



# St. Johns County COVID-19 Situation Report – 67

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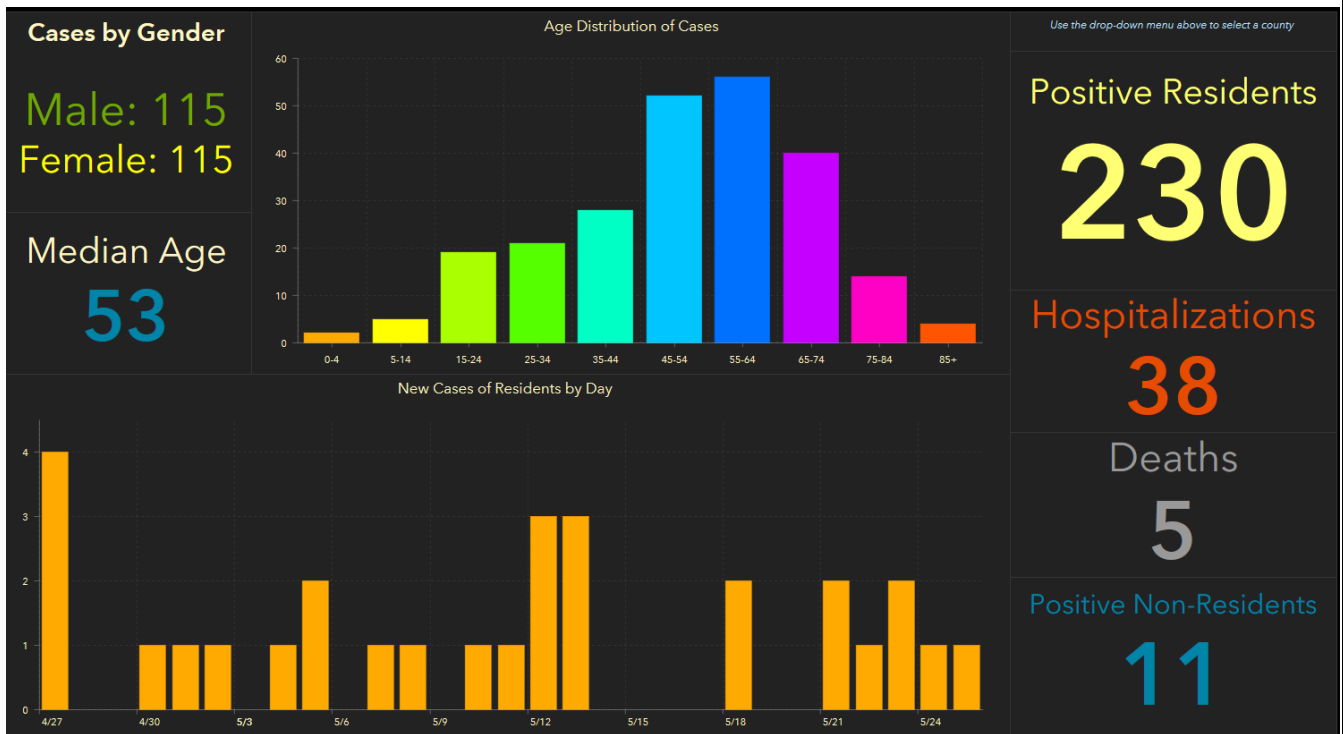
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St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center	State of Florida Region 3 FEMA Region 4	Incident Name: COVID-19
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## Current Event Status

- 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 26, 2020 at 4:00 pm as reported by the FDOH Dashboard:**

## St. Johns County COVID-19 Statistics

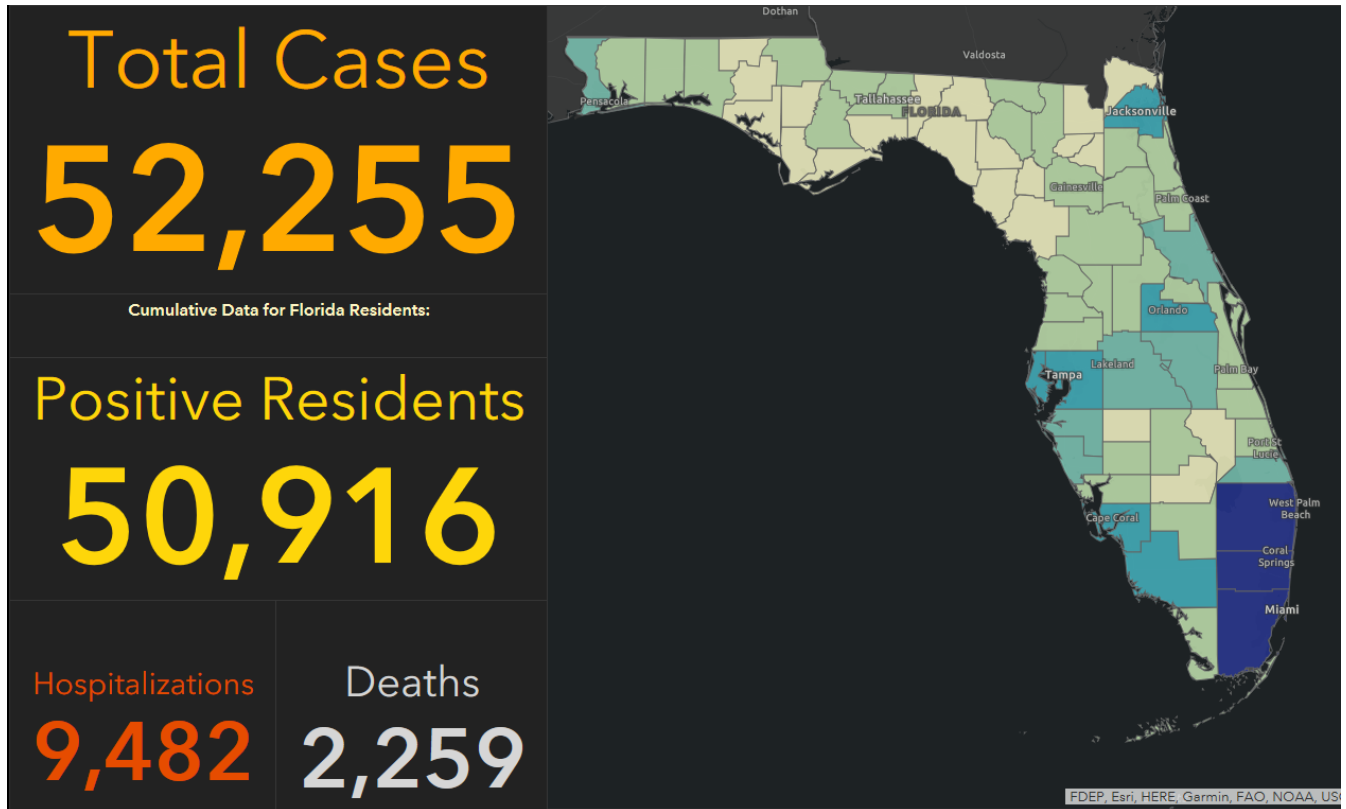


**Total Tests in St. Johns County : 10,356**

Positive: 241 | Negative: 10,075

2.3% 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 – 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.
- **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.

### Community Reopening

- **Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Order 20-131**
  - **Organized youth activities may operate, including youth sports teams and leagues, youth clubs and programs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may operate including, but not limited to, those defined 409.175 and 513.02, Florida Statutes, respectively.**
- St. Johns County’s Plan for Opening Short-Term Vacation Rentals was approved by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations on May 20, 2020. The plan outlines details regarding a variety of factors including reservations, staffing, cleanings, and inspections. St. Johns County’s Plan for Opening Short-Term Vacation Rentals prohibits

reservations or visitors from states with more than 500 cases per every 100,000 residents. Those states included Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia, on May 20, 2020. As the list is updated frequently and states can rise above or fall below the 500 cases per every 100,000 residents threshold, it is recommended that short-term vacation rental owners and rental companies view the CDC COVID Data Tracker frequently at <https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html> to verify the number of cases in the states from which they are taking reservations. For additional information, please visit [www.sjcf.us](http://www.sjcf.us) to review the plan for opening short-term vacation rentals.

- The St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop and Visitor Information Center has reopened after a five-month rehabilitation project. The gift shop and visitor information center will remain open to the public from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, during the summer season. During the project, all deck boards, guard rails, posts, support beams, exposed piles, and boardwalk boards were replaced. The rehabilitation project is projected to extend the life of the pier for up to 10 years. Passes to access the pier or fish from the pier can be purchased in the gift shop. The fees are as follows:
  - Sightseeing - \$2.00
  - Fishing Residents - \$4.00
  - Fishing Non-residents - \$6.00
  - Military or handicapped - \$2.00
  - Children under six or resident seniors over 60 - Free

For more information, please call 904.209.0326 or visit [www.sjcf.us/Recreation/FishingPier.aspx](http://www.sjcf.us/Recreation/FishingPier.aspx).

- City of St. Augustine relays recent regulatory interpretation Pursuant to recent Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) interpretations, microbreweries and tattoo parlors are permitted to operate as follows:
  - Microbreweries that partner with a food truck, an adjacent food establishment, or operate with food on-site may sell alcohol for on-premises consumption with the same restrictions as set forth in Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-123, including 50% capacity, social distancing, appropriate seating configurations, and no bar seating. A microbrewery may partner with a Food Truck if it can be contained completely on-site where food trucks are permitted by City Code.
  - Tattoo parlors may open with 15 minutes between appointments, no group appointments, and all employees must wear masks. As they are being considered a Personal Services Business, they should refer to the cosmetology guidelines as issued by DBPR.

For questions, additional information, or to report a violation contact DBPR directly at 850.487.1395 or online at [www.MyFloridaLicense.com](http://www.MyFloridaLicense.com).

- Solomon Calhoun Pool, has reopened for lap swim. The pool will be available for lap swim only from 6 to 10 a.m. and 12 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 to 4 p.m. Swimmers can reserve a lap swim time twice a week, for up to 45 minutes. Lanes will be reserved for one swimmer at a time, with ten lanes available for reservations. Swimmers are asked to arrive at the main gate ten minutes prior to their reserved swim time to allow for cleaning and sanitizing between swim groups. Lockers will be available for use, but showers will not be accessible. There is no family swim or team practices at this time. For more information or to reserve your swim time, please call 904.824.6770.

PLEASE NOTE: Only newly announced community reopening will appear in the Situation Report. For further information regarding reopening please go to: <http://www.sjcf.us/coronavirus/index.aspx>

## Community Cancellations and Closures

- St. Johns County Council on Aging (COA) has extended their recent program closures through June 30, 2020. All COA senior centers in St. Johns County (Coastal Community Center, River House, Hastings, Trout Creek and THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center in Ponte Vedra), all Integrative Memory Enhancement Program (IMEP) classes, and the Sunshine Center adult day care facility will remain closed through June 30.

Meals on Wheels will continue to be delivered, and COA caseworkers and staff will continue to be available by phone and via email. Seniors and caregivers in need of COA's assistance are encouraged to contact COA at 904-209-3700 Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, via email at [info@coasjc.org](mailto:info@coasjc.org), and via their website at [www.coasjc.org](http://www.coasjc.org).

COA has implemented new virtual programs which are free and available to the public to support senior members of the community and caregivers. A growing library of River House Presents video courses in a range of subjects are available for viewing online on COA's YouTube channel and via Zoom. COA is also offering online support groups for caregivers, as well as a dedicated support group for grandparents and other guardians caring for grandchildren. In addition, COA's Sunshine Center is now offering a new activity program via Zoom for those dealing with dementia, as well as their caregivers.

## 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 is launching the Back to Business Grant Program, designed to assist small businesses in need of short-term assistance due to disruption of business operations and loss of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants provide up to \$10,000 per qualifying business to offset costs such as payroll, rent or mortgage, and utilities. This program will assist businesses that have a critical need for immediate assistance until other sources of funding can be obtained, or until the State relaxes safety and social distancing requirements. In order to be eligible for the St. Johns County Back to Business Grant Program, businesses must:

- Have experienced Disruption and/or Loss of Income due to COVID-19 Crisis and/or public health Emergency Orders.

- Own or lease space at a physical location zoned for business operations in St. Johns County as of March 17, 2020.
- Be registered with FL Division of Corporations and/or licensed under FL Business and Professional Regulation
- Have earned less than \$5 Million in Annual Gross Income for 2019.
- Have 75 or fewer employees as of March 17, 2020.
- Show proof of Employees paying Payroll Taxes prior to March 17, 2020.
- Have been operating for at least one (1) year prior to March 17, 2020. No Start-Up Businesses eligible.
- Be current on St. Johns County Business Taxes.
- Have no pending petition for bankruptcy protection, No Claims; Not on HUD Debarred List.
- Not be a Non-Profit Organization.
- Cannot operate as a Home-Based Business.
- Not be receiving Unemployment Insurance Benefits if a Sole Proprietor.

Online applications are available at [www.sjcfl.us](http://www.sjcfl.us). Paper applications will not be accepted. The application period will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020. Eligible applicants that submit complete applications will be selected for an award by an independent contractor. Awards will be disbursed via Electronic Funds Transfer. For more information or assistance with your application, please contact St. Johns County between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 904.209.1278 or [www.sjcfl.us/sbrecovery](http://www.sjcfl.us/sbrecovery).

- 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/>

<b>Local State of Emergency</b>	Number: 20-01/20-02/20-04 /20-06/20-08/20-09/20-11/20-12/20-13/20-14/20-15	Dated:	5/26/20
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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