



St. Johns County

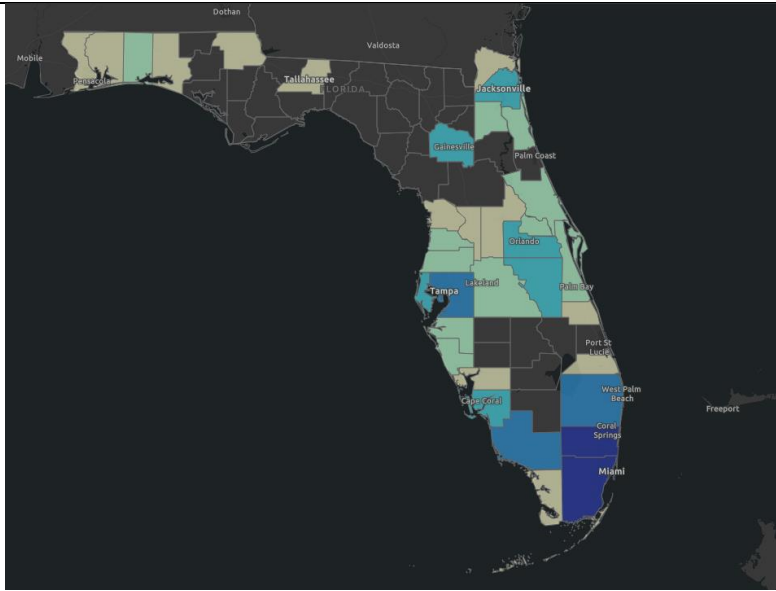
# COVID-19

## Situation Report – 9

Date: March 20, 2020 | 1700 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>		
Local State of Emergency	Number: 20-01	Dated: 3/17/20
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
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>		
Emergency Operations Center Activation Level:		Level 2 – Partial Activation Hours of Operation 8:00 am – 6:00 pm 7 days a week
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 <b>March 20, 2020 at 11:00 am</b> (most recent official report from FDOH):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>474</b> - Florida Residents</li> <li>○ <b>46</b> - Non-Florida resident</li> <li>○ <b>10</b> - Deaths</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		



Florida Counties with positive Cases of COVID-19

- St. Johns County:  
 St. Johns Residents: **4**  
 St. Johns Residents Treated Elsewhere: 0  
 Non-St. Johns Residents: **1**

Demographics:

Men: **3**  
 Women: 2  
 Age Range: 49-64

### 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 will be 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, 7 days a week.
- St. Johns County has implemented elevated cleaning services. In addition, employee work and travel policies have been 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. Florida Department of Health - St. Johns: 904-209-3250**

### 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:	St. Johns County School District (SJCSD) students will not return to school campuses until

		Wednesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> . SJCSD employees will report to work on Monday, March 23 and students will begin online learning on Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> . 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.
St. Johns River State College	Status:	All SJR State classes (online and on-campus) will be cancelled through March 29. Classes will resume on March 30 in an online format through the end of the semester. All campuses will remain closed to students and employees until further notice. Employees should wait for instructions from their supervisors regarding working remotely and when/if to report to campus. All public and College-sponsored events have been canceled for the remainder of the spring semester.
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

**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/> for a comprehensive list of cancellations and closures.**

**Governor Ron DeSantis by Executive Order 20-68:**

Section 1. Alcohol Sales

- A. All vendors licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises must suspend the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink or in sealed containers for consumption on the premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off premises.
- B. The restriction in section 561.20(2)(a)4., Florida Statutes, prohibiting a specially licensed food service establishment from selling package sales of alcohol for delivery, take-out or consumption off-premises is suspended for restaurants complying with Executive Order 20-68, through the expiration of the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52, including any extensions, so long as the following conditions are met:
  - 1. Any sale of an alcoholic beverage in a sealed container for consumption off-premises is accompanied by the sale of food within the same order; and
  - 2. Any delivery of an alcoholic beverage complies with section 561.57, Florida Statutes.
- C. This Section does not prohibit retail stores and vendors that currently sell sealed containers of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption from continuing such sales for off premises consumption.

Section 2. Restaurants and Bars

I hereby order all restaurants and food establishments licensed under Chapters 500 and 509, Florida Statutes, within the State of Florida to suspend on-premises food consumption for customers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such establishments may operate their kitchens for the purpose of providing delivery or take-out services. Employees, janitorial personnel, contractors and delivery personnel shall be allowed access to such establishments for the purposes of delivery or take-out services. This Section amends and supersedes Executive Order 20-68, Sections 3(A)-(B).

Section 3. Gyms and Fitness Centers

I hereby order the closure of gymnasiums and fitness centers within the State of Florida. This order shall not apply to gymnasiums and fitness centers which are: (i) amenities of hotels which have a capacity of 10 persons or less, (ii) are an amenity of a residential building, (iii) are interior to any fire or police stations or (iv) are located inside any single-occupant office building.

- All St. Johns County beaches will be closed to vehicular access beginning tomorrow, Saturday, March 20, 20.
- St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office suspended all public services at 5 p.m. on March 19, 2020 through April 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. except those deemed to be "mission critical" as defined in Circuit Judge Howard Maltz's March 18, 2020 Administrative Order regarding court closure and emergency procedures.

A list of mission critical services is available at [stjohnsclerk.com](http://stjohnsclerk.com). All other court proceedings are hereby cancelled and will be rescheduled. All other filings, recordings, and marriage services are hereby suspended until April 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. The public may also visit [stjohnsclerk.com](http://stjohnsclerk.com) to pay fines, file court documents and more.

- Council on Aging Sunshine Bus: Sunshine Bus Company is implementing a Social Distancing Policy restricting the number of occupants to 10 per vehicle, including the driver, and requiring patrons to maintain a six-foot distance from other passengers.
- St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections will be closed to the public beginning Monday, March 23rd – April 3rd. Most of the SOE services are available online at [www.votesjc.com](http://www.votesjc.com). Staff will be available by phone at 904-823-2238 during our regular business hours 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday.
- St. Johns County Tax Collector, beginning Monday, March 23rd, all branch office locations will be closed. The main office, located at 4030 Lewis Speedway, will remain operational for ST JOHNS COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY. We strongly encourage citizens to process any eligible transactions online. All road tests will be suspended starting March 30, 2020. We will not be open the last Saturday of the month. If you have any questions, or need any assistance, please visit the website, [www.sjctax.us](http://www.sjctax.us) or call 904-209-2250

## Community Information

- 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 - This collection site is for individuals who have a physician's order for COVID-19 testing.
- The Youth Services Team of the St. Johns County Public Library System will be providing Storytime, via Facebook Live, at 11am, Monday through Friday. If you can't watch it at that time, they are archived on the Library's Facebook Page.
- Governor Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program on Monday, March 16 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).
- DEO is currently surveying businesses throughout the state that have been impacted by COVID-19. Businesses and non-profits can access the Business Damage Assessment survey at FloridaDisaster.biz. Select "COVID-19" from the drop-down menu on the survey page.
- 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 Department of Health 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)

State of Florida Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp>

St. Johns County Government Coronavirus Response: <http://www.sjcfl.us/coronavirus/>

## Public Information/Media

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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.

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

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