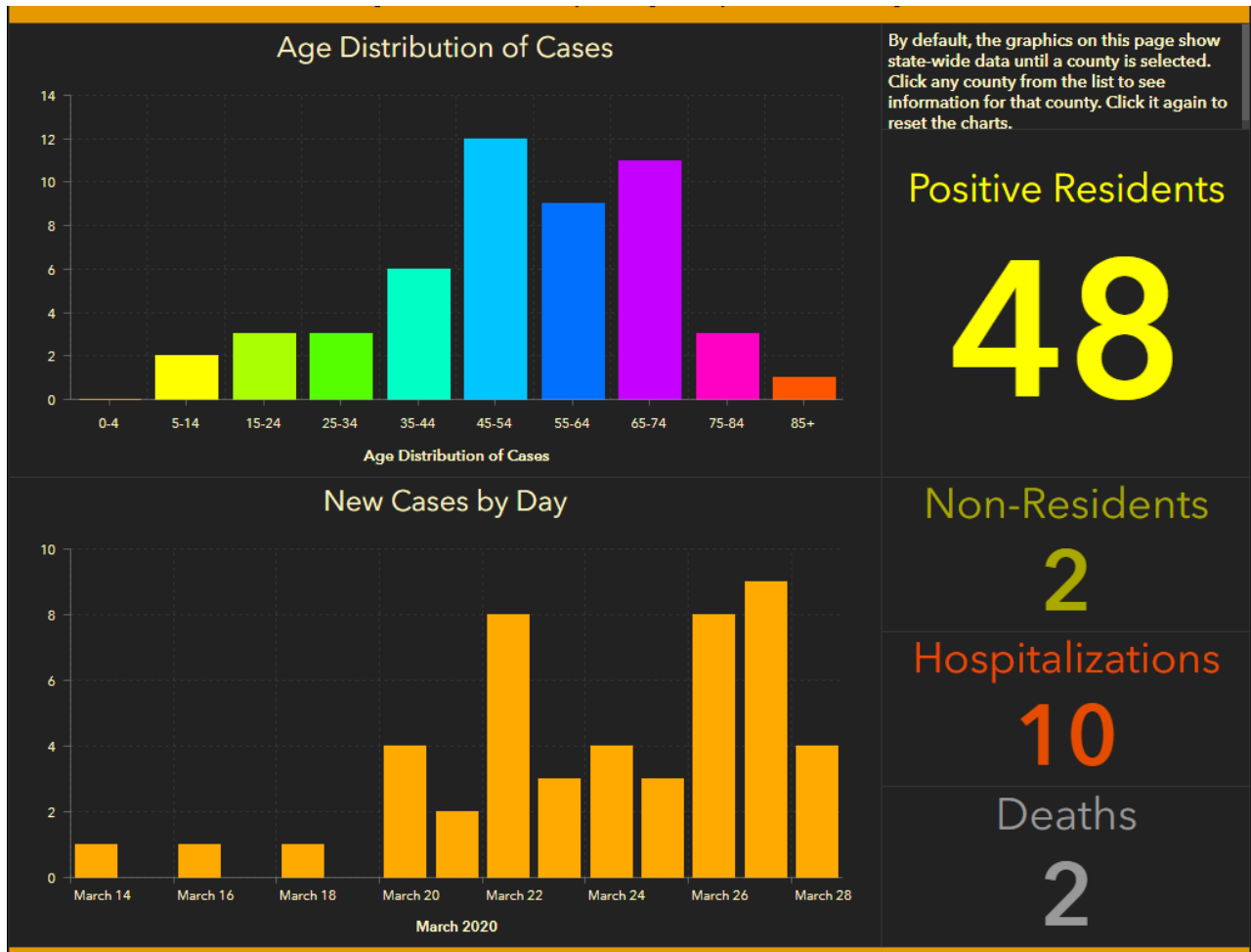
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St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center	State of Florida Region 3 FEMA Region 4	Incident Name: COVID-19
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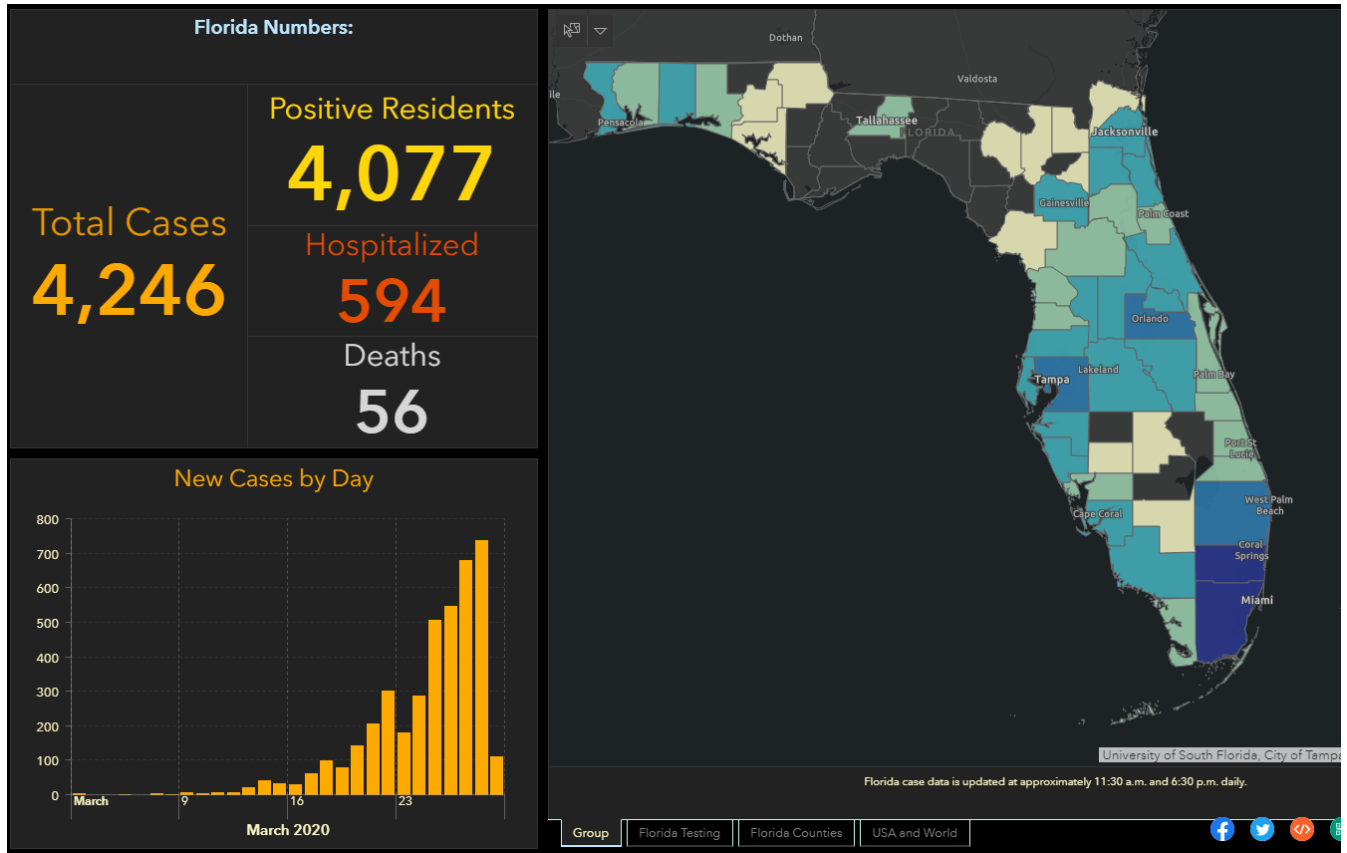
### Current Event Status

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) that was first detected in China and has now been detected internationally, including the United States and locally in St. Johns County.
- Positive Cases of COVID-19 in the State of Florida as of **March 29, 2020 at 12:00 pm** (most recent report from FDOH Tracker):

### St. Johns County COVID-19 Statistics



## Florida COVID-19 Statistics



### COVID-19 Test Collection Sites

- Federal Test Collection Site – TIAA Bank Field Lot J (Jacksonville Jaguars Stadium)
  - Hours of Operations 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, do not get in line before 8:00 am. All ages are eligible, but **MUST** be symptomatic. Exceptions include First Responders and Healthcare Providers, must be able to provide valid employee identification.
- Coronavirus Test Collection Sites in St. Johns County are as follows:
  - Flagler Health+ - Please note that this is NOT one of the drive through testing sites you have seen or heard about on the news. This outdoor test collection site has been established for patients who have a physician order for COVID-19 testing and have pre-registered. We know there are many people in our community desiring to be tested and understand your frustration. Flagler Health+ currently has a limited quantity of test kits available and we must focus first on ensuring that our community's most vulnerable people with symptoms and risk for complications get the testing and care they need.
  - Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County (DOH-SJC) –St. Johns County Health & Human Services Building , 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084. (904) 209-3250

- As part of disease control investigations, DOH-SJC is collecting specimens for COVID-19 laboratory testing. As part of disease investigations, specimen collection is by appointment-only for those individuals who meet the CDC criteria for testing. For more information about COVID-19 and testing, the Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County's COVID-19 Call Center is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and can be reached at 904-209-3250. Calls received outside of standard business hours will be redirected to a DOH-SJC Public Health Nurse.
  - Avencia Medical - Julington Creek Branch, 1633 Race Track Rd, St Johns, FL 32259 (904) 230-6988
    - Open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, as a COVID-19 collection site. Collection is being treated as an urgent care doctor's visit and clients must bring a photo ID and insurance card. The collection facility has a tent prepared outside and have requested that visitors wait in their cars for paperwork to be brought to them by a staff member. For additional information, please call 904.230.6988 or visit [www.avecina.com/our-services/urgent-care/](http://www.avecina.com/our-services/urgent-care/).

### Current and Anticipated Actions/Protective Measures

- St. Johns County EOC is activated to a Level II – Partial Activation.
  - The St. Johns County EOC Citizens Information Line is open to assist with residents with questions and concerns at 904-824-5550. Hours of Operations are 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, 7 days a week.
- Real time updates from FDOH on the number of cases available at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/index.html>
- **Florida Department of Health - St. Johns: 904-209-3250**
- **Florida Department of Health has established a hotline for the public 1-866-779-6121. This hotline is open 24 hours a day.**

### Government / Schools / Hospital Status

St. Johns County Government	Status:	Operational – St. Johns County facilities are operating under limited public access restrictions.
City of St. Augustine	Status:	Operational – City offices are closed to the Public. Offices will operate and implement numerous methods via the web, email, and phone to assist customers in conducting all necessary business.
City of St. Augustine Beach	Status:	Operational
St. Johns County School District	Status:	St. Johns County School District (SJCS D) students will begin online learning on Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> . All school offices will be closed to the public. Access will be limited to phone or email. Please see Community Information regarding Meal Service.
Florida School for Deaf and Blind	Status:	Florida School for Deaf and Blind students will not return to school campuses until Wednesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Flagler College	Status:	All classes will be online for the remainder of the spring semester. All college events through the end of May have also been canceled, including the May Graduation ceremony.

St. Johns River State College	Status:	Classes will resume March 30 <sup>th</sup> in an online format through the end of the semester. All campuses will remain closed until further notice. All public and College-sponsored events have been canceled for the remainder of the spring semester.
Flagler Hospital	Status:	Operational - All patient visitation has been suspended. Exceptions will be made for the most critical, extenuating circumstances and spouses/partners of Labor and Delivery patients. Permitted visitors will be screened for fever, cough and shortness of breath and will not be allowed entry if they have symptoms. All entry into the hospital will be limited to the Emergency Department entrance.

## Community Cancellations and Closures

- St. Johns County beaches are closed.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the number of cancellations and closures, only newly announced closures will appear in the Situation Report.

You can go to <http://www.sjcfl.us/coronavirus/closures.aspx> for a comprehensive list of cancellations and closures.

## Community Information

- Governor DeSantis has ordered a vehicle check on I-95 similar to current operations occurring on I-10 in the panhandle. Starting today, all southbound traffic will be routed through the weigh station looking for vehicles from NY, NJ and Connecticut. Department of Health officials will be asking them questions about their destination and giving them self-quarantine information. They will close the southbound exit to US 17, which may impact the I-95 exit to SR-200. This will be a 24-hour operation.
- Florida Attorney General Price Gouging Hotline: 1-866-966-7226
  - Price gouging is legally defined as when the price of a necessary commodity, is sold at a price "significantly" higher than its average over the last 30 days.
- Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation
  - If you have any questions on concerns regarding bar/nightclub or restaurant closures, as well as restrictions on short term rentals you may call the main DBPR Customer Contact Center at (850) 487-1395. You can also monitor the main DBPR website at <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/> .
- If a Floridian's employment has been negatively impacted as a result of the mitigation efforts in Florida to stop the spread of COVID-19, they may be eligible to receive Reemployment Assistance. <http://www.floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/apply-for-benefits>
- Information regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can be found at: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/covid19/access.shtml>
- 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 experience economic injury from COVID-19. The application period runs through May 8. For more information, visit [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org) or contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network by phone at 866-737-7232, or email at [disaster@FloridaSBDC.org](mailto:disaster@FloridaSBDC.org).

- Notice is hereby given that one or more members of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium located in the County Administration Building at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084
- The St. Johns County Utility Department is suspending late fees on utility bills, effective immediately, in an attempt to ease financial strain on families and businesses impacted by COVID-19. In addition, the Utility Department will not disconnect services on accounts with an outstanding balance. These measures are in effect until further notice.
- The St Johns County Public Library System is now offering county residents instant online eCard signup. If you don't already have one, you can get a temporary library card, good for 60 days, to access the library's online collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming movies, music, digital magazines, and more. Signing up is easy right from the library's website, [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org). Make sure you write down the card number after you register.
- St. Johns County School District Meal Service:
  - Please see the following link for more information and locations where meals can be picked up: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/blog/meal-service/>

### Resources for Official Information

St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center Citizens Information Center: 904-824-5550  
 Florida Department of Health - St. Johns: 904-209-3250  
 Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
 Florida Department of Health: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/index.html>  
 Florida Governors COVID-19 Hotline: 1-866-779-6121 (open 24 hours a day)  
 Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Email Address: [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)  
 Florida Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp>  
 St. Johns County Government Coronavirus Response: <http://www.sjcfl.us/coronavirus/>

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**For any information to be included in the Situation Report please email Kelly Wilson at [kwilson@sjcfl.us](mailto:kwilson@sjcfl.us)**

### Federal/State/Local Declarations of Emergency

Local State of Emergency	Number: 20-01/20-02	Dated:	3/24/20
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St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation	Number: 20-03	Dated:	3/24/20
<b>St. Johns County Emergency Order</b>	<b>Number: 20-01</b>	<b>Dated</b>	<b>3/28/20</b>
National Emergency COVID-19	Number: HQ-20-017	Dated:	3/13/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-51	Dated:	3/1/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-52	Dated:	3/9/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-68	Dated:	3/17/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-69	Dated:	3/20/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-71	Dated:	3/20/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-72	Dated:	3/20/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-80	Dated:	3/23/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-82	Dated:	3/25/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-83	Dated:	3/25/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-86	Dated:	3/27/20
Governors Executive Order	Number: 20-87	Dated:	3/27/20
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Executive Order	Number: 20-09	Dated:	3/27/20
Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Order	Number: 20-001	Dated:	3/10/20
Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Order	Number: 20-002	Dated:	3/11/20
Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Order	Number: 20-003	Dated:	3/12/20
Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Order	Number: 20-004	Dated:	3/13/20
Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Order	Number: 20-005	Dated:	3/13/20
Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Order	Number: 20-006	Dated:	3/15/20
Declaration of Public Health Emergency	State Surgeon General	Dated:	3/1/20

## Safety Message

- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick.
- Changes due to #COVID19 can be challenging and stressful for everyone. Know that the Disaster Distress Helpline is available for you and your loved ones in case you need to talk. Crisis counselors are standing by 24/7, 365 days a year. Call 1-800-985-5990 / TTY: 1-800-846-8517 / Text: "TalkWithUs" to 66746

To prevent the spread of disease, follow guidance from official sources at the Centers for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) and the Florida Department of Health ([www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov)).



Receive alerts about emergencies by signing up for the St. Johns County Emergency Notification System, Alert St. Johns. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, water advisories, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods and incidents that may threaten public safety.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725582#/login>

**The next Situation Report will be issued Monday at 4:00 pm unless conditions dictate an earlier report.**

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