

# Brevard County Emergency Operations Center Community Report # 20-039 April 23, 2020, 7:30 PM

**Contact Information:** 

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Incident Name COVID-19

Brevard County EOC Status Level 1 – Full Activation State of Florida EOC Status Level 1 –Full Activation

## Current Event Status

#### **Event Overview**

- The pandemic currently affects over 185 countries, with more than 2,682,225 cases worldwide, including 856,209 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



## **Local Considerations**

- There are 235 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 8 deaths in Brevard County.
- As of Monday, April 27, Florida Department of Health in Brevard will offer free COVID-19 testing to anyone who is symptomatic. Call 321-454-7141 for an appointment.
- Career Source Brevard:
  - For workers: free virtual career workshops, virtual tools and training, and reemployment assistance
  - o For employers: workshops for business resources and assistance programs
  - o For information, visit COVID-19 resource page.
- For information on food pantry locations and how to access help, utilize the United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource guide by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. It is recommended that you call ahead to verify availability
- Brevard County Public Schools:
  - There will be no meal distribution on Friday, April 24
  - Meal distribution will continue on Monday, April 27, click for locations
- Brevard County Farmers Market is open Thursdays from 3 PM to 6 PM.
  - The market is operating on a pre-order basis through their individual vendors. Links to each of the vendors can be found at <u>brevardcountyfarmersmarket</u>
- Brevard County rated with a "D-" grade for today's social distancing score from Unacast.

- Health First is offering drive-up testing for first responders; call 321-434-3131 for appointment. Must show identification and credentials.
- (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
- (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.
- City of Cape Canaveral:
  - For updates please visit:
     <a href="https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/coronavirus/index.php">https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/coronavirus/index.php</a>
- City of Cocoa
  - o For update visit: <a href="https://www.cocoafl.org/1558/Coronavirus-COVID-19">https://www.cocoafl.org/1558/Coronavirus-COVID-19</a>
- City of Cocoa Beach
  - Community food drive delivered donated goods to Our Saviors Catholic Church; food drive will continue on April 24 from noon to 6 PM.
  - o Executive Order 12A eases beach restrictions, encouraging social distancing and not congregating in groups greater than five people.
- 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
- Town of Indialantic
  - 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
  - Business Tax Receipt applications, fire inspections, alarm permits should be submitted electronically to the City Clerk, Sue Frank at <a href="mailto:sfrank@indianharbour.org">sfrank@indianharbour.org</a>
- 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, call at 321-727-7764 or visit www.townofmalabar.org
- City of Melbourne:
  - Melbourne City Council April 21 special meeting approved a package of temporary fee waivers and deferrals designed to directly assist businesses. For more information click <u>here</u>
  - o For updates, please visit 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; for questions email town@Melbournevillage.org, (321) 723-8300 or visit www.melbournevillage.org

- City of Palm Bay:
  - o City facilities remain closed to the public while City operations continue.
  - Essential City services and COVID-19 updates available at <u>www.pbfl.org/COVID19</u>.
- Town of Palm Shores
  - o 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:
  - Municipal beaches will reopen to all activities; activities must be conducted in groups of no more than 5 people; no congregating on boardwalks and access areas.
  - All beach parking lots will remain closed.
- City of West Melbourne
  - City services are available via telephone, (321)727-7700, website, www.westmelbourne.org or email, info@westmelbourne.org
- Patrick Air Force Base
  - Updates can be viewed <u>here</u>

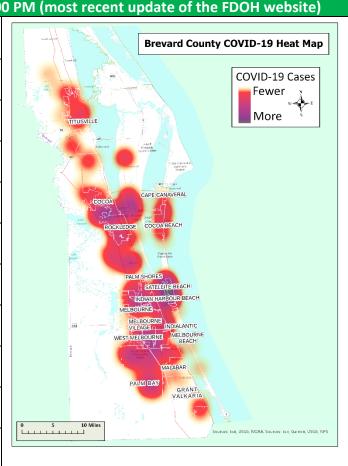
#### **Rumor Control**

- A website today posted an article incorrectly claiming that the City of Melbourne is defying the Governor's Executive Order regarding essential businesses and activities. Unless extended or rescinded, the entire state, including the City of Melbourne, is still under the Governor's Executive Order 20-91 through April 30, 2020. The City does not have the authority to supersede the order or to add essential businesses on its own. City employees have not changed how they are treating businesses with regard to the Governor's order and the city has not opened up all businesses. The City is awaiting the Governor's directive regarding the re-opening of Florida and will follow that direction with the knowledge that the City Council has expressed a strong desire and commitment to get all businesses open again as quickly and as safely as possible.
- Department of Health does not send text messages telling people they need to be tested for COVID-19.
- Stimulus check recipients do not have to confirm acceptance via text message.
- Financial Departments do not send text messages for COVID-19 pandemic financial assistance.
- The IRS will not call to request any personal or financial information for you to receive an economic impact payment.
- Antibody testing does not signify complete immunity or that there is no longer a need to social distance.

#### **Central Florida Highlights**

The regional testing site at the Orange County Convention Center will administer up to 750
tests per day to individuals with respiratory symptoms or preexisting conditions, regardless
of age. It is free of charge and no appointment is necessary.

Central Florida Status as of 4/23 – 6:0		
County	Total Cases	Number of Deaths
Brevard	235	8
Indian River	88	5
Lake	217	9
Martin	166	5
Orange	1,274	29
Osceola	449	7
Seminole	340	7
St. Lucie	220	17
Volusia	420	14
Total	3,409	101



## State/National Highlights

- OSHA released guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19. The Guidance can be found at <a href="https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf">https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf</a> and a work place poster at <a href="https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3994.pdf">https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3994.pdf</a>
- The CDC has provided tips for coping with stress during COVID-19, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html
- Public schools will remain closed; distance learning will continue for the school year.
- The CDC has <u>recommended</u> the use of cloth face coverings.

## **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
- Advise sick employees to stay home and 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: <a href="http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/">http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/</a>

## **Social Media Platforms**

• CDC Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CDC/">https://www.facebook.com/CDC/</a>

• CDC Twitter: @CDCemergency and @CDCgov

• FDOH Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FLDepartmentofHealth/">https://www.facebook.com/FLDepartmentofHealth/</a>

• FDOH Twitter: @healthyFla

## Approval Information

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# Stay Informed via Social Media

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

media accounts:

Twitter: @BrevardEOC

Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/BrevardEOC">http://www.facebook.com/BrevardEOC</a>

Text Brevard EOC to 888-777