



7 PM Update: Florida By The Numbers

**WORLD WIDE CASE
COUNT**

777,286

37,140 DEATHS

As Reported by Johns Hopkins

In addition to state and national data, future reports will include world wide data as well. Several nations around the globe have indicated escalating case numbers following the lift of nationwide or regional lock-downs or the relaxing of social distancing measures.

US CASE COUNT

160,020

2,953 DEATHS

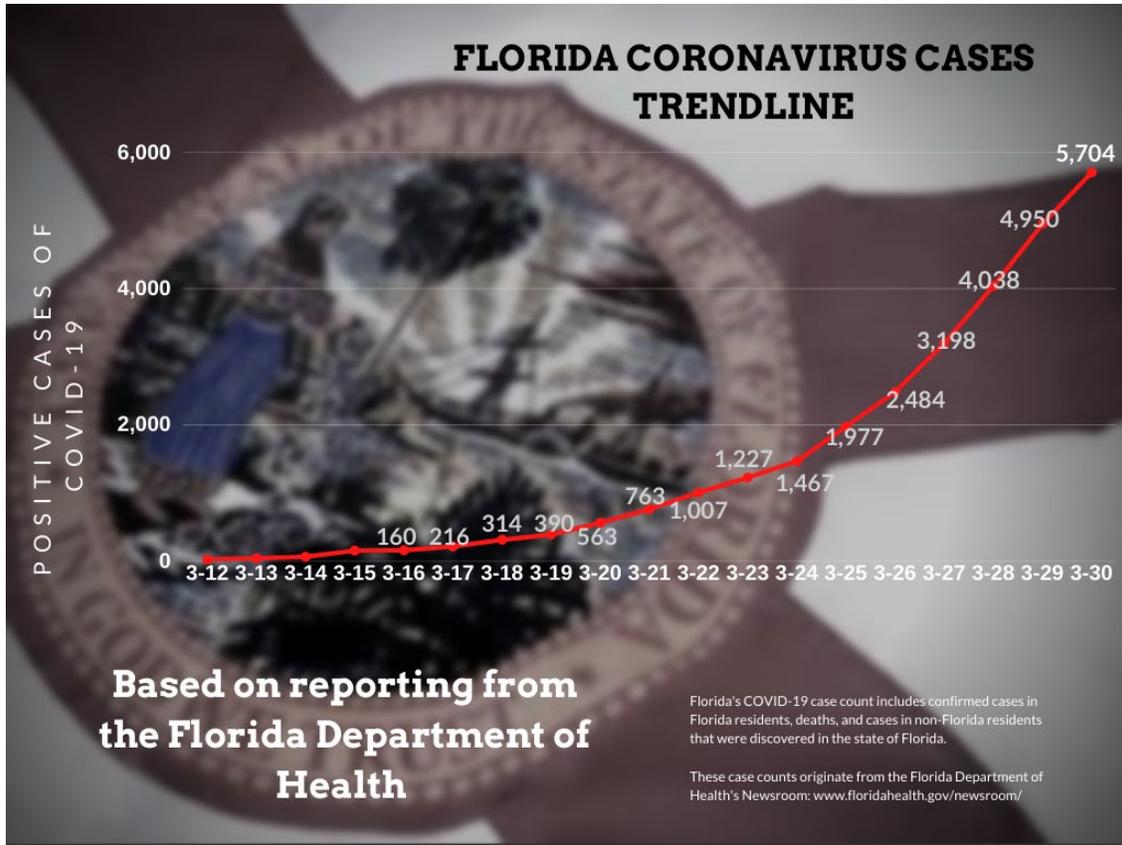
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FL CASE COUNT

5,704

71 DEATHS

As Reported by FL DOH



STATE ACTION SUMMARY

Florida Schools Directed to Remain Closed Until May 1st

In a call with school district superintendents today, Florida's Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran directed districts to communicate to their parents, students and staff they will remain closed until May 1st. All districts were directed to have their online learning programs implemented as of today and it appears all districts complied. Districts were also informed they should be prepared to extend their educational calendars through

June 30, 2020, to the extent necessary and feasible.

Florida Gets Covid-19 Medication and Tests

Governor DeSantis announced today that the state has procured the recently FDA-approved hydroxychloroquine medication that has been used to fight the coronavirus successfully “under the right circumstances” and has distributed it to several South Florida hospitals. “We’ve also deployed to Broward County and to north Florida the first rapid test that can deliver a COVID-19 diagnosis in 45 minutes, and we hope to have an agreement very soon to bring the five-minute test developed by Abbott Laboratories to the state,” he said.

Asymptomatic Tests Come Back Negative

The Governor said that the 600 coronavirus tests of asymptomatic people at The Villages retirement community in Central Florida all were negative. “Zero tests came back positive, which means there were no asymptomatic carriers in The Villages,” he said. These test results are additional information to help fight COVID-19. “This pandemic will end because of the technological know-how and ingenuity of the American people,” the Governor said.

Governor DeSantis Signs Two More Executive Orders

The Governor has signed two more executive orders to aid in Florida’s fight against COVID-19. The first will codify a common set of safer-at-home rules to provide a unified approach for Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and

Monroe counties, where 60% of the state's coronavirus cases are located. The second executive order will suspend the state law that prohibits recently retired first responder and healthcare personnel from returning to the same workforce within six months of the date of retirement and allow those who are willing to go back to work to do so immediately. "We have guns blazing doing all we can to slow the spread of COVID-19," he said.

- [Executive Order 20-88](#) Reemployment of Essential Personnel
- [Executive Order 20-89](#) Public Access Restrictions in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe counties

ADDITIONAL DATA SOURCES

When Will We Peak?

We came upon an interesting site today that provides [state-specific projections for COVID-19 impacts](#) based on the measures each state has taken to stem the tide of the virus. Examples include whether schools are open, whether travel restrictions are in place as well as hospital bed capacity in comparison to the state's population. The charts below outline how Florida fairs based on the variables programmed into the model. Of course, the model doesn't take into account specific population factors such as Florida's unique role as a haven for the nation's retirees but the story these graphs tell is compelling nonetheless.

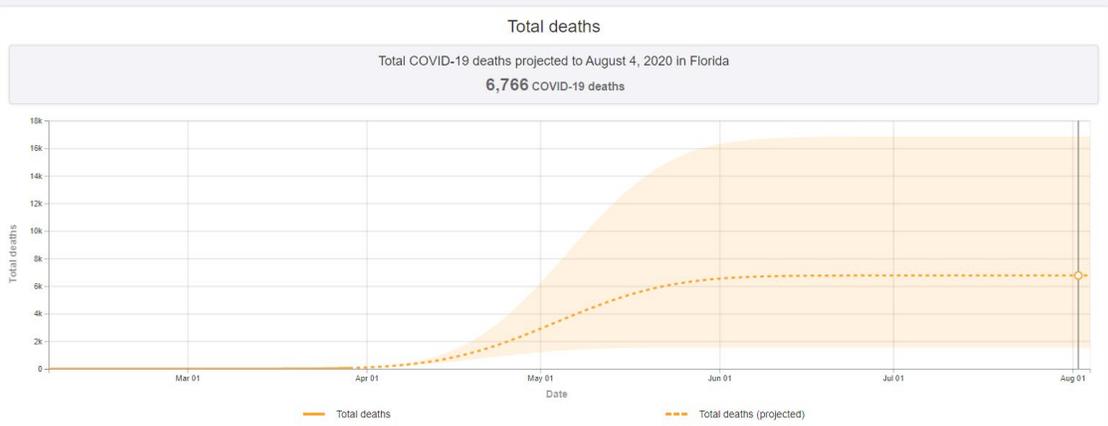
Hospital resource use ⓘ



Deaths per day



Total deaths



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