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[Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Total cases: 652,148

Resident hospitalizations: 40,517

Resident deaths: 12,115

Non-resident deaths: 154

New daily cases: 3,773

Daily percent positive: 5.97%

Total tests: 4,838,264

Overall percent positive: 13.48%

Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) [Daily Report as of September 9, 10AM](#)
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) [Hospital Beds Census and Staffed Availability Crosstabs](#)

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September 8

[Florida to start paying Federal Lost Wages Assistance benefits](#)

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced Florida has been approved to provide and has processed three weeks of LWA program benefits to eligible Floridians. This means the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is providing an additional \$300 per week to eligible Reemployment Assistance claimants.

September 4

[Governor orders Palm Beach County to move to Phase 2](#)

Executive Order 20-214 allows Palm Beach County to move to Phase 2 in the "Safe. Smart. Step by Step Plan for Florida's Recovery."

[Governor extends state of emergency order](#)

September 2

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[State adopts task force recommendations on nursing home reopening](#)

Emergency Order 20-009 by the Florida Division of Emergency Management lifts restrictions for visitation to nursing homes, assisted living facilities (ALFs), adult family-care homes, adult group homes and other long-term care facilities.

September 1

[Governor extends deadline for Bright Futures scholarship](#)

Executive Order 20-212 extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to earn a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020.

August 31

[Governor extends limited version of mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief order](#)

Executive Order 20-211 provides a limited, one-month extension to Executive Order 20-180, which made significant changes to prior versions of the mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief orders.

August 28

[Governor suspends DBPR alcohol licensing deadlines through 2020](#)

Executive Order 20-210 suspends all renewal deadlines for licenses, registrations, permits, or certificates overseen by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco regarding the manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcohol. The order is in effect through December 31st.

August 26

[Governor Announces Florida's Participation in the Federal Lost Wages Assistance Program](#)

The Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) Program provides additional temporary benefits for individuals who are eligible for Reemployment Assistance for weeks of unemployment ending on or after Aug. 1, 2020. Pending federal approval, this will allow Florida to offer an additional \$300 per week to eligible Reemployment Assistance claimants.

[Task force recommends opening nursing homes to family visitation](#)

Today the governor's Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities issued recommendations on safely reopening nursing homes to visitors. The recommendations are expected to be formalized in an executive order soon.

August 24

[Judge rules school reopening order is unconstitutional](#)

Leon County Circuit Judge Charles Dodson granted a temporary injunction, siding with the state's largest teacher's association in their lawsuit against the state.

August 19

[Governor announces online self-assessment tool for COVID-19](#)

The online self-audit (FloridaSafeSurvey.com) through the Department of Elder Affairs allows citizens to report and track their behavior related to COVID-19 and results in a Safe Behavior Report and score.

August 12

[Governor gives live address on school reopenings](#)

Today Governor Ron DeSantis delivered a live address on school reopening and COVID-19. Read the full transcript or watch the video [here](#).

August 7

[Governor amends EO on local public official meetings](#)

Emergency Order 20-193 amends EO 20-179, an extension of EO-69 on local public official meetings.

August 6

[Governor Announces Task Force to Explore Re-Opening Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the formation of Florida's Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities. Members of the task force will work together to develop guidelines on how to safely allow family members to visit their loved ones in Florida's long-term care facilities where visitation has been prohibited since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Governors amends restaurant employee screening protocols](#)

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Executive Order 20-192 amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, and 20-166, directing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to require restaurants to follow CDC guidelines on employee screening protocols. Additionally, the order lifts travel restrictions, including the 14 day quarantine, for residents or visitors coming from New York and other high-risk areas.

August 4

[Governor floats policies that would allow for nursing home visits](#)

After months of no visitor contact at nursing homes, Governor Ron DeSantis's office is forming a committee, which will include Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew, to discuss which policies could be implemented to ensure safe visitation.

August 3

[Governor announces rapid testing at two Miami sites](#)

Governor Ron DeSantis announced that COVID-19 rapid testing will be available at two state-supported testing sites in Miami-Dade County--Hard Rock Stadium and Marlins Park--starting Wednesday.

July 30

[Governor gives live address on tropical storm and COVID-19](#)

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis delivered a live address regarding Tropical Storm Isaias and COVID-19. Watch the full video [here](#).

July 29

[DEM to temporarily close all state-supported testing sites in advance of Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine](#)

Today, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) announced that all state-supported drive-thru and walk-up COVID-19 testing sites will temporarily close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, in anticipation of impacts from Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine (soon to be Tropical Storm Isaias).

Governor extends executive order on local government meetings *(see PDF)*

Executive Order 20-179 extends EO-69 regarding local government public meetings through September 1, 2020.

Governor extends executive order on mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief *(see PDF)*

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Executive Order 20-180 extends EO-94 on mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief through September 1, 2020.

July 27

[Senate President issues memo on General Revenue collections](#)

President Bill Galvano issues a memo in response to the latest revenue report by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR). In total, the state lost \$2.1 billion in the last quarter of 2020, netting an overall loss of \$1.9 billion or 5.7 percent from January predictions.

[EDR June Revenue Report](#)

July 22

[Governor Delivers Address Regarding COVID-19 and the Upcoming School Year](#)

In an unusual live address to the state of Florida, Governor Ron DeSantis asked families to not be paralyzed by fear of the virus, but rather to come together for the sake of the next generation, who could be harmed deeply by not returning to school this fall.

July 17

[Governor Announces \\$75 Million in Coronavirus Relief Fund Dollars for Property Owners, Renters and Homeowners](#)

Apopka, Fla.- Today, Governor DeSantis announced that the release of \$75 million to local governments to assist Floridians in need of rental and mortgage assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the CARES Act, Governor DeSantis made available \$250 million, of which \$120 million will be sent to local governments to provide rental and mortgage assistance program. The \$75 million approved today is the first release of the funding to local governments.

July 7

[Governor extends state of emergency](#)

Executive Order 20-166 extends EO 20-52, declaring a state of emergency, for an additional 60 days.

July 6

[Department of Education issues order on reopening K-12 schools](#)

FDOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 requires that K-12 schools open brick and mortar schools at least 5 days a week with a full array of services, requires that districts submit plans for how

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they will reopen and provide continuity of instruction, and creates flexibility in per-student funding. These changes are in effect through the end of the 2020 fall semester.

June 30

[State extends mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief order](#)

Executive Order 20-159 extends EO 20-94 until August 1, 2020 at 12:01am.

June 26

[State suspends on-premise alcohol consumption at bars](#)

Emergency Order 2020-09 by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation orders the suspension of alcohol consumption on-premises at bars statewide.

[Senate President issues memo regarding EDR's General Revenue Collection Report](#)

President Bill Galvano issued a memo to all senators today regarding the May General Collection Report released by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR), which reveals a loss to the state of \$779.6 million over previous estimates. Together with April, this represents a combined loss of \$1.66 billion.

June 23

[Governor extends order on local government public meetings](#)

Executive Order 20-150 extends EO 20-69 through August 1, 2020

June 17

[Governor order changes to general, primary elections](#)

Executive Order 20-149 makes a number of changes to the state's primary and general election, including vote-by-mail canvassing, poll sites, poll workers, and social distancing requirements.

June 11

[Governor Announces Recommendations to Safely Reopen Florida's Education System](#)

MELBOURNE, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner Richard Corcoran announced recommendations for local communities to consider as they finalize plans to re-open safe and healthy schools that are set up for success. This plan outlines the nearly \$475 million in state directed education financial assistance provided to Florida through the CARES Act.

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June 10

[Governor Announces State of Florida to Begin Disbursement of CARES Act Funds to Counties](#)

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the State of Florida's plan to disburse up to \$1.275 billion in CARES Act funds to counties with a population below 500,000. Using a phased approach, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) will distribute funds to these counties, beginning with an initial disbursement of 25% of each county's allocation.

[Education Commissioner announces extension on Bright Futures qualifying deadline](#)

DOE 2020-EO-05 partially suspends several statutes and rules relating to qualifications and deadlines required for students to achieve a Bright Futures Scholarship. The deadline to submit SAT/ACT scores is moved from June 30 to July 31.

June 3

[Governor orders phase two of reopening](#)

Executive Order 20-139 orders the following: restaurants and bars, entertainment businesses such as movie theaters and concert venues, and personal services such as massage parlors may operate at 50% capacity; pari-mutuel facilities may obtain permission to reopen from DBPR; maintains out-of-state travel restrictions with certain exceptions; extends EO 20-69 relating to local government public meetings.

June 1

[Governor extends mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief order](#)

Executive Order 20-137 extends EO 20-94, regarding mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, through July 1st.

May 27

[Governor Announces Florida's Participation in the USDA's Pandemic EBT Program](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced federal approval for the implementation of Florida's Pandemic EBT Program (P-EBT). The program will automatically issue benefits during the month of June to more than 2.1 million children who have temporarily lost access to free and reduced-price school meals during COVID-19-related school closures.

May 22

[Governor allows youth activities, summer camps to open](#)

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Executive Order 20-131 allows organized youth activities—including youth sports leagues, clubs, daycare, and camps—to operate, effective immediately.

May 15

[Governor orders Pasco municipal elections for June 30th](#)

Executive Order 20-124 reschedules municipal elections in Pasco County that were previously delayed by executive order due to COVID-19.

[Governor opens gyms, retail, and restaurants to 50% capacity](#)

Executive Order 20-123 moves Florida into the “full phase one” of reopening including gyms and fitness centers at 50% capacity, as well as restaurants, retail, and museums and libraries.

Counties may submit plans to open short term vacation rentals in their area.

[Infographic on Full Phase One](#)

May 14

[Governor opens Miami-Dade and Broward counties for phase one](#)

Executive Order 20-122 amends EO 20-112 to include Miami-Dade and Broward counties for phase one of reopening, effective May 18th.

[Governor extends mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief](#)

Executive Order 20-121 extends EO 20-94 regarding suspension of mortgage foreclosures and evictions through June 2nd.

May 13

[Education Commissioner orders more flexibility for schools, teachers](#)

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 extends deadlines and suspends policies in numerous areas within early learning, K-12, and higher education.

May 9

[Governor opens Palm Beach Co. for phase 1, allows salons, barber shops to open statewide](#)

Executive Order 20-120 allows cosmetology salons and barbershops to open beginning May 11th under social distancing guidelines by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Additionally, Palm Beach County is able to participate in phase one of reopening.

May 8

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[Governor extends emergency order for 60 more days](#)

Executive Order 120-114 extends EO 120-51, the original declaration of state of emergency for Florida regarding COVID-19.

May 4

[DeSantis Announces Investigation Into State's 'Connect' Online Unemployment System](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - At a Monday news conference, DeSantis gave a detailed progress report on efforts to improve the site, but said there are 900,000 pending claims that have not been processed. DeSantis also announced that he has asked his chief inspector general, Melinda Miguel, to investigate the original deal, which spiked from \$40 million to \$78 million and was amended 14 times, according to the governor. View the Governor's presentation [here](#).

[Coronavirus antibody tests to begin across Florida, Gov. DeSantis says](#)

ORLANDO, Fla. - The state just received its first shipment of 200,000 coronavirus antibody tests, which Gov. DeSantis says will be distributed to hospitals to test health care workers, as well as some drive-through testing sites and possibly walk-up sites for residents.

April 29

[Governor orders phase one of reopening](#)

Executive Order 20-112 orders the first phase of reopening the state—with the exception of Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties—which includes allowing restaurants and retail to open on a restricted basis. Bars, nightclubs, and gyms remain closed.

[FAQs for Phase One Reopening](#)

[Governor extends stay at home, vacation rental ban through May 4th](#)

Executive Order 20-111 extends the orders on essential services and vacation rentals until May 4th, at which time EO 20-112 will go into effect.

April 18

[Governor closes K-12 schools for remainder of school year](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – During a press conference Saturday, Governor DeSantis announced that schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year and that students will continue to use distance learning.

April 16

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[Governor relaxes requirements for unemployment assistance](#)

Emergency Order 20-104 suspends the bi-weekly reporting requirement by claimants of unemployment assistance that they are “actively seeking work” during the COVID-19 emergency.

[President Galvano sends memo on fiscal update for the state](#)

In this memo, Senate President Bill Galvano discusses Florida’s share of federal funds inside the CARE Act as well as what information the state will be looking at to determine the health of Florida’s economy during this crisis and as we recover.

April 15

[Governor discusses new task force, announces unemployment program moving to DMS](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor DeSantis says a new task force being created to advise on opening the economy back up will focus on everything from agriculture and tourism to K-12 education, and he expects to announce members this week. Additionally, DeSantis announced he is moving the unemployment assistance program from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to the Department of Management Services (DMS), which acts as the administrative arm of the state.

April 10

[State requests waiver to allow SNAP recipients to purchase groceries online](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – On April 10, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) requested a federal waiver to permit the State of Florida to launch a pilot project that will allow Florida families to purchase groceries online with their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card.

[Governor extends vacation rental ban](#)

Executive Order 20-103 extends the vacation rental ban (EO 20-87) through April 30th.

[Governor announces loosened testing restrictions; more daily testing coming next week](#)

April 8

[Governor suspends Pasco County municipal elections](#)

Executive Order 20-97 orders the suspension of the April 14, 2020 elections in San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills.

April 7

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[State announces actions to make reemployment assistance more user friendly](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced multiple actions taken to improve the ability for Floridians to access the Reemployment Assistance program, including the use of paper applications and free printing and mailing of those applications through FedEx locations across the state.

April 6

[Supreme Court issues emergency procedures for state courts](#)

Administrative Order 20-23 directs judges and court personnel to maintain workflow by using technology to the maximum extent possible. All grand jury proceedings, jury selection proceedings, and criminal and civil jury trials remain suspended.

[Governor suspends doc stamp taxes for federal funds](#)

Executive Order 20-95 directs the Florida Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending the collection of doc stamp taxes for moneys businesses receive under the CARES Act SBA loan program, known as the Paycheck Protection Program.

April 2

[Governor suspends action on foreclosure, eviction](#)

Executive Order 20-94 suspends statutes providing for a mortgage foreclosure cause of action and eviction cause of action for 45 days.

[Governor orders state agency workers to help DEO with reemployment assistance](#)

Executive Order 20-93 directs agencies to have all available state personnel temporarily assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), to make alternate application formats available, and to immediately procure the necessary services to address problems with the current reemployment assistance program known as CONNECT.

[President Galvano releases memo on fiscal update for Florida](#)

President Galvano discusses Florida's \$2 billion in reserves and the expectation that the state will not need to adjust the current year budget, but that legislators will likely return to Tallahassee in fiscal year 2020-21 in order to appropriate federal funds.

April 1

[Governor amends safer-at-home order](#)

Executive Order 20-92 amends order 20-91 to note that the statewide order supersedes any conflicting local order.

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[Governor issues statewide safer-at-home order](#)

Executive Order 20-91 requires that Florida residents stay home unless engaging in essential services or activities, with specific reference to [CISA "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce" version 2.0](#).

March 31

[Governor orders beaches in Palm Beach County, Broward remain closed](#)

Executive Order 20-90 requires all beaches remain closed in the counties of Palm Beach and Broward.

March 30

[Education Commissioner extends school closure through May 1st](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – On a call with district superintendents, Commissioner Richard Corcoran advised that districts should remain closed through May 1st. All districts were required to have their distance learning plans implemented as of today.

[Governor asks South Florida residents to stay home](#)

Executive Order 20-89 directs all residents in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties to stay home, in order to create consistency for the region.

[Governor makes changes to FRS for recent retirees](#)

Executive Order 20-88 waives certain requirements for recent retirees who are in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) if they are working in response to COVID-19.

March 27

[Governor prohibits vacation rentals, implements checkpoints for travelers](#)

Executive Order 20-87 suspends any new reservations for vacation rentals for the next 14 days.

[Governor issues new guidelines for travelers coming into Florida](#)

Executive Order 20-86 requires a 14 day quarantine for anyone coming into Florida from a state from an area of community spread, including Louisiana, and including travel by car or other transportation. Law enforcement is directed to set up checkpoints on roads coming into the state and to provide information on COVID-19.

March 26

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[Governor allows telehealth, immunizations for state group health insurance](#)

Executive Order 20-85 directs DMS to amend state employee health plan benefits to include telehealth services at no additional cost and to waive costs for influenza vaccinations, effective immediately.

March 24

[Governor directs Surgeon General to issue public health advisories](#)

Executive Order 20-83 directs Surgeon General Rivkees to issue public health advisories to those 65 and older or anyone who has underlying medical conditions, warning of the dangers of gathering in groups of 10 or more, and asking people to work from home when feasible.

[Governor expands on New York area quarantine requirement](#)

Executive Order 20-82 adds anyone who is covered by this order must inform anyone they have contact with in the last 21 days of their travel to prevent community spread.

March 23

[Governor orders 14 day quarantine for all New York area travelers](#)

Executive Order 20-80 requires any air travelers to Florida from the New York tri-state area (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) must be screened upon arrival and quarantined for 14 days.

March 20

[Governor orders prohibition on elective and non-emergency surgeries](#)

Executive Order 20-72 directs physicians and healthcare professionals to stop performing any medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedures which, if delayed, would not harm patients.

[Governor orders closure of all gyms and fitness centers statewide; prohibits food and alcohol consumption on-premises](#)

Executive Order 20-71 directs all gyms and fitness centers to close statewide. Additionally, it requires all food and alcohol sold in restaurants be consumed off-premises.

[Governor orders movie theatres, bowling alleys, gyms and in more to close in Broward and Palm Beach counties](#)

Executive Order 20-70 directs all movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches to close in Broward County and Palm Beach County.

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[Governor creates flexibility for local governments to meet virtually](#)

Executive Order 20-69 suspends the requirement that municipal governing bodies have a quorum in person or meet at a specific location to take action and allows municipal governing bodies to meet via telecommunications.

March 19

[Florida lawmakers approve \\$25 million for direct costs to contain coronavirus](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Legislators came back to Tallahassee Thursday to sign the state budget. Now it heads to the Governor's desk.

[Florida state offices ordered closed to public as infections in Florida rise](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Department of Management Services' (DMS) new policy requires a state-issued employee ID badge to enter the offices of the Departments of Children and Families, Education, Health, and others at least until April 19.

March 17

[Governor DeSantis requests that schools remain closed through April 15th](#)

All PreK-12 school testing canceled this year and no school grades.

[Governor DeSantis orders all bars, nightclubs, breweries to close for 30 days](#)

Restaurants restricted to no more than 50% capacity. Groups are limited to 10 people at restaurants, beaches, and patrons must distance themselves by at least 6 feet.

[Gov. DeSantis calls for Florida universities to do online classes through rest of spring semester](#)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis says all state universities will continue online classes only through the remainder of the spring semester.

[CMS Approves First State Request for 1135 Medicaid Waiver in Florida](#)

On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation a national emergency. This bold action enables the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive certain requirements in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP under Section 1135 authority. This includes the ability to grant state and territorial Medicaid agencies a wider range of flexibilities, and states may now submit Section 1135 waiver requests for CMS approval that will remove administrative burdens and expand access to needed services. Shortly after the President's declaration, Florida became the first state to submit a Section 1135 waiver request in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.

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March 16

[Governor Ron DeSantis Thanks Legislature for Taking Swift Action to Make Nearly \\$28 Million in Federal Funds Available for COVID-19 Response](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis thanked members of the Florida Legislature for providing the necessary resources to address the state’s ongoing response to COVID-19. The Legislature’s action will support the Florida Department of Health’s ability to receive new funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

[Governor Ron DeSantis Activates Emergency Bridge Loan Program for Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program 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 experienced economic injury from COVID-19. The application period opens tomorrow, March 17, 2020 and runs through May 8, 2020.

[Surgeon General Rivkees issues emergency order DOH 20-002](#)

Allows health care professionals licensed in any U.S. state or territory to practice in Florida, including telehealth, for 30 days.

March 14

[Governor DeSantis announces a ban on visiting nursing homes for 30 days to slow coronavirus spread](#)

TALLAHASSEE - Gov. Ron DeSantis, while contending that many Florida residents are not at risk of getting the coronavirus, announced on Saturday a 30-day ban on visits to nursing homes as he acknowledged that the virus is spreading through some communities.

March 13

[Governor DeSantis announces all Florida public schools to close for 2 weeks to limit coronavirus spread](#)

TAMPA, Fla. - Public schools across Florida will be closed for two weeks to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The Florida Department of Education announced Friday evening that all schools would be shut down for the weeks of March 16-20 and March 23-27.

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March 12

[Governor Ron DeSantis Activates Emergency Business Damage Assessment Survey for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida’s local business operations.

[Florida Office of Financial Regulation \(OFR\) Provides Guidance to Florida Securities Professionals Regarding COVID-19](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. - The Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) today provided guidance to Florida’s securities professionals regarding the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

[Florida Office of Financial Regulation \(OFR\) Provides Guidance to Florida State-Chartered Financial Institutions Regarding COVID-19](#)

Tallahassee, Fla. - The Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) today provided informational guidance to Florida’s financial institutions regarding the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

March 9

[Governor DeSantis issues Executive Order No. 20-52 which designates the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for COVID-19](#)

March 1

[Governor DeSantis issues Executive Order 20-51](#)

Directs Surgeon General Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to better equip Florida with the resources needed to handle this public health threat

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[***FlaPol Tracker: Which cities/counties have mask orders?](#)

[***FlaPol Tracker: Which Florida stories require face coverings?](#)

September 4

[Palm Beach County begins incremental opening for Phase 2](#)

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Emergency Order 2020-24 specifies how Palm Beach County will move into Phase 2 reopening, based on the Governor's Executive Order, 114-20. Effective September 8th.

[Palm Beach County Phase 2 Reopening Plan](#)

September 3

[Palm Beach County revises orders on food and alcohol consumption](#)

Emergency Order 2020-23 revises an earlier order that restricted operating hours on serving food and/or alcohol for on premises consumption and other business hours. Effective September 4th.

August 28

[Miami-Dade reopens indoor dining, casinos](#)

Emergency Order 28-20 allows indoor dining restaurants to operate at 50 percent capacity, with up to six people per table, and with windows and doors open. Casinos will also be allowed to re-open, but food and drinks will be prohibited at the gaming tables or slot machines. Effective August 31.

[Miami-Dade amends order on hospital data reporting](#)

Amendment 4 to Emergency Order 18-20 reduces the requirement for hospitals to report COVID-19 numbers from twice daily to once daily and no longer requires reporting of certain demographic information. Effective August 29.

August 26

[Miami-Dade to allow indoor restaurant seating at 50% capacity](#)

Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez announced that restaurants can reopen dining rooms at half capacity, starting Monday, August 31.

August 21

[Broward amends orders on restaurants, short-term rentals](#)

August 5

[Miami makes exceptions on in-room dining, other orders in the event of a major storm](#)

Amendment No. 3 to EO 26-20 relaxes certain orders in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane, such as in-room dining, social distancing in hotels used as shelter, and certain short-term rentals.

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[Amendment No. 4 to EO 21-20 allows for dogs to be off leash at dog parks](#)

July 29

[Broward amends orders on private gatherings, short-term rentals, mask requirements](#)

Emergency Order 20-23 makes a number of changes to previous orders, including mask requirements, personal liability on residential property, private gatherings, short-term rentals, and more.

July 27

[VP Pence announces third phase of vaccine trials in Miami](#)

Yesterday, Vice President Pence announced the start of phase three trials of the Moderna vaccine, which will take place at the University of Miami. This is part of a large-scale effort across the nation, which will include 89 locations and 30,000 participants.

[Palm Beach: Judge sides with county on mask mandate](#)

Palm Beach County Judge John Kastrenakes ruled against a motion for temporary injunction against the county's mask mandate, saying it violates no constitutional rights.

July 17

[Broward institutes curfew, prohibits gatherings over ten people](#)

Emergency Order 20-22 institutes a curfew of 11pm-5am nightly, prohibits public and private gatherings over 10 people, requires residents, homeowners, landlords and business owners to enforce compliance of mandates (and holds them liable), and more.

July 14

[Palm Beach Co restricts hours for food, alcohol service](#)

Emergency Order 2020-14 prohibits food and alcohol consumption on-site at restaurants and bars and other venues between the hours of 11pm and 5am. Additionally, certain businesses must close between the hours of 11pm and 5am, including amusement parks, hookah, smoking bars and lounges, banquet halls, and more.

July 8

[Broward issues revised guidelines on businesses, outdoor activities](#)

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Emergency Order 20-21 revises how business establishments and other activities must operate, including retail, restaurants, movie theaters, beaches, parks, museums, hotels, golf courses, pools, short-term rentals, and more. Reopening of pari-mutuels, concert houses, auditoriums, and playhouses are subject to plan approval. Effective Friday, July 10.

July 7

[Miami-Dade orders more closures, but says yes on gyms and outdoor dining](#)

An amendment to EO 26-20 allows gyms and fitness centers and outdoor dining, but prohibits indoor dining and new short term rentals and requires additional safety measures, such as masks inside gyms and limits tables to four people for outdoor dining.

July 6

[Miami-Dade closing restaurants, gyms amid coronavirus spike](#)

MIAMI, Fla. – Mayor Jimenez announced today that he will be signing an emergency order to close all restaurants, gyms and fitness centers, short-term rentals, and more to curb rising case numbers, effective Wednesday, July 8.

July 3

[Miami-Dade closes outdoor amusement facilities, cabarets](#)

Emergency Order 26-20 is amended to include closure of outdoor amusement facilities, adult theaters, special cabarets, and unlicensed massage establishments.

July 2

[Miami-Dade re-orders curfew](#)

Emergency Order 27-20 imposes a curfew from 10pm to 6am nightly, beginning on July 3rd.

[Miami-Dade closes movie theaters, bowling alleys](#)

Emergency Order 26-20 closes movie theaters, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, indoor amusement facilities, and casinos (except casinos on sovereign tribal land), starting July 3.

July 1

[Broward limits hours on dining, requires masks in all public spaces](#)

Emergency Order 20-20 prohibits serving of alcohol or food in dining establishments between 12pm and 5am daily and requires masks in all public spaces where social distancing is not possible, including inside all businesses. Effective July 2.

June 29

[City of Jacksonville adopts mandatory mask requirement](#)

Emergency Proclamation 2020-05 orders that all individuals wear masks indoors and in public spaces when social distancing is not possible.

May 31

[Miami-Dade opens public pools, banquet halls](#)

Emergency Order 24-20 orders that public pools may open along with banquet halls. This EO cancels numerous previous orders relating to closure or restrictions on beaches, pools, parks, and more.

May 29

[Broward opens beaches, parks with restrictions](#)

Emergency Order 20-14 amends opening procedures to include beaches and parks. Effective June 1.

May 27

Miami-Dade opens beaches, pools, hotels starting June 1.

[Amendment 1 to EO 23-20](#)

[Amendment 1 to EO 21-20](#)

May 22

[Broward opens beaches, gyms, commercial lodgings](#)

Emergency Order 20-13 allows beaches, gyms, and hotels to open, and eases restrictions on pools and other amenities. Effective May 26.

[Miami Beach orders phase one re-opening procedures, including beaches, by June 1](#)

While the emergency orders are effective May 23rd, the document delineates different phases within the phase one guidelines; this includes museums opening May 20, restaurants reopening May 27, and beaches on June 1.

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May 21

[Broward amends reopening procedures, includes guidelines for residents and businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-12 amends reopening procedures and includes guidelines for businesses and residents which can be found in 12 separate attachments.

May 18

[Jacksonville Mayor says city offices will be open by June](#)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Mayor Lenny Curry announced Monday that most city offices are set to open by June 1.

May 17

[Florida Keys to reopen to visitors June 1](#)

Beginning June 1st, checkpoints will be removed and airport screenings and bus restrictions will be lifted to allow tourists back into the Keys. Hotels will be allowed to open at 50% occupancy.

May 16

[Palm Beach Co. requires face masks on Palm Tran, recommends them elsewhere](#) [Palm Beach Co. opens parks, marinas, golf courses, with exceptions](#) [Palm Beach Co. opens beaches, effective May 18](#)

[City of Fort Lauderdale issues guidelines for full phase one reopening](#)

May 15

[Miami-Dade issues order on phase one reopening](#)

Emergency Order 23-20 directs residents and businesses to comply with the guidance laid out in the New Normal handbook and in accordance with recent executive orders by Governor DeSantis, effective May 18th.

May 14

[Broward issues order on reopening procedures](#)

Emergency Order 20-10 discusses reopening of businesses in compliance with Governor DeSantis's EO 20-122.

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May 13

[Miami-Dade releases “New Normal Guide” for reopening](#)

The 185 page document includes guidelines for residents as well as specific industries.

May 11

[Broward County extends declaration of local state of emergency](#)

May 9

[Palm Beach County readies for phase one opening](#)

In addition to restaurants, retail, and salons opening, the county will open all beaches by May 18 and effective May 11, all Palm Tran riders are required to wear facial coverings.

May 8

[Miami-Dade amends EO on closure of pools, fitness centers as it relates to professional sports facilities](#)

May 7

[Broward revamps phased re-opening procedures](#)

Emergency Order 20-09 replaces sections of EO 20-08 re: status of beaches, boat docks and marinas, parks, golf courses, social distancing guidelines, and more.

May 6

[Miami-Dade orders residential health care facilities report COVID-19 data](#)

Emergency Order 22-20 requires all residential health care facilities—upon request—to provide specific data regarding COVID-19 cases among patients and staff.

[Miami-Dade extends state of emergency declaration](#)

May 5

[Broward extends state of emergency declaration](#)

[Tampa to allow restaurants, retail stores to expand outdoor capacity through 14-day pilot program](#)

May 3

[Alachua County requires masks in public, updates other emergency policies](#)

April 28

[Broward opens parks, boat ramps with restrictions](#)

Emergency Order 20-08 orders opening of parks, pools, marinas, boat ramps, and other recreational amenities on a limited basis.

April 27

[Miami-Dade order opening of parks, marinas](#)

Executive Order 21-20 lifts most restrictions on parks, golf courses, marinas and boat ramps.

[Miami Mayor announces phased reactivation plan to get residents, businesses back to normal](#)

[Broward County Officials Announce Phased Re-Opening of Parks, Recreation Facilities](#)

[Fort Lauderdale Community Leaders Draft Plan for Reopening](#)

[Jacksonville Mayor says no timetable for reopening, but businesses should prepare](#)

[Orange County's Economic Recovery Task Force Begins Meeting Tuesday](#)

April 25

[Miami-Dade adjusts hospital reporting times](#)

April 16

[Jacksonville opens beaches, parks with restrictions](#)

Starting 5pm Friday, Duval County beaches will open from 6am-11am and 5pm-8pm daily for essential activities only. No beach chairs, coolers, or grills allowed. Parks will be open normal hours with restrictions. The prohibition on public gatherings over 50 is still in effect.

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[Hillsborough County rescinds curfew order amid confusion, encourages use of face masks](#)

April 15

[Miami-Dade extends emergency declaration for 7 days](#)

April 14

[Leon County reinstates nightly curfew, 11pm to 5am, effective Wednesday](#)

[Tampa Mayor announces crisis relief fund for residents](#)

TAMPA, Fla. - Today, Mayor Jane Castor announced the One Tampa: Relief Now, Rise Together fund and its first relief plan in partnership with the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and The Tampa Bay Chamber. This initial relief fund will provide direct rent, mortgage, or utility payments for one month, up to \$1250 for eligible individuals and families, and \$5000 for businesses.

[St. Pete closing tennis courts, dog parks; expanding relief fund](#)

St. Petersburg, Fla. – Mayor Kriseman announced additional closures of public gathering places, including tennis courts, pickle ball courts, dog parks, and skate parks. He also announced a second phase of grant funding through the city’s Fighting Chance Fund.

April 13

[Osceola County requiring face masks in public](#)

[Hillsborough enacts overnight curfew, vote Thursday to require masks](#)

TAMPA, Fla. – Effective immediately, all residents must be inside their homes from 9pm to 5am daily. The county’s Emergency Policy Group will take a formal vote on Thursday, April 16th, on Mayor Jane Castor’s idea to require everyone wear face masks when conducting essential business.

April 10

[Broward requires face masks when obtaining essential services](#)

Emergency Order 20-07 requires essential workers to wear masks in public and for the public to wear masks when obtaining essential services.

April 9

[Miami-Dade requires face masks inside stores, essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-20 requires use of face masks for anyone working at or visiting grocery stores, pharmacies, or using public transit, rideshare, and more.

[Broward amends non-essential business orders](#)

Emergency Order 2020-06 amends the non-essential business closure requirements pursuant to the Governor's Exec. Order 20-91 and Miami-Dade Emergency Order 07-20.

[Miami-Dade issues amendment to EO 14-20 regarding building code inspection services](#)

April 6

[Broward extends state of emergency declaration](#)

This emergency order extends the state of emergency declaration for seven days.

April 4

[Miami-Dade asks residents to wear masks outside the home](#)

Emergency Order 19-20 encourages all resident to wear a cloth facial covering consistent with the current CDC guidelines, including cloth masks, when outside their home. Effective immediately.

[Miami-Dade orders mandatory twice-daily reporting by hospitals](#)

Emergency Order 18-20 requires each hospital to report on a daily basis by 10:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., the following information stated in this order to the County, which includes data on general acute beds, ICU beds, ventilators, and more. Effective April 4th at 11:59 p.m.

April 3

[Broward closes pools, hot tubs; requires social distancing at essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-05 requires social distancing at all essential businesses or when engaging in essential activities, and closure of all pools, pool decks, hot tubs, golf courses, tennis courts, gyms, fitness centers, etc whether commercial or not. Effective April 4th.

April 2

[Miami-Dade orders changes for restaurants, closes salad bars](#)

Emergency Order 17-20 orders essential commercial and retail establishments that provide unpackaged food for consumption to limit capacity and monitor entrances and exits in areas

where food is sold. Also orders closing of salad bars, self-serve food stations (except pre-packaged grab and go items) and encourages sanitary practices for employees and customers.

April 1

[Miami-Dade extends state of emergency](#)

Emergency Order 16-20 extends the declaration of local state of emergency for seven days, beginning on April 1.

[Amendment to EO 16-20](#)

March 31

[Miami-Dade bans access of common use amenities including pools, golf courses](#)

Emergency Order 15-20 requires all common use amenities, whether commercial or non-commercial, to close temporarily. These include pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, golf courses, and more.

[Amendment to EO 15-20](#)

March 30

[Broward extends state of emergency](#)

This emergency order extends the declaration of local state of emergency for seven days, beginning on March 31.

[Jacksonville halts new hotel reservations](#)

Emergency Order 2020-4 prohibits hotels from accepting new reservations except from “essential lodgers.” This does not apply to vacation rentals.

[City of Miami requests condos make changes to prevent social spread](#)

Miami is urging condominium homeowners associations and management companies to close common areas and amenities, drain pools, move to virtual meetings, and perform extensive cleaning.

[Broward issues EO 20-04, which updates stay at home order regarding boats, real estate activities](#)

[Hillsborough amends “safer at home” order](#)

March 28

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[Miami-Dade relaxes requirements for county employees](#)

Emergency Order 14-20 suspends all laws, statutes, codes, and regulations relating to county employees performing building code functions and adopts emergency procedures for construction moving forward.

[Amendment to EO 14-20](#)

March 27

[Miami-Dade asks essential businesses to enforce social distancing](#)

Emergency Order 13-20 requires essential businesses to make all efforts to maintain social distancing, such as using visible markers to keep residents six feet away from each other.

March 26

[Orange County issues stay at home order](#)

Emergency Order 2020-05 is a "Stay at Home" order, ordering all non-essential retail and commercial businesses to close and all residents to stay home from non-essential travel

[City of Miami issues 10pm to 5am curfew](#)

Residents are required to be home from 10pm to 5am nightly. Exceptions include medical emergencies, travel to/from essential workplaces, dog walking within 250 feet of residents' homes, and food delivery services.

[Hillsborough County issues "safer at home" order](#)

The emergency order directs residents to stay at home as much as possible twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, except for engaging in essential activities.

[Amendment to "safer at home" order](#)

[Broward issues "safer at home" order](#)

Emergency Order 20-03 directs residents to shelter-in-place, with the exception of engaging in essential activities, effective March 27.

[Amendment to EO 20-03 \(listed as EO 20-04\)](#)

March 25

[Pinellas County issues "safer at home" order](#)

The emergency order asks residents to stay home except for engaging in essential activities, effective March 26 at 12pm.

[Miami-Dade urges older residents, those with medical issues to stay home](#)

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Emergency Order 11-20 urges persons over 65 years of age or who have a serious underlying medical condition to stay home and take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

[Osceola County issues stay at home order](#)

Emergency Order 2 directs all non-essential businesses to close and residents to stay at home, except for those engaging in essential workplace activities, seeking medical help,

March 24

[City of Miami orders residents to shelter-in-place](#)

Emergency Order 20-04 asks residents to stay at home unless they are seeking goods and services from essential retail and commercial establishments.

[Miami-Dade prohibits public gatherings of 10 or more](#)

Emergency Order 10-20 prohibits groups more than 10 people from gathering in public. Lists specific and essential service exemptions.

[Orange County issues “Stay at Home” order](#)

Emergency Order 2020-04 directs residents to stay at home, ordering all non-essential retail and commercial businesses to close and all residents to stay home from non-essential travel, with exceptions, effective March 26th at 11pm.

[Amendment to EO 202-04](#)

[Leon County issues stay at home at home order and curfew of 11pm to 5am](#)

Issued jointly by the City of Tallahassee and Leon County, the order asks that residents stay at home with the exception of traveling to work, outdoor recreational activities, and going to the grocery store, effective March 25th. Police have the authority to disperse groups of 10 or more.

March 23

[Miami Beach issues “safer-at-home” order](#)

Emergency Order 3-23-20 directs all residents to stay at home, effective March 24th. Exceptions include engaging in essential retail and commercial activities, attending religious services, outdoor recreational activities, and more, so long as residents maintain social distancing efforts.

[Broward County closes libraries, parks, and makes changes to public transportation](#)

Emergency Order 20-02 indicates that libraries are already closed as of March 19th and requires all parks to close and certain social distancing changes to go into effect for public transportation as of March 24th.

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[Alachua County issues shelter-in-place and closure of non-essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-09 requires that all non-essential business and operations must cease. All places of public assembly are closed to the public. People should not leave their homes except for essential activity.

[Jacksonville asks businesses to allow employees to work from home](#)

Emergency Order 2020-3 asks businesses to allow their employees to work from home, if at all possible. This goes into effect Tuesday morning, March 24th at 8am.

March 22

[Broward County closes all non-essential businesses](#)

Emergency Order 20-01 directs all non-essential retail and commercial business to close down, effective March 23rd. This does not apply to healthcare providers and public health operations, grocery stores, banks, transportation operations, childcare centers, and more.

[Palm Beach County orders all marinas, boat ramps closed](#)

Emergency Order 1 requires all boat ramps, marinas, and boat docks to close. Prohibits public use of any islands, sandbars, and intracoastal lands. Exception for commercial fishing operations.

[Amendment to EO 1](#)

March 21

[Miami-Dade prohibits new reservations on hotels, AirBnB](#)

Emergency Order 09-20 says hotels, motels, short-term vacation rentals and other commercial lodging establishments shall not accept new reservations for persons other than essential lodgers.

[Amendment to EO 09-20](#)

[Miami Dade prohibits all rafting](#)

Emergency Order 08-20 prohibits all rafting, i.e. watercraft tied together in close proximity, except in the case of rescuing passengers or towing an inoperable boat.

March 20

[Jacksonville closing all Duval County beaches](#)

Mayor Lenny Curry along with Beaches' Mayors direct all Duval County beaches to close, effective 5pm Friday.

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[Orange County issues a curfew of 11pm to 5am](#)

Emergency Order 2020-03 directs residents to stay at home between the hours of 11pm and 5am daily, effective March 20th.

March 19

[Pinellas County moves to close beaches for two weeks](#)

TAMPA, Fla. – Amid growing concerns of coronavirus, Pinellas County Commissioners vote to close beaches for two weeks, starting at 11:59pm Friday.

[City Of Jacksonville Adds COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site In Collaboration With Baptist Health And Telescope Health](#)

[Miami-Dade County Mayor orders all non-essential retail and commercial businesses to close](#)

Effective 9 p.m. Thursday. Does not apply to businesses that provide food, shelter, healthcare, social services, business supplies, or childcare centers who are now under certain restrictions.

[Amendment to EO 07-20](#)

[Amendment 2 to EO 07-20](#)

[Amendment 3 to EO 07-20](#)

[Miami-Dade Mayor closes all parks and beaches](#)

Emergency Order 06-20 requires all beaches, parks, and recreational centers—publicly or privately owned—to close.

[Amendment to EO 06-20](#)

[Amendment 2 to EO 06-20](#)

[Amendment 3 to EO 06-20](#)

March 18

[City of Tampa announces all public beaches closed](#)

[Clearwater City Commission votes to close all beaches for two weeks starting March 23rd](#)

[City of Tampa to Launch Tampa Recovery Hotline for Social Recovery and Business Relief in the face of COVID-19](#)

March 17

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[Miami-Dade issues emergency orders closing all restaurant dining rooms \(takeout and delivery only\) and all bars, bowling alleys, movie theaters, gyms, fitness studios.](#)

- **[Groups larger than 10 not allowed on beaches, parks, or county recreation facilities](#)**
- **[Use of mopeds, scooters, bikes, motorized bikes not allowed on public roadways](#)**

[Miami Beach issues emergency order closing all public beaches and parks, sidewalk cafes, and city parking lots and garages](#)

Curfew is in effect from 12pm to 5am. All restaurants, bars, pubs, breweries are closed for dining room service (takeout and delivery only). All movie theaters, arcades, live performances, gyms, and fitness centers are closed. All other non-essential businesses shall close by 10pm

[Ft. Lauderdale announces all public gatherings more than 10 people are prohibited](#)

All bars, pubs, night clubs shall close. All gyms and fitness studios shall close. All restaurants shall end dine-in customer service (takeout and delivery only). All beaches, city parks and recreational facilities are closed. All city commission meetings, public board meetings, sports leagues, and HOA meetings are postponed.

[Town of Palm Beach orders curfew from 9pm to 6am](#)

All public beaches and recreation facilities are closed.

March 16

[Jacksonville Orders Establishments to Limit Attendance to no more than 50 people](#)

Mayor Lenny Curry orders many establishments — including bars, restaurants, movie theaters and churches — to limit attendance to no more than 50 people as of 5 p.m. Monday.

[City of St. Pete orders prohibition on public assemblies of larger than 50 people](#)

Restaurants, bars, theaters, stadiums, bowling allies, athletic fields, arenas, gyms, and fitness centers must operate at no more than 50% capacity beginning March 17th.

[City of Orlando announces all city-sponsored or hosted events with more than 10 people are canceled](#)

[South Florida Cities Announce Sweeping Restrictions](#)

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South Florida cities—including Miami, Miami Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach, Hallandale—announce sweeping restrictions on bars/restaurants, curfews, canceled public events, and beach closures.

[Tampa and St. Pete limit restaurants and bars to 50% capacity](#)

Tampa bars and restaurants must close by 10pm; last call for alcohol in St. Pete is 9 p.m.

[St. Pete joins other local governments in allowing city employees to work from home](#)

March 12

[Miami-Dade declares a local state of emergency](#)