



**Brevard County
Emergency Operations Center
Community Report # 20-045
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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 3,187,919 cases worldwide, including 1,036,652 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

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
for Re-Opening **LIVE**

- Public Health & Safety**
The first priority in re-opening is maintaining the health and safety of all Floridians. Every measure taken by state and local governments, businesses, and individuals should consider the general health and safety of the public.
- Health Care System Readiness**
Health facilities should be able to return to normal operations through a prudent approach that ensures available capacity to treat COVID-19 patients in the event of a medical surge. Health care systems also need to develop models for the sustainability of medical supplies and preservation of medical resources without the need for public augmentation of medical supplies.
- Protection of the Vulnerable**
Targeted measures should focus on Floridians over the age of 65 and those who have serious underlying medical conditions to prevent exposure to COVID-19.
- Economic Recovery**
The Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step, plan to re-open Florida should support the highest practicable level of business operation while maintaining public health and safety, so that all Floridians can return to work and the economy can recover.

Local Considerations

- There are 270 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 8 deaths in Brevard County.
- Governor DeSantis announced the Safe, Smart, Step-By-Step Plan to Reopen Florida. The plan includes 5 goals:
 - Protect the vulnerable
 - Increase testing
 - Promote social distancing
 - Support hospital capacity and health care workers
 - Prevent introduction of virus from outside the state
- Phase 1 will begin on Monday, May 4 and includes:
 - Schools remain distance learning.
 - Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited.
 - Elective surgeries can resume.
 - Restaurants may offer outdoor seating with 6-foot space between tables and indoor seating at 25% capacity.
 - Retail can operate at 25% of indoor capacity.
 - No change for bars, gyms and personal services such as hair dressers.

- **Vulnerable individuals should avoid close contact with people outside the home.**
 - **All individuals, when in public, should maximize physical distance from others.**
 - **Avoid socializing in group of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for physical distancing.**
 - **Face masks are recommended for all those in face-to-face interactions and where you can't social distance.**
- **Key metrics for next steps:**
 - **The state maintains the health benchmarks of the Step-By-Step Plan**
 - **Maintaining hospital bed capacity**
 - **Monitoring COVID-19 test positivity rate**
- **Health First has adopted a universal masking policy, which requires all who come through their doors to wear face masks until further notice.**
- OMNI Healthcare opened a third test site in Merritt Island. The testing site is free for those without insurance, and no out-of-pocket expense for people with insurance. To make an appointment, call (321) 802-5515 or email covid@omnihealthcare.com
- Senior Resource Alliance Home Energy Assistance Program for the elderly (EHEAP) – Assists eligible seniors with their home energy bill when an energy crisis exists. To qualify for assistance, applicants must be age 60 or older, meet income requirements and actively experiencing a home energy crisis, such as delinquent or past due payments. For more information, 1-800-96-ELDER or visit <http://www.seniorresourcealliance.org/>
- Parrish Healthcare, in collaboration with OMNI Healthcare, opened North Brevard's first COVID-19 drive-thru test collection site at its Parrish Health & Fitness Center. The testing site is free for those without insurance, and no out-of-pocket expense for people with insurance, with a 48-hour turnaround time. There are three ways to register:
 - Text "COVID test" to 321-204-1966
 - Go to www.parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19Registration
 - Call 321-268-6139
- Beginning May 1, FPL plans to issue a one-time decrease of nearly 25% for the typical residential bill as a result of lower fuel costs. Business customers will also see a significant one-time decrease in May that will vary by rate structure.
- CDC has updated COVID-19 symptoms, and Florida Department of Health in Brevard is offering free COVID-19 testing to anyone who is [symptomatic](#). Call 321-454-7141 for an appointment.
- For information on food pantry locations and how to access help, use the United Way of Brevard's COVID-19 Community Resource [guide](#).
- Brevard County Public Schools distributed 9,900 meals today. [Locations](#)
- **Brevard County rated with a "F" 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.
- (Non-COVID related) North Brevard/Mims residents are no longer required to conserve water usage but should still be mindful of non-essential use.

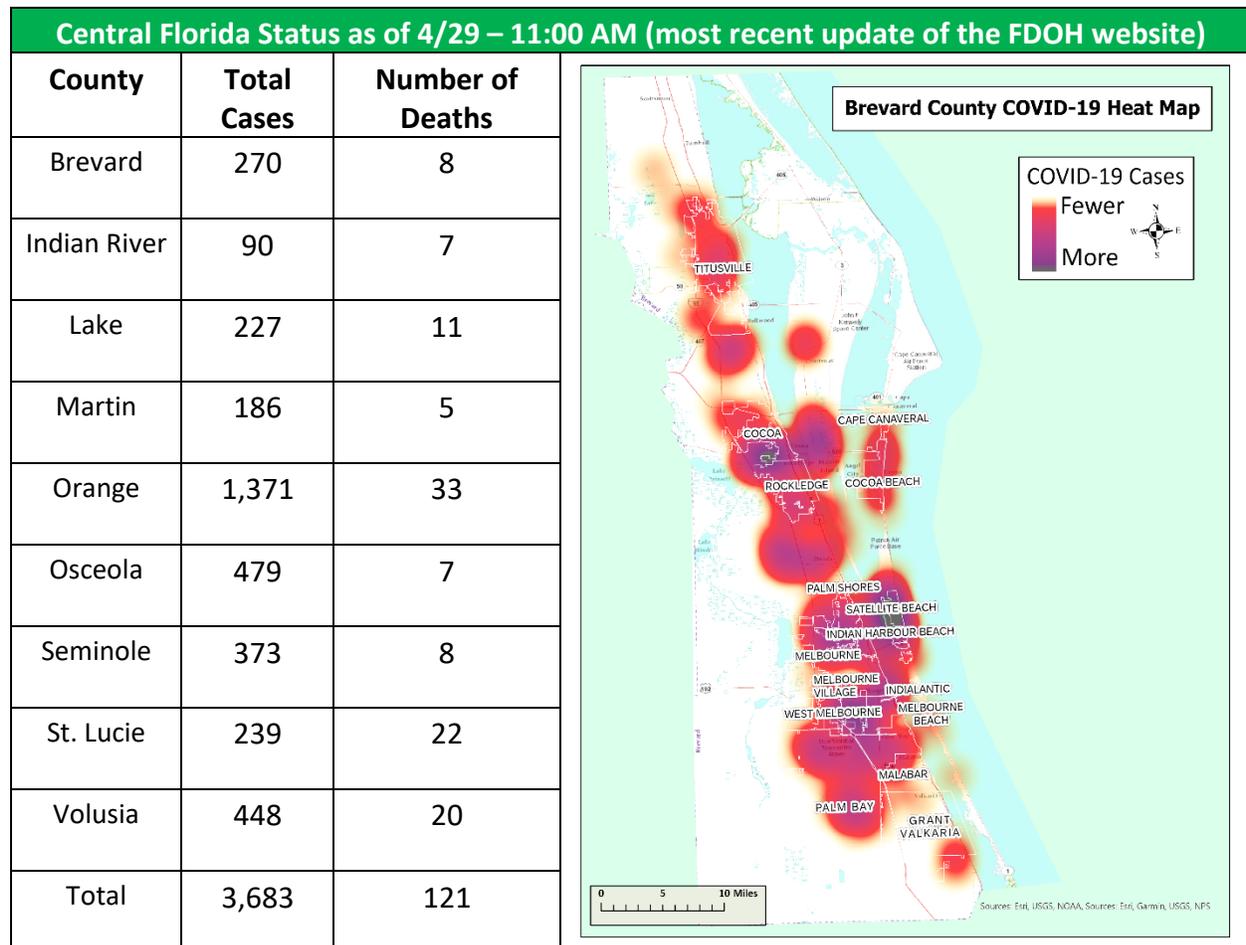
- (Not COVID-related) The Keetch-Byram Drought Index is now 401. East central Florida remains under moderate drought conditions.
- City of Cape Canaveral:
 - For updates, visit: <https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/coronavirus/index.php>
- City of Cocoa
 - For updates, visit: <https://www.cocoaf1.org/1558/Coronavirus-COVID-19>
- **City of Cocoa Beach**
 - **Fresh perishable food distribution will be held on Friday, May 1 from noon to 4 PM at the Cocoa Beach Country Club, 5000 Tom Warriner Blvd.**
- Town of Grant-Valkaria:
 - Town Hall is closed to the general public; essential services continue; in-person meetings and services are discontinued until further notice.
- Town of Indialantic
 - Beaches remain closed to all activities except walking, jogging, biking, fishing, surfing and swimming until April 30. Activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs, organized sports or lying on blankets and grouping of persons are not permitted.
- City of Indian Harbour Beach:
 - Beaches are reopened, encouraging social distancing in groups of no more than 5 people, including sitting and lying on the beach.
 - Beach parking areas remain closed; standing on the beach crossover locations shall require application of the social distancing requirement; please do not park bicycles on beach walkways and boardwalks as they block access for others.
- Town of Malabar:
 - Town Hall is closed to the public. Essential services continue operating via e-mail and phone calls. For information, call 321-727-7764 or visit www.townofmalabar.org
- City of Melbourne:
 - 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:
 - City facilities remain closed to the public while City operations continue.
 - Essential City services and COVID-19 updates available at www.pbfl.org/COVID19.
- Town of Palm Shores
 - Town Hall is closed to the public; 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 reopened 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 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 [here](#)

Rumor Control

- **There are no plans to block the roads into Brevard on May 27 for the return to human spaceflight.**
- Drinking or injecting bleach, rubbing alcohol, or other disinfectants is not a treatment or cure for COVID-19.
- At-home COVID-19 antibody tests are not valid; many rapid antibody tests give false positives.

Central Florida Highlights



State/National Highlights

- Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association reopening guidelines can be viewed [here](#)
- JetBlue Airways will require passengers to wear face masks or other face coverings beginning May 4.

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
- Wear a mask or face covering when you are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance.

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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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 **BrevardEOC** to 888-777