



St. Johns County

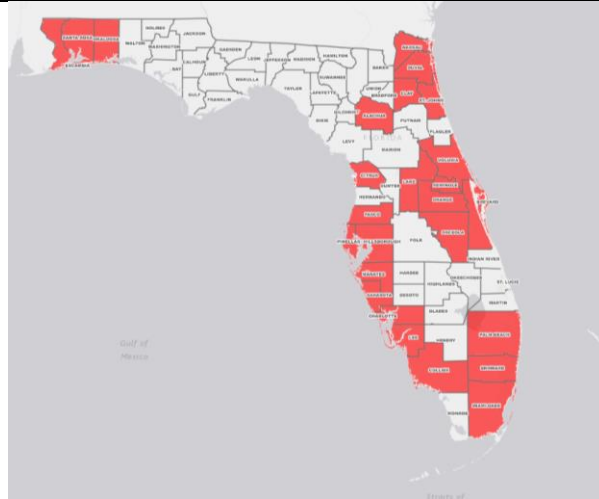
# COVID-19

## Situation Report – 6

Date: March 17, 2020 | 1600 hrs

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St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center	State of Florida Region 3 FEMA Region 4	Incident Name: COVID-19
<b>General Information</b>		
<b>Local State of Emergency</b>	Number: <b>20-01</b>	Dated: <b>3/17/20</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
<b>Governors Executive Order</b>	Number: <b>20-68</b>	Dated: <b>3/17/20</b>
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
<b>Emergency Operations Center Activation Level:</b>		
		<b>Level 2 – Partial Activation</b> <b>Hours of Operation 8:00 am – 6:00 pm</b> <b>7 days a week</b>
EOC Manager:	Director Linda Stoughton	904-824-5550
<b>Current Event Status</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 in the United States.</li> <li>• Positive Cases of COVID-19 in the State of Florida as of March 17, 2020 at 11:58 pm (most recent official report from FDOH):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>173</b> - Florida Residents</li> <li>○ <b>19</b> - Non-Florida resident</li> <li>○ <b>6</b> - Deaths</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		



Florida Counties with positive Cases of COVID-19

- St. Johns County –
  - A 49 year old male in St. Johns County has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials.
  - A 64-year old female in St. Johns County has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials.
  - 63-year old male New York resident who is currently in St. Johns County has tested positive. He is isolated and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials. This is a travel-related case.

### Current and Anticipated Actions/Protective Measures

- We are coordinating and responding with our community partners in an effort to keep our community prepared and safe.
  - Participating in daily statewide conference calls with Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
- St. Johns County EOC is activating to a Level II – Partial Activation. The St. Johns County EOC Citizens Information Line will also be open to assist with residents with questions and concerns at 904-824-5550. Hours of Operations will be 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, 7 days a week.
- St. Johns County is implementing elevated cleaning services. In addition, employee work and travel policies are being implemented to safeguard a healthy workplace. St. Johns County is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation and remains in communication with local healthcare providers and public safety partner agencies.
- 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 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
City of St. Augustine	Status:	Operational
City of St. Augustine Beach	Status:	Operational

St. Johns County School District	Status:	Spring break has been extended one week and St. Johns County students will now return on March 30. All extracurricular activities, including high school athletics, are suspended until further notice. Additionally, state testing will be delayed. Please see Community Information regarding Meal Service.
Florida School for Deaf and Blind	Status:	Spring break has been extended one week and Florida School for Deaf and Blind, classes will resume on March 30. All extracurricular activities, including high school athletics, are suspended until further notice. Additionally, state testing will be delayed.
Flagler College	Status:	All classes will be online for two weeks beginning March 23, after the College's regularly scheduled spring break.
St. Johns River State College	Status:	Spring Break March 14-22. All faculty and staff will report to campus Monday, March 23. Current Online classes will resume on Monday, March 23. Current Face-to-Face classes are canceled Monday, March 23 & Tuesday, March 24, and will resume Wednesday, March 25 as online classes. All courses will remain online through at least April 12.
Flagler Hospital	Status:	Operational - Visitor hours have been reduced to 7 am - 11 am and 4 pm to 8 pm, Only one visitor is allowed per patient, Visitors must be over the age of 18.

## Community Cancellations and Closures

- Governor Ron DeSantis by Executive Order 20-68:
  - Has ordered any licensee authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises that derive more than 50% of its gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages shall suspend all sale of alcoholic beverages for thirty days from the date of this order, effective at 5 p.m.
  - Direct individuals accessing public beaches in the State of Florida to follow the CDC guidance by limiting their gatherings to no more than 10 persons, distance themselves from other parties by 6 feet.
  - Restaurants shall immediately limit its occupancy to 50% of its current building occupancy. Restaurants shall follow the CDC guidance by ensuring, at minimum, a 6-foot distance between any groups of patrons and limiting parties to no more than 10 individuals.
- St. Johns County Clerk of the Court
  - Effective immediately, the St. Johns County Clerk's Office is suspending its passport application services to reduce courthouse traffic amid concerns about the Coronavirus outbreak. To pay fines, file court documents and perform other services online, visit [www.stjohnsclerk.com](http://www.stjohnsclerk.com).
- First Coast YMCA branches will be closed until further notice. This includes most programs and services including KidZone and Spring Break camps at Camp Immokalee. Spring Break child care will continue to be offered in a very limited capacity.
- National Park Service temporarily suspended visitor service operations at Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas National Monuments. Park visitor facilities, programming, and visitor services are closed.

- Jury Duty - Due to the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), the Florida Supreme Court has suspended all grand jury proceedings, jury selection proceedings and criminal and civil jury trials through Friday, March 27, 2020. Those who have been summoned for jury duty through March 30 are hereby excused and do not need to report. The courthouse remains open for all other services, many of which may be performed online at <https://stjohnsclerk.com>.
- St. Johns County School District has suspended all extracurricular activities, including high school athletics, until further notice.
- Florida School for Deaf and Blind has suspended all extracurricular activities, including high school athletics, until further notice.
- St. Johns County Closures/Cancellations through March 29:
  - Libraries and the library bookmobile
  - All recreational facilities, recreational programming, recreational events, and all permitted events, including organized youth and adult sports, on St. Johns County property
  - St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop and all permitted events on associated County property, including the parking lot, volleyball courts, and the pier pavilion
  - All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds
  - All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns County Agriculture Center
  - All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns Golf Club
  - St. Johns County Pet Center
  - All St. Johns County community collection events
  - All St. Johns County Fire Rescue community programming
- St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum will be closed through March 29. They will reassess the situation before opening on March 30th.
- Historic Tours of Flagler College have been canceled until further notice.
- All public events scheduled through April 1<sup>st</sup> at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall will be cancelled or postponed.
- Council on Aging (COA) Senior Centers, will be closed through April 7, 2020. Meals on Wheels service will continue.
- City of St. Augustine, out of an abundance of caution has cancelled the following events:
  - Lions Seafood Festival
  - Rotary's Rhythm and Ribs Festival
  - Additionally, the free park & ride spring shuttle services currently scheduled through April 1, 2020, have been cancelled.

## Community Information

- St. Johns County Elections to Proceed as Scheduled on March 17
  - Vote by mail ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, in order for them to be counted. Vote by mail ballots cannot be returned to polling locations. A 24-hour drop box is located in front of the Supervisor of Elections office. Red Drop boxes are no longer available on Election Day.
  - Polls, including St. Johns County facilities closed due to COVID-19, will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, March 17, with one exception: Precinct 306 Coquina Crossing Community Center has been moved to Good News Church, 1357 Wildwood Dr., St. Augustine.

For more information, or to locate your Election Day polling place, please visit [www.votesjc.com](http://www.votesjc.com) or call 904.823.2238. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are provided

at all voting locations for workers and voters. For more information on voting visit [www.votesjc.com](http://www.votesjc.com) or call the Elections Office at 904-823-2238.

- 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/>
- St. Johns County's garbage, recycling, and yard debris collection schedule will not change due to any COVID-19 related closures. All collections will continue as scheduled on standard collection days. The Tillman Ridge and Stratton Road solid waste scale houses will remain open during standard business hours. For more information, please call 904.827.6980.
- The St. Johns Golf Club, St. Johns County's beaches, parks, open green spaces, and trails remain open. In addition, Veterans Services, the Permit Center, Health and Human Services, Utilities Services, and all other County business services remain open to the public and operational.

### Resources for Official Information

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 Department of Health COVID-19 Email Address: [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)  
 Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline: 1-866-779-6121 (open 24 hours a day)  
 State of Florida Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp>  
 St. Johns County Government: [www.sjcfl.us/index.aspx](http://www.sjcfl.us/index.aspx)  
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Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/StJohnsCounty">https://twitter.com/StJohnsCounty</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/StJohnsEOC">https://twitter.com/StJohnsEOC</a>

### 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.
- Check the CDC's Traveler's Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.

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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