



# St. Johns County COVID-19 Situation Report – 64

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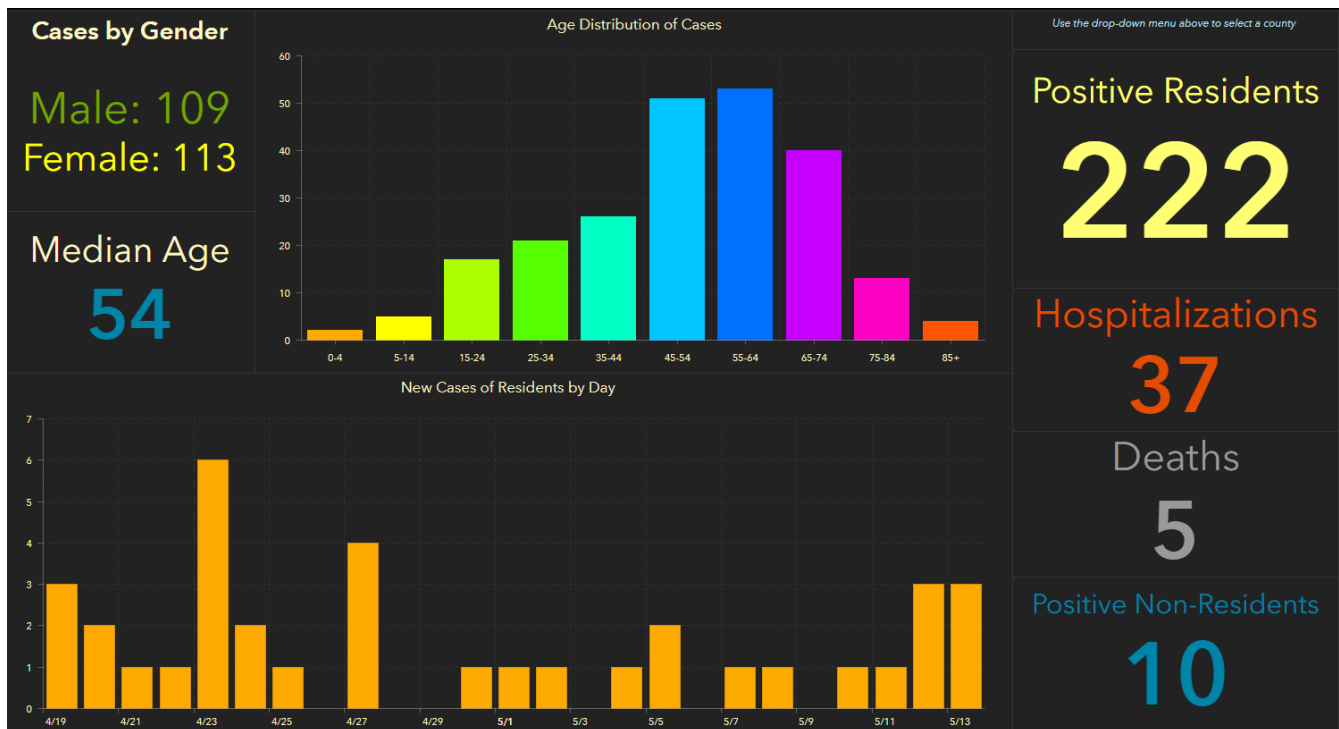
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St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center	State of Florida Region 3 FEMA Region 4	Incident Name: COVID-19
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## Current Event Status

- 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 **May 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm** (most recent report from FDOH Tracker):

## St. Johns County COVID-19 Statistics

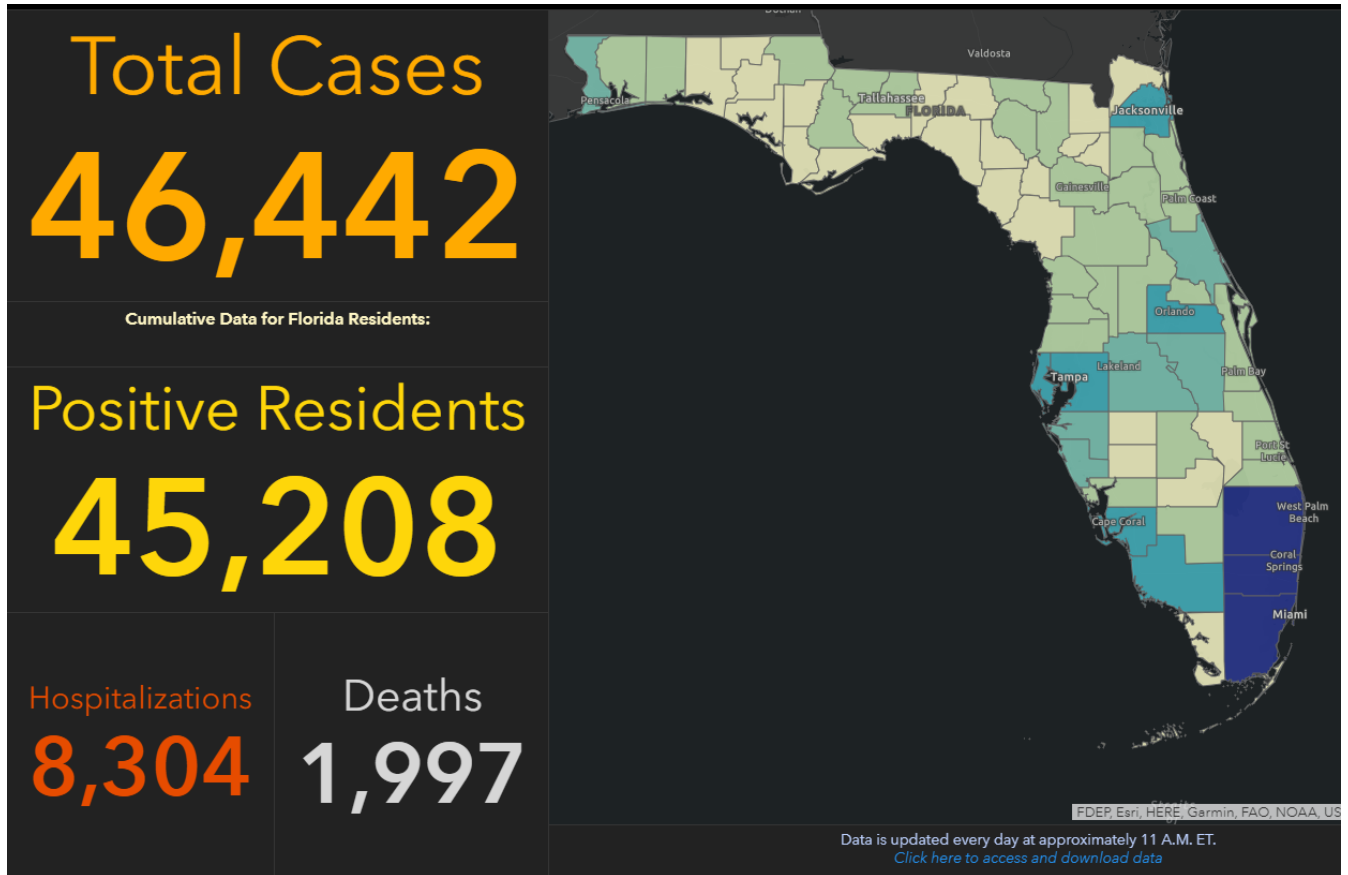


**Total Tests in St. Johns County : 8,242**

Positive: 232 | Negative: 7,975

2.8% Positivity Rate

## Florida COVID-19 Statistics



### COVID-19 Test Collection Sites

- COVID-19 Test Collection Site at TIAA Bank Field Lot J (Jacksonville Jaguars Stadium)
  - Open to St. Johns County residents and anyone that would like to be tested.
    - Must have Identification

This site will operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, for as long as supplies last and weather permitting. While a doctor's order and appointment are not required at this location, clients will be evaluated by a medical professional on site.
- Coronavirus Test Collection Sites in St. Johns County are as follows:
  - Flagler Health+ - 400 Healthpark Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32086. Outdoors at tent
    - Flagler Health+ has established an outdoor test collection site for patients who have a physician order for COVID-19 testing and have pre-registered through the system. The drive through process takes about three minutes. Test results are taking at least 4-5 days on average. Tests results are communicated back to the patient's primary care doctor who notifies the patient of the results. Positive results are also reported to the Department of Health.

- 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 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 outside and have requested that visitors wait in their cars for paperwork to be brought to them by a staff member.
  - Performing antibody testing. It is NOT required BUT helpful to bring a copy of test results to show you have previously tested positive for the virus. It is \$255.00 total including the office visit for the antibody testing. Some insurances will cover costs. Individuals can walk-in WITHOUT an appointment but CAN NOT have symptoms.
  - 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/).
  
- The Med One Urgent Care- St. Augustine, 841 S Ponce De Leon Blvd Suite 4, St. Augustine, FL 32084
  - Open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, as a COVID-19 collection site. Collection may be billed as a doctor’s visit and/or lab test. The collection facility has signage and has requested that visitors follow the signs as instructed for parking. For additional information, please call 904.436.1553 or visit <https://medoneatsaintaugustine.com/>
  
- CareSpot - St. Augustine - 2095 US Highway 1 S, Saint Augustine, FL 32086 - 904.429.0001  
 CareSpot – Nocatee - 151 Pine Lake Dr Ste B, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081 - 904.543.3677  
 CareSpot - Durbin Park, 70 Durbin Pavilion Dr Ste 101, Saint Johns, FL 32259 – 904.295.0038
  - Open to the public 7 days a week 8:00 am – 8:00 pm as COVID-19 collection site.  
 May be a walk in but preferred to call ahead for an appointment time. Must be symptomatic, healthcare worker, healthcare provider or first responder. Must bring ID and insurance card.

## 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, Monday - Friday.
- Beginning today, Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the St. Johns County Situation Report will be issued Monday, Wednesday, and Friday unless conditions dictate additional reports.
- 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. All services are available via telephone, email and internet.
City of St. Augustine Beach	Status:	Operational – Open to the Public, Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Public Meeting Rooms closed.
St. Johns County School District	Status:	St. Johns County School District (SJCSD) students will continue online/remote learning through the end of the school year. All school offices will be closed to the public.
Florida School for Deaf and Blind	Status:	Florida School for Deaf and Blind students will continue online/remote learning through the end of the school year.
Flagler College	Status:	Classes will remain online for the summer semester and there will be no on-campus living.
St. Johns River State College	Status:	Classes will remain in an online format through the summer semester. All events have been canceled and all campuses will remain closed to the public until further notice.
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. All entry into the hospital will be limited to the Emergency Department entrance.

### Severe Weather Potential

# Severe Thunderstorm Potential Today



Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida

<b>Timing</b>
2 pm - 8 pm
<b>Greatest Threat Areas</b>
Suwannee River Valley NE FL & Southeast GA
<b>Potential Threats</b>
Damaging Wind Gusts 40-60 mph
Hail
<b>Preparedness Actions</b>
Know where you will shelter if storms threaten
Have at least 2 ways to monitor for storms, such as NOAA Weather Radio, Reliable Phone Apps, TV/Radio.



5/18/2020 11:03 AM

Expires 8 hrs from Briefing Time



NWS Jacksonville



weather.gov/jax

- Strong thunderstorm potential this afternoon & early evening
  - Greatest threat areas: Suwannee River Valley & SE Georgia
  - Isolated severe storms possible
  - Hazards: Gusty winds & large hail
- Moderate rip current risk today
- Thunderstorms potential Tuesday through Thursday
  - Mainly afternoon & evening
  - Isolated severe storms possible Wednesday - Gusty winds & large hail

## Community Reopening

- Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Order 20-123
  - Restaurants and food establishments to serve patrons at indoor seating up to fifty percent of the establishment's seating capacity, excluding employees;
  - In-store retail sales establishments to operate up to fifty percent of the building's occupancy.
  - Museums and libraries to operate at fifty percent of the building's occupancy.
  - Gyms and fitness centers to operate up to 50 percent of the building's occupancy with social distancing measures in effect for classes and sufficient sanitation supplies provided for a patron's self-cleaning of surfaces and machines following each use.
  - Professional Sports Venues - Professional sports may operate in the State of Florida and venues may host training, competitions, events and games. This provision shall preempt any local rule prohibiting a professional sports team conducting, or the operations of the venue from hosting, those sports activities at facilities in the State.
  - Amusement parks may submit a re-opening plan to the State of Florida that includes a proposed date for resumption of operations and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Requests to re-open must include an endorsement letter from the County Mayor or in absence of a county mayor from the City Mayor

and County Administrator. This request shall identify a future date certain for re-opening and verify that the official has approved a re-open plan to ensure patron and staff safety.

- Counties may seek approval to operate vacation rentals with a written request from the County Administrator and the County's safety plan for vacation rental operations submitted to the DBPR Secretary.
- For further information regarding Executive Order 20-123 please visit the following link to the Department of Business and Professional Regulations:  
[www.myfloridalicense.com/emergency](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/emergency)
- St. Johns County Public Library branches will reopen for expanded essential services at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Services provided in this phase will include returns, grab-and-go service, and computer usage up to one hour. Staff will assist with material searches and holds. Seating areas, meeting rooms, and play areas will not be accessible. In accordance with CDC recommendations and State of Florida safety guidelines, building capacity will be limited, all returned materials are to be placed in the book drop and will be isolated for four days, and face coverings are strongly recommended. In addition, no fines will accrue at this time. For more information, please visit [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org) or call your branch library.
- The St. Augustine and St. Johns County Visitor Information Center (VIC) has re-opened to the public with modifications that follow CDC recommended guidelines, including the occupancy rate.
  - Accessing the VIC will be through a singular point of entry, following a marked path with six-foot intervals to keep guests appropriately distanced while they wait to enter the building, if necessary. Once inside, visitors will be asked to observe appropriate social distancing while exploring the exhibits and the gift shop.
- Fort Matanzas Beach Ramp Open to Vehicular Access
  - Now open to one-way traffic as an exit ramp only. Vehicular access on any St. Johns County beach is always subject to local weather, tidal conditions, and the amount of beach available to safely accommodate pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Due to these factors, the ramp may be impassible and vehicles may have to drive back to exit at the Crescent Beach Ramp. Please note that beach driving is prohibited on all areas south of the Fort Matanzas Beach Ramp. With the opening of the ramp, the Fort Matanzas Beach Ramp parking lot is also now open to visitors. For more information, call 904.209.0333.

PLEASE NOTE: Only newly announced community reopening will appear in the Situation Report. For further information regarding reopening please go to:

<http://www.sjcfl.us/coronavirus/index.aspx>

## Community Cancellations and Closures

- St. Johns County 2020 Summer Camp Program Cancelled
  - In adherence to CDC recommendations and the State of Florida's safety guidelines, the St. Johns County 2020 Summer Camp Program has been cancelled. Staff is currently reviewing alternative program options that may be offered at a later time in the summer. For more information on facility opening updates and future programming options, please visit [www.sjcfl.us/recreation](http://www.sjcfl.us/recreation) or call 904.209.0333.

PLEASE NOTE: 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

- **City of St. Augustine**

- In an effort to assist local businesses in their ability to safely open and operate, the City of St. Augustine will make available face masks for purchase starting today.
  - Minimum order of 100 masks (two boxes), businesses operating within in the city limits may complete an online inventory request form to initiate an order. A member of city staff will respond to the request within two business days to take payment over the phone and coordinate a time for pick-up. Masks will be available for pick-up Monday through Friday, during regular business hours, by appointment.

All requests for inventory must be initiated by submitting the web form, which can be found at [www.CityStAug.com/COVID19](http://www.CityStAug.com/COVID19). Questions may be emailed to [masks@citystaug.com](mailto:masks@citystaug.com) or call 904.825.1006.

- **St. Johns County/Community**

- St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in the County Administration Building. It will be followed by a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting agendas can be found at <https://stjohnsclerk.com/records/board-records/agendas/>. Under the St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation 2020-03, St. Johns County Boards and Committees that meet during the COVID-19 health emergency may do so remotely and without a physical quorum of the members present. Members of the community who would like to participate in public comment during the meetings may do so by calling 904.209.1265. The meeting can be viewed on GTV, Comcast cable channel 3, or online at [www.sjcf.us](http://www.sjcf.us). While all meetings remain open to the public to attend in person, St. Johns County facilities are under limited public access restrictions. Written or physical documentation for a meeting may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084, or by email at [sjcpublichearing@sjcf.us](mailto:sjcpublichearing@sjcf.us). For more information, please call 904.209.0300.
- St. Johns County Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program  
Emergency funding for local businesses to help offset the temporary loss of revenue and help keep small businesses open. Beginning Wednesday, May 13, St. Johns County based businesses may apply to the program for up to \$5,000 in emergency grant funding. In order to be eligible for the St. Johns County Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program, businesses must:
  - Have been operational for at least one year and be registered with the Florida Division of Corporations (SUNBIZ) as of March 1, 2019.
  - Own or lease commercial space within St. Johns County.
  - Have between five and 20 employees, including part-time and 1099 employees.
  - Have applied or attempted to apply for other Federal/State disaster loan/grant funding, but have not received these funds as of this application.
  - Be in good legal standing, with no court-ordered financial obligations (e.g. no enforceable judgements, liens, bankruptcies, arbitration settlements requiring withholding of funds, felony convictions, violation of court orders requiring holding of funds for child support, court costs, or criminal victim reimbursement programs).

Funds may only be used for rent, mortgage, utilities, or payroll through June 2020. Funds are limited and will be awarded on a first-submitted, eligible, and approved

application basis. At this time, non-profit organizations or home-based businesses are not eligible for this particular program. For more information or technical assistance, please email [eag@sjcfl.us](mailto:eag@sjcfl.us) or call 904.209.6050.

- St. Johns County has launched Shop & Dine St. Johns County, a program encouraging patrons to support our local community by shopping and dining within St. Johns County. Shop & Dine St. Johns County provides a convenient and easy online location for residents and visitors to find businesses and dining establishments that are open and serving the public. Those who visit [www.shopanddinesjc.com](http://www.shopanddinesjc.com) will find interactive maps and directories of contact and service information for businesses and dining establishments.

In the near future, residents and visitors will also be able to download the Shop & Dine St. Johns County mobile app through the Apple App Store or Google Play to access this information on-the-go. St. Johns County businesses or dining establishments that would like to be included in the Shop & Dine St. Johns County campaign, or provide updated information, can visit [www.shopanddinesjc.com](http://www.shopanddinesjc.com) and select "Add Your Business Service" or "Add Your Dining Establishment".

- St. Johns County, in partnership with United Way of St. Johns County, is hosting a "drive-thru" food drive to help restock critically-low local food pantries. Residents are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food donations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. United Way and St. Johns County volunteers will be on-site at both venue parking lots to collect donations from vehicles while maintaining recommended social distancing guidelines. For more information on the "Rock the Pantries" food drives and a list of requested donation items, please visit [www.theamp.com/events/detail/rock-the-pantries-a-drive-thru-food-drive](http://www.theamp.com/events/detail/rock-the-pantries-a-drive-thru-food-drive).
- St. Johns County COVID-19 Resident Assistance and Business Assistance Hotlines

SJC COVID-19 Resident Assistance Hotline – 904.209.1250

Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Specialists are available to provide information regarding federal assistance, State of Florida Reemployment Assistance, local programs, non-profit agencies, and other resources. Residents may be eligible to receive assistance with some of the following costs:

- Temporary mortgage payment, rent payment, or utility payments for residents financially impacted by COVID-19.
- Utility late fees and disconnections for residents financially impacted by COVID-19.

Resident Assistance Inquiries may also be submitted to [housing@sjcfl.us](mailto:housing@sjcfl.us).

SJC COVID-19 Business Assistance Hotline – 904.209.6050

Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to help local businesses obtain information about Federal, State, and local funding, tax incentives, and resources designed to assist during the COVID-19 health emergency. Assist businesses in navigating available Federal and State programs, including:

- Federal Paycheck Protection Program Loans (PPP)
- SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)
- SBA Small Business Debt Relief Program
- Small Business Tax Provisions
- Other relevant programs

Business Assistance Inquiries may also be submitted to [ecodev@sjcfl.us](mailto:ecodev@sjcfl.us).



- **State of Florida**

- The 2020 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday is May 29 – June 4. Stock up on qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from tax prior to hurricane season. For more information and a list of qualifying items, visit <https://floridarevenue.com/disasterprep>
- DEO has created a dashboard to provide information relating to the state's unemployment and reemployment assistance, including unemployment claims by industry: [http://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/covid19/initial\\_claims.html](http://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/covid19/initial_claims.html)
- 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>
- SBA Disaster Relief Loan – loans up to the lesser of 12 months expenses of \$2 million, 3.75% interest rate, no fees, up to 30-year terms. To apply, visit [www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan](http://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan).
- 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 and restaurant closures or short term rentals, as well as restrictions on short term rentals you may call the main DBPR Customer Contact Center at (850) 487-1395 or go to <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/eo-complaints/>. You can also monitor the main DBPR website at <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/> .

- **Federal**

- CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program – loans up to the lesser of 2.5 time's average monthly payroll expenses or \$10 million, up to 4% interest, no fees, 10-year term. For more information, visit [www.sbc.senate.gov/public](http://www.sbc.senate.gov/public).

## 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 Division of Emergency Management: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>  
St. Johns County Government Coronavirus Response: <http://www.sjcfl.us/coronavirus/>

**Federal/State/Local Declarations of Emergency**  
 Each of the Governors Executive Orders can be found here:  
<https://www.flgov.com/2020-executive-orders/>

Local State of Emergency	Number: 20-01/20-02/20-04 /20-06/20-08/20-09/20-11/20-12/20-13	Dated:	5/12/20
St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation	Number: 20-03/20-05/20-07	Dated:	3/24/20
St. Johns County Emergency Order	Number: 20-01	Dated:	3/28/20
St. Johns County Emergency Order	Number: 20-02	Dated:	3/28/20
St. Johns County Emergency Order	Number: 20-03	Dated:	4/6/20
St. Johns County Emergency Order	Number: 20-04	Dated:	4/17/20
St. Johns County Emergency Order	Number: 20-05	Dated:	5/1/20
St. Johns County Emergency Order	Number: 20-06	Dated:	5/7/20
St. Johns County Emergency Order	Number: 20-07	Dated:	5/8/20
National Emergency COVID-19	Number: HQ-20-017	Dated:	3/13/20
Governors Executive Orders	<a href="https://www.flgov.com/2020-executive-orders/">https://www.flgov.com/2020-executive-orders/</a>		
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Executive Order	Number: 20-09	Dated:	3/27/20
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. 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 and stay home if you are sick.
- Feeling anxious, scared, or nervous about COVID-19? Text CARE4U to 741741 from anywhere, anytime, about any type of crisis. A trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from a secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you cope with the current events. Provided by Flagler Health + Care Connect.

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 Wednesday at 4:00 pm unless conditions dictate an earlier report.**

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