



**Brevard County  
Emergency Operations Center  
Community Report # 20-032  
April 16, 2020, 8:00 PM**

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Incident Name  
**COVID-19**

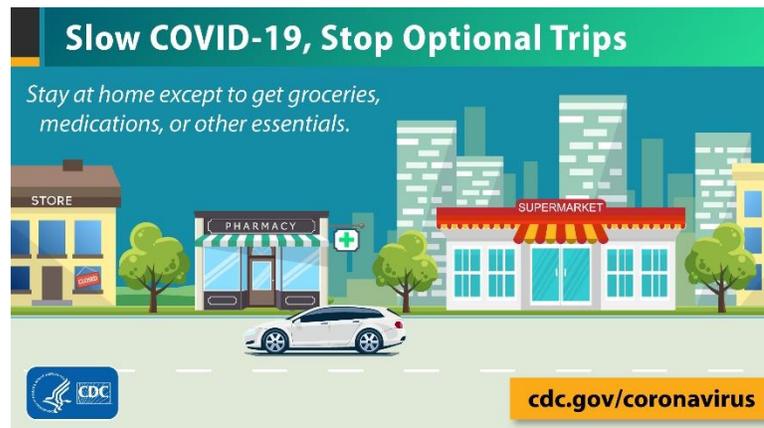
Brevard County EOC Status  
Level 1 – Full Activation

State of Florida EOC Status  
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**Current Event Status**

**Event Overview**

- The pandemic currently affects over 185 countries, with more than 2,151,199 cases worldwide, including 667,225 cases in the United States
- Residents may call 2-1-1 for up-to-date information between 8 AM and 6 PM daily
- The FDOH COVID-19 call center is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day at 1-866-779-6121, but is experiencing a large volume of calls. Another option is to email [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)



**Local Considerations**

- **There are 192 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 6 deaths in Brevard County**
- Brevard County Parks & Recreation: All playgrounds are closed until further notice. Parks and trails remain open.
- Publix announced extra shopping hours for first responders and hospital staff: Thursday evenings, 8 – 9 PM, and Friday mornings, 7 – 8 AM. This change in hours will begin April 16. Publix Pharmacy will also be open during these times.
- Florida Dept of Health:
  - Now offering free COVID-19 testing for Priority 2: patients in long-term care with symptoms, those 65 or older with symptoms, those with underlying conditions and symptoms, and first responders with symptoms
- **Initial phases of faith-based “pop-up” food pantries distribution and operations started today; approximately 25,000 pounds of food were delivered to three sites, and served over 215 families. North Brevard site is scheduled for operations tomorrow.**
- Brevard County Libraries have provided unemployment applications and tax forms outside every library 24 hours a day. In addition, the Cathy Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, the Franklin T. DeGroot Library, the Melbourne Beach

Library, the Melbourne Library, the Mims/Scottsmoor Library, the Port St. John Library, the South Mainland Library, the Suntree/Viera Library, the Titusville Library, and the West Melbourne Library all have a table of free books available outside the library from 9 AM to 4:45 PM Monday through Friday

- The Board of County Commissioners adopted a proclamation requesting businesses implement CDC social distancing recommendations by making these standards part of their day-to-day operations:
  - All employees and patrons should practice social distancing by staying at least six feet apart;
  - Group meetings, trainings, and other gatherings are to be limited to 10 persons or less;
  - Occupancy should be limited to no more than 30 percent of the maximum allowable capacity under the fire code for non-residential, non-medical, and non-lodging uses;
  - Business should install appropriate signage, floor markings, or such other means as may be necessary to remind customers and employees of the importance of social distancing at entry and exit points, checkout points, staging areas, etc.
- Brevard County Public Schools served over 40,600 meals at 27 food distribution sites. Click for [locations](#)
- CareerSource Brevard:
  - Reemployment Assistance Announcement -- Paper applications are now available online at the state's improved Reemployment Assistance resource page: [www.Floridajobsresources.com](http://www.Floridajobsresources.com)
- Brevard County Utility Services:
  - (Not COVID-related) North Brevard/Mims area residents should reduce water usage for non-essential activities, such as washing cars and watering grass, until further notice
- Brevard County issued an order to limit tourism and lodging, and to prohibit usage of spoil islands:
  - Brevard County is closed to tourists and leisure visitors
  - Effective April 3, all hotels, motels, campgrounds, short-term (less than 28 days) vacation rentals, and other transient rentals, to include marinas, recreational vehicle parks, and timeshares, shall cease renting to tourists for 30 days
  - The order does not apply to rentals to transitory military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, construction workers actively engaged in projects in Brevard County, and others working or engaged in formal business in Brevard County.
  - **A self-certification form was approved by the BOCC and Policy Group today, enabling domestic violence survivors and others with a legitimate need to shelter in Brevard County lodging to do so for medical, personal, or business purposes.**
  - All access and use of spoil islands and sandbars are prohibited
- (Not COVID-related) A burn ban is in effect countywide due to the Keetch-Byram Drought Index exceeding 500. All of east central Florida now in moderate drought conditions.
- Space Coast Area Transit has waived fares through April 30. Bus routes are now available between 7 AM and 6 PM.

- Eastern Florida State College:
  - All four EFSC campuses remain closed for the rest of the spring term
  - Student Services are available remotely, including virtual one-on-one student meetings that may be necessary. [View our Student Services guide for details.](#)
  - Also read [updated Frequently Asked Questions](#) for important information
- **United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource guide, including food pantry locations, and how to access help, click [here](#). It is recommended that you call ahead to verify availability.**
- City of Cape Canaveral:
  - All city services remain available
  - Recreation Complex and City Hall offices remain closed to the public.
  - For additional updates please visit:  
<https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/coronavirus/index.php>
- **City of Cocoa**
  - **Per CDC guidance, Brevard County made the decision to close playgrounds. The parks in the City of Cocoa are maintained by Brevard County Central Area Parks & Recreation and therefore are closed to the public.**
- **City of Cocoa Beach**
  - **Virtual City Commission meeting is this evening at 7 PM. Spectrum Channel 497, or <http://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/449/Watch-Recorded-Meetings>**
  - Additional COVID-19 information for the City of Cocoa Beach can be found at:  
<http://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/698/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Updates>
- Town of Grant-Valkaria:
  - Town Hall is closed to the general public; essential services will continue; in-person meetings and services are discontinued until further notice
  - Our previously scheduled food drive has been modified due to our current Stay Home/Stay Safe conditions to a Shop & Ship Virtual Food Drive. If you have any questions, please contact us by email [info@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:info@grantvalkaria.org) or by phone at 321-951-1380.
- Town of Indian Harbour Beach:
  - Beaches are closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing, and swimming through April 30. Activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs, organized sports, or lying on blankets and grouping of persons is not permitted. People will not be allowed to congregate on boardwalks and access areas. Compliance with the CDC recommendations regarding social distancing shall apply
  - Beach parking and beach access parking will remain closed
  - Town Hall, police, and fire departments remain closed to the public. Customer service continues by telephone or electronically
- City of Indian Harbour Beach:
  - All beach parking is restricted
  - Building permit applications can be submitted through e-mail at [building@indianharbour.org](mailto:building@indianharbour.org)

- Business Tax Receipt applications, fire inspections, alarm permits should be submitted electronically to the City Clerk, Sue Frank at [sfrank@indianharbour.org](mailto:sfrank@indianharbour.org)
- Town of Malabar:
  - Town Hall is closed to the general public. Essential services will continue operating via e-mail and phone calls
  - For any further information, please call Town Hall at 321-727-7764 or visit [www.townofmalabar.org](http://www.townofmalabar.org)
- City of Melbourne:
  - **Parks and Recreation classes, activities, programs, tennis, athletics, and special events will be canceled through May 15. Facility rentals, including community centers, civic centers, auditorium, parks, pavilions and ball fields, will also be canceled through May 15.**
  - **City Hall is closed to the public; customer service is available by phone or electronically.**
  - **For updates, please visit the dedicated web page:**  
<https://www.melbourneflorida.org/about/covid-19>
- Town of Melbourne Beach
  - Town Hall lobby remains closed to the public; all business must be conducted via phone (321) 724-5860 or click [here](#)
- Town of Melbourne Village
  - Town Office is still closed to the general public; however, business is still being conducted using email address of [town@Melbournevillage.org](mailto:town@Melbournevillage.org) or (321) 723-8300. website [www.melbournevillage.org](http://www.melbournevillage.org)
- City of Palm Bay:
  - City facilities remain closed to the public while City operations continue
  - Essential City services and COVID-19 updates available at [www.pbfl.org/COVID19](http://www.pbfl.org/COVID19).
  - Palm Bay Utilities Department will continue to waive late fees and continue to suspend shutoffs due to non-payment through April 30 to coincide with the Governor's Executive Order
  - Palm Bay Building Division is allowing a 90-day extension on permits, but contractors must contact the Building Division to request it. 30 days are automatically granted
- Town of Palm Shores
  - Town Hall is closed to the public and requests for permits and inspections should be called to 321-242-4555 to schedule an appointment
- City of Rockledge
  - Building Department permit pick-up, issuance, and payment is by appointment only. Plan review will continue as normal
- City of Satellite Beach:
  - Satellite Beaches are closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing, and swimming, through April 30. No congregating on boardwalks or accesses will be permitted
- City of West Melbourne

- City services are available via telephone, (321)727-7700, website, [www.westmelbourne.org](http://www.westmelbourne.org) or email, [info@westmelbourne.org](mailto:info@westmelbourne.org). The scheduled City Council meeting of April 21 will be convened meeting all social distancing requirements. For information on how the City Council meeting will be conducted and how you can participate, please check the City’s web site after April 16
- Patrick Air Force Base
  - Personnel entering PAFB or CCAFS are not required to have face coverings
  - Security Forces at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station entry control points will scan, but limit touching of all identification cards.
  - Face coverings are required in certain locations. Examples include the Medical Group, Commissary, Base Exchange, as well as any other locations where you can’t maintain a six-foot separation.
  - Updates can be viewed [here](#)

**Rumor Control**

- The IRS will not call to request any personal or financial information for you to receive an economic impact payment.
- Melbourne Beach will not be starting ID enforcement on May 2.
- Hotels remain open but closed to tourists. Exceptions include business travelers, those who are working in Brevard County, and local residents who self-certify they are staying there for certain business, personal, or medical purposes.
- Brevard County is not a refuge for COVID-19 positive individuals from other areas.
- Microwaving face respirators is not recommended as a cleaning method. Face masks may catch fire if microwaved.

**Central Florida Highlights**

- Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court COVID-19 information can be viewed [here](#)

Central Florida Status as of 4/16 – 5:45 PM (most recent update of the FDOH website)		
County	Total Cases	Number of Deaths
Brevard	192	6
Indian River	83	2
Lake	186	5
Martin	142	4
Orange	1,114	21
Osceola	384	5
Seminole	306	3
St. Lucie	186	9
Volusia	255	9
Total	2,848	64

## State/National Highlights

- Unemployment's biweekly reporting of "actively seeking work" requirement has been suspended temporarily, per the Governor's Executive Order 20-104.
- Governor DeSantis announced he will form a taskforce to help with the resurgence and reopening of Florida after COVID-19. The task force will recommend the most prudent way to safely re-open Florida's economy in a phased-in approach. The task force will also place a significant emphasis on small businesses.
- Floridians can text "FLCOVID19" to 888-777 to receive the latest updates on Florida's fight against COVID-19.
- Florida Department of Children and Families announced Tallahassee will pilot a program for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to purchase groceries online with the use of an EBT card this week, and it will go statewide April 21. SNAP participants are automatically eligible to participate in this program and do not need to apply. For more information about the online purchasing pilot, please visit: <https://myflfamilies.com/covid19/access.shtml>
- The Governor's Executive Order 20-87: All vacation rentals, rental of any house, condominium, cooperative, or dwelling unit that is also a transient public lodging establishment are prohibited from making new reservations or bookings and shall not accept new guests for check-in; has been extended until April 30, per EO 20-103.
- The CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community, such as wearing a mask for 14 days, cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces, staying 6 feet away from anyone, and having their temperature taken daily.
- FPL has resources for customers experiencing hardships as a result of COVID-19; for additional information, click [here](#)
- Governor DeSantis waived the work search and work registration requirements for individuals requesting Reemployment Assistance benefits. Individuals filing an application in CONNECT, the online Reemployment Assistance application, for benefits from March 15 until May 2, will not be required to complete the work registration in Employ Florida. For additional questions about Reemployment Assistance, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- The CDC has recommended the use of cloth face coverings, in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission; the cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95s; for information click [here](#)
- Executive Order 20-91:
  - All persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. To view Executive Order 20-91, click [here](#)
  - Answers to frequently asked questions relating to Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-91 are available [here](#)
- To report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse, call 1-844-30-0433 or click [here](#)

### **Public Protective Measures**

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid close contact with sick people, and stay home when sick
- Wear a cloth face covering when in settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain
- Advise sick employees to stay home
- Allow telework or administrative leave
- Follow respiratory etiquette by coughing/sneezing into your sleeve

### **Additional COVID-19 Online Resources**

- CDC:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- FDOH:  
<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/>

### **Social Media Platforms**

- CDC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CDC/>
- CDC Twitter: @CDCemergency and @CDCgov
- FDOH Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FLDepartmentofHealth/>
- FDOH Twitter: @healthyFla

## Approval Information

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Date: April 16, 2020

## Stay Informed via Social Media

Brevard County Emergency Management is also providing updates via the following social media accounts:

Twitter: @BrevardEOC

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BrevardEOC>

Text Brevard EOC to 888-777

FDOH's COVID-19 website <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19/> or contact FDOH's 24/7 COVID-19 call center at 866-779-6121 or via email at COVID-19@flhealth.gov