



6 PM Update: Florida By The Numbers

US CASE COUNT

33,404

400 DEATHS

FL CASE COUNT

1,467

20 DEATHS

**FLORIDA CORONAVIRUS CASES
TRENDLINE**



**Based on reporting from
the Florida Department of
Health**

Florida's COVID-19 case count includes confirmed cases in Florida residents, deaths, and cases in non-Florida residents that were discovered in the state of Florida.

These case counts originate from the Florida Department of Health's Newsroom: www.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/

STATE ACTION SUMMARY

Governor Rolls Out New Airline Passenger Requirements

Governor DeSantis is standing by his decision to not lock down the state but he has signed an [executive order](#) requiring all airline passengers from the New York City area in the last three weeks to self-isolate for the first 14 days of their stay, to report any contacts they've had with residents in Florida, and to notify the people with whom they've had contact. "New York is the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak in the world right now," the Governor said. "After all of our hard work and all of our mitigation measures in place at the state and local levels, people are fleeing the hottest of the hot zones and flooding our state. We have to protect the people of Florida." He said he also is working with some of Florida's hardest-hit cities on "more stringent measures" for keeping residents safe at home. Ten South Florida municipalities, including Miami Beach, Key Biscayne, and Bay Harbor Island, have issued "safer-at-home" orders. *See listing below*

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Surgeon General Encourages Seniors to Continue Staying Home

The Governor shared the state Surgeon General will issue a health advisory in the coming days encouraging folks 65 and older and those with serious

underlying medical conditions to remain at home for the next 14 days. “They should assume that anyone they come in contact with is infected, so the best thing is for them to stay in their homes,” DeSantis said. He also is following CDC guidelines and requiring all social and recreational groups be limited to fewer than 10 people, and he’s requesting all businesses to promote telecommuting. “At least 50% of their workforce should be working from home,” the Governor said.

LOCAL UPDATES



All Disasters are Local

As local governments ramp up activities to insulate their communities from the spread of COVID-19, watch for headlines on the following local actions and issues:

- Leon County issued a stay-at-home order late Tuesday, establishing a curfew of 11:00 p.m. each night lifting at 5:00 a.m. each morning. The order goes in place Wednesday and should have limited impact to government employees that live and work

in the seat of Florida state government and to FSU's students who have already transitioned to remote classes.

- Home of FSU's nemesis, Alachua County issued a stay-at-home order as well that went into effect at midnight last night.
- The City of Tampa and Hillsborough County are reportedly at odds on a shelter in place order. Mayor Castor of Tampa says yes, while the County is not on board. More details to follow.
- Pinellas County is expected to consider language as early as tomorrow for a safer-at-home resolution.
- The Florida Department of Corrections has confirmed that an employee in a state prison in Ocala has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez issued an order today limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people. This order includes sidewalks and public streets but makes exemptions for public transportation.
- The Miami-Dade Fairgrounds, once the place of laughter, hot dogs and carnival rides, today has become the site of a 250 bed field hospital in preparation for any surge in COVID-19 infections.
- Broward County is keeping a close eye on a cruise ship that is en route to Port Everglades, carrying 77 people with flu-like symptoms.
- The Florida Keys announced this evening the establishment of check points on U.S. 1 and Card Sound Road as a measure to restrict access for visitors and non-residents. Local officials

caution, please don't call 911 regarding the long lines as they check for residency before entry.



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