

June 8, 2020

REPRESENTATIVE  
**MIKE BELTRAN**  
**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**



PROUDLY SERVING THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 57

Our office is closely monitoring Coronavirus to ensure that constituents stay healthy and to mitigate the economic harm from the pandemic. Data suggests that measures to limit the spread of Coronavirus are finally reducing the spread. Constituents are urged to continue social distancing and hygiene measures. This newsletter provides useful updates regarding Coronavirus. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if we may be of assistance.

Kind Regards,

-Mike

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**Rep. Mike Beltran's Statement on the  
Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group**

The population of unincorporated Southeast Hillsborough County is comparable to the population of Tampa, and, like Tampa, vastly exceeds the populations of Temple Terrace and Plant City combined, yet we have no municipal representative on the Emergency Policy Group. The legislative power should be exercised by a body duly constituted and subject to traditional democratic principles of separation of powers and proportional representation. If swift executive action is required in an emergency, it should be exercised by a duly elected or appointed executive who represents the entire jurisdiction.

Under no circumstance should legislative power, emergency or otherwise, be exercised by an ad hoc quasi-legislative group. Nor should such a group include executive branch officers or fail to provide proportional representation to all communities under its jurisdiction. The mixture of executive and legislative concepts on the EPG has resulted neither in the quick action possible by an executive nor in the traditional checks and balances and proportional representation expected of a legislature. Intergovernmental working groups should function as such, and provide feedback, recommendations and a forum for cooperation, they should not act as ad-hoc legislatures whose edicts carry the force of law.

When this crisis passes, it is my opinion, the Florida Legislature and the Board of County Commissioners should permanently reconstitute emergency power in a regularly constituted and representative government body operating according to normal democratic principles, even in times of crisis.

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**Rep. Mike Beltran's Remarks on Peaceful Protests**

Our office has been monitoring the protest situation, particularly in Southeast Hillsborough County. We are pleased that thus far, the demonstrations have remained peaceful and ask constituents, visitors, and law enforcement work together to ensure that lives and property are not endangered. We thank everybody, particularly our Sheriff's Office, for their efforts

thus far.

## Governor DeSantis Announces Florida will Enter Phase 2 of Reopening

On Wednesday, Governor Ron DeSantis announced Florida will enter Phase 2 of Reopening beginning Friday, June 5. Phase 2 applies to all counties except Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach.

- **Restaurants** may allow bar-top seating with appropriate social distancing.
- **Bars and pubs** may operate at 50% capacity inside and full capacity outside with appropriate social distancing. Patrons may only receive service if seated.
- **Retail establishments** may operate at full capacity with responsible social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- **Gyms** may operate at full capacity with appropriate social distancing and frequent sanitization.
- **Entertainment businesses**, including but not limited to movie theaters, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys and arcades, may operate at 50 percent capacity with appropriate social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- **Pari-mutuel facilities** may submit a request to open to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
  - The request must include an endorsement from their county mayor or county administrator if there is no mayor.
- **Personal services businesses**, including but not limited to tattoo parlors, acupuncture establishments, tanning salons and massage establishments may operate while adhering to guidance from the Florida Department of Health

For a copy of the Executive Order, please click [here](#).

### DEO Reemployment Assistance Dashboard



#### State and Federal Reemployment Assistance Claim Workflow March 15, 2020 - June 7, 2020

Select a number below to view more detail.

<b>Total Claims Received</b>
<b>2,353,456</b>
Confirmed Unique Claims Received
<b>2,168,812</b>
Unique Claimants
<b>1,904,395</b>

<b>Claim Verification Queues</b>
<b>153,607</b>

<b>Total Claims Processed</b>
<b>2,015,205</b>
92.9% of Confirmed Unique Claims Submitted
Total Eligible Claims Processed
<b>1,349,458</b>

<b>Total Claimants Paid</b>
<b>1,248,308</b>
92.5% of Eligible Claimants Paid
Federal PUA Claimants Paid
<b>151,375</b>
Federal PEUC Claimants Paid
<b>12,736</b>

#### SUBMISSION METHOD

Claims Filed Through Connect	Claims Filed Through Paper & Mobile Friendly Site	Paper Applications Entered by State Employees
<b>895,325</b>	<b>1,458,131</b>	<b>254,176</b>

Individuals may have submitted an application through multiple methods. The Total Claims may include duplicate or triplicate claim counts. These numbers may fluctuate as duplicates or incomplete claims are identified and removed.

#### CLAIM VERIFICATION QUEUES

Identify	Out of State Claims	Fraud Detection	Employer and Wage
<b>14,409</b>	<b>46,094</b>	<b>24,943</b>	<b>8,436</b>

A claim may be in the queue for one or more of these processes at any given time, causing the sum of all categories to be greater than the "Claim Verification" total.

#### MONETARY ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Eligible for State Reemployment Assistance	Eligible for Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation	Eligible for Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	Ineligible for State and Federal Reemployment Assistance*
<b>1,144,242</b>	<b>16,169</b>	<b>189,047</b>	<b>476,700</b>

Claims by status will not sum to Claims Processed. \*Individuals determined to be ineligible for State Reemployment Assistance may be eligible for other benefits under the C.A.R.E.S. Act, such as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

#### SOURCE OF FUNDING

State Employment Assistance (RA)	Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (FPEUC)	Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (FPUA)	Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
<b>\$1,360,543,905</b>	<b>\$17,166,405</b>	<b>\$107,080,540</b>	<b>\$3,134,149,200</b>

**\$4,618,940,050  
Paid to Claimants**

## Unemployment Application Assistance

### IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH DEO, MY OFFICE IS HERE TO HELP

Please send me an email at [mike.beltran@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:mike.beltran@myfloridahouse.gov) and include the following information:

- First and Last name
- Date of Birth
- Last Four of SSN #
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Claimant ID (for those who applied with access to CONNECT)
- Brief description of issue you are having

#### FOR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) AND OTHER RESOURCES FROM DEO REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, CLICK [HERE](#)

**As of June 7, DEO has paid 1,248,308 claimants a total of \$4.61 billion.**

#### UPDATES:

- DEO has launched a Virtual Waiting Room for the CONNECT system. When CONNECT was developed, it was designed to have 1,000 concurrent users at a time. With the system enhancements put into place over the last few months, CONNECT is now able to host 80,000+/- concurrent users and provide a positive experience for the users utilizing the system. The CONNECT Virtual Waiting Room allows claimants to reserve their place in line while other claimants access the system.
- Governor Ron DeSantis has directed DEO to continue waiving the work search and work registration requirements for claimants through **June 13, 2020**. Additionally, the waiting week requirement will continue to be waived through **August 1, 2020**.
- To comply with federal law, weeks beginning **May 10, 2020**, claimants for all Reemployment Assistance programs, including state Reemployment Assistance, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, will be required to return to the CONNECT system every two weeks to request their benefits or “claim their weeks.” In doing so, claimants will confirm that they are still unemployed and acknowledge that they are able and available for work should it be offered. For more information, click [here](#).

#### PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:

- The Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program is now available. This program, offered through the federal CARES Act and administered by DEO, provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to a claimant who has exhausted their Reemployment Assistance benefits.
- Floridians will need to apply for PEUC benefits once the balance of their current claim is exhausted. Floridians who have already exhausted their benefits or have a Reemployment Assistance claim that expired after July 1, 2019, will also be able to apply.
  - Click [here](#) for PEUC Application Process.
  - Click [here](#) for PEUC Frequently Asked Questions.
  - Click [here](#) for COVID-19 Employment Scenarios.

#### PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

- The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program provides unemployment benefits to those that may not otherwise be eligible under Florida’s state Reemployment Assistance program, including independent contractors and

individuals who are self-employed. Individuals who have been impacted by COVID-19 and believe they may be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, can visit [www.FloridaJobs.org](http://www.FloridaJobs.org) and select "File a Claim" to apply and be considered for PUA.

#### **ADDITIONAL UPDATES:**

- DEO will be conducting nightly maintenance to the CONNECT system to process claims and payments. CONNECT will be available from 8 a.m. to 7:59 p.m. daily. This schedule does not affect individuals that wish to file a new claim. **Individuals can file a new claim 24 hours a day, seven days per week at [www.FloridaJobs.org](http://www.FloridaJobs.org) and select "File a Claim."**

#### **How to Apply for Reemployment Assistance:**

- This week, in addition to nightly maintenance, DEO will be performing system enhancements to the CONNECT system. CONNECT will be available from 8 a.m. to 7:59 p.m. daily. This schedule does not affect individuals that wish to file a new claim. Individuals can file a new claim 24 hours a day, seven days per week at [FloridaJobs.org](http://FloridaJobs.org) and select "File a Claim."

For more information about Reemployment Assistance benefits and how to apply, visit site [www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19](http://www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19). Any Floridian whose employment has been negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19 to visit [www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19](http://www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19) and watch a short video on how to apply.

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### **Governor DeSantis Extends Moratorium on Evictions and Foreclosures through July 1**

The Governor has extended [Executive Order 20-94](#) through July 1, providing targeted, temporary relief from certain mortgage foreclosures and evictions without relieving an individual's obligation to make mortgage payments and rent payments. The Executive Order was set to expire June 2.

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### **Charter Extends Support for Communities Facing Coronavirus**

**To offer assistance to students and teachers who will finish the year learning remotely, Charter has extended the following offers through June 30, 2020:**

- **Waiving Late Fees and Disconnects:**
  - We will extend our pledge not to charge late fees or terminate service for residential or small business customers who let us know they are facing difficult economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Free Wi-Fi Access**
  - We will keep Wi-Fi hotspots across our footprint open for public use.
- **No Data Caps and No Hidden Fees**
  - As always, Charter imposes no data caps or hidden fees.
- **Free Internet for 60 Days for New Student and Educator Households**
  - Charter has extended its offer of Spectrum Internet up to 100 Mbps for free, including in-home Wi-Fi, for 60 days for any new subscriber household with teachers or K-12 or college students.

Charter will also continue to offer [Spectrum Internet Assist](#), our high speed, low cost broadband program to any eligible low-income household.

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### **Hillsborough County To Open Additional Public Testing Sites**

Additional COVID-19 public testing locations will open in:

- Brandon Community Health Center - 313 S Lakewood Dr, **Brandon**
- Redeemer Lutheran Church - 701 Valley Forge Blvd, **Sun City Center**
- Enterprising Latinas - 5128 FL-674, **Wimuama**

My office will provide further details as they become available. For up to date details on testing in Hillsborough County, visit [hillsboroughcounty.org](https://hillsboroughcounty.org).

Hillsborough County and the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County are partnering with health care providers to stand up the new sites. As at the other public testing locations at Raymond James Stadium and the County's three Community Resource Centers in South Shore, east Tampa, and Plant City, the tests at the new sites will be free and no insurance required.

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## COVID-19 Testing Sites in Hillsborough County

In an effort to make coronavirus testing as convenient as possible to all residents, Hillsborough County is offering four testing locations at the moment.

The current locations are:

- Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa
- Lee Davis Community Resource Center, 3402 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Tampa
- Plant City Community Resource Center, 307 N. Michigan Ave., Plant City
- SouthShore Community Resource Center, 201 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Ruskin

Anyone who wants to be tested can pre-register to get tested for free at community sites. **You do not need to have COVID-19 symptoms to be tested.** Residents who want to be tested should call **(813) 272-5900. Insurance is not required.** The call center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Testing will take place at one of the County's testing sites. **However, testing will not proceed without an appointment.**

The four sites offer drive-through testing. With the exception of Raymond James Stadium, a vehicle is not required as long as the resident has pre-registered and scheduled an appointment.

### **Pre-Registration is Required**

- Residents must be pre-registered through the Hillsborough County call center at (813) 272-5900, Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 5 PM
  - When pre-registering, if you need an appointment outside regular hours, request one at a site that offers evening and/or weekend hours
- People who do not have a designated primary care physician or are uninsured are eligible for pre-screening and pre-registration through the call center.
- There is no charge for the test administered at Hillsborough County locations.
- Should a test be scheduled for you, **you will be informed of time, date, and testing location during this call.**

### **What to Bring:**

- Although pedestrians can be accommodated at some sites, it is best to arrive in a personal vehicle as the majority of the testing is conducted via drive-thru.
- Each person to be tested must be seated next to a working window.
- Limit vehicle passengers to those needing a test.
- Have a photo ID with name and date of birth for all persons being tested (can be Florida driver's license, state-issued ID, or passport).
- Bring the CORRECT confirmation code provided by the call center; this can be a printed copy of the testing confirmation email received from the call center, a screen-shot of the confirmation number, or the code may be provided verbally. A printed code or screen-shot on the phone helps the process, but is not required.

### **You will be required to provide the following information:**

- Full name
- Current address (where you are staying)
- Best phone number to reach you in order to receive test results

### **What to Expect:**

- You will be greeted by a health care provider in personal protective gear who will give you instructions.

- A minimally invasive test will be administered.
- Do NOT eat for two hours prior to your appointment time.
- Several factors may contribute to an inconclusive or Test Not Performed (TNP) result. Please refrain from eating or drinking for two hours prior to your appointment time. This includes chewing gum, drinking coffee or taking non-prescription oral medications. Drinking water is allowed. Following these guidelines may help mitigate inaccurate test results.
- Test results are not immediate. It may take 10 days or longer for results. After taking the test, you will be given information on what to do while you await the results.
- Please be patient - calling back to check on your results will not expedite the process.

Testing sites are staffed by health care professionals in medical protective gear who are trained to test for COVID-19 coronavirus. Directional signage and law enforcement will help residents through the testing site in an orderly fashion.

**People who are experiencing a medical emergency should dial 9-1-1 immediately.**

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### **AdventHealth Offering Drive-up Testing for 30 days at Adventure Island, Busch Gardens' Waterpark**

In an effort to increase availability of COVID-19 testing in Florida, AdventHealth will **offer free testing at Adventure Island, across the street from Busch Gardens at 10001 McKinley Dr, Tampa, FL 33612** beginning Wednesday, April 22. AdventHealth has 2,000 tests available per day to administer during the designated times to anyone who meets the criteria for testing as set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A doctor's order is not required for testing. Additionally, there will be no out-of-pocket costs, regardless of insurance status. AdventHealth will cover the cost for those who are uninsured.

Pre-registration is preferred to help alleviate long wait times. People can go to [AdventHealthCoronavirusTesting.com](https://www.adventhealth.com/coronavirus-testing) or call [866-694-5503](tel:866-694-5503) during the hours of 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. for screening and registration. During the registration process, people will be asked to enter their contact information, insurance information and will be assigned a time to show up for testing.

**Testing will take place from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each weekday for a period of 30 days beginning April 22.**

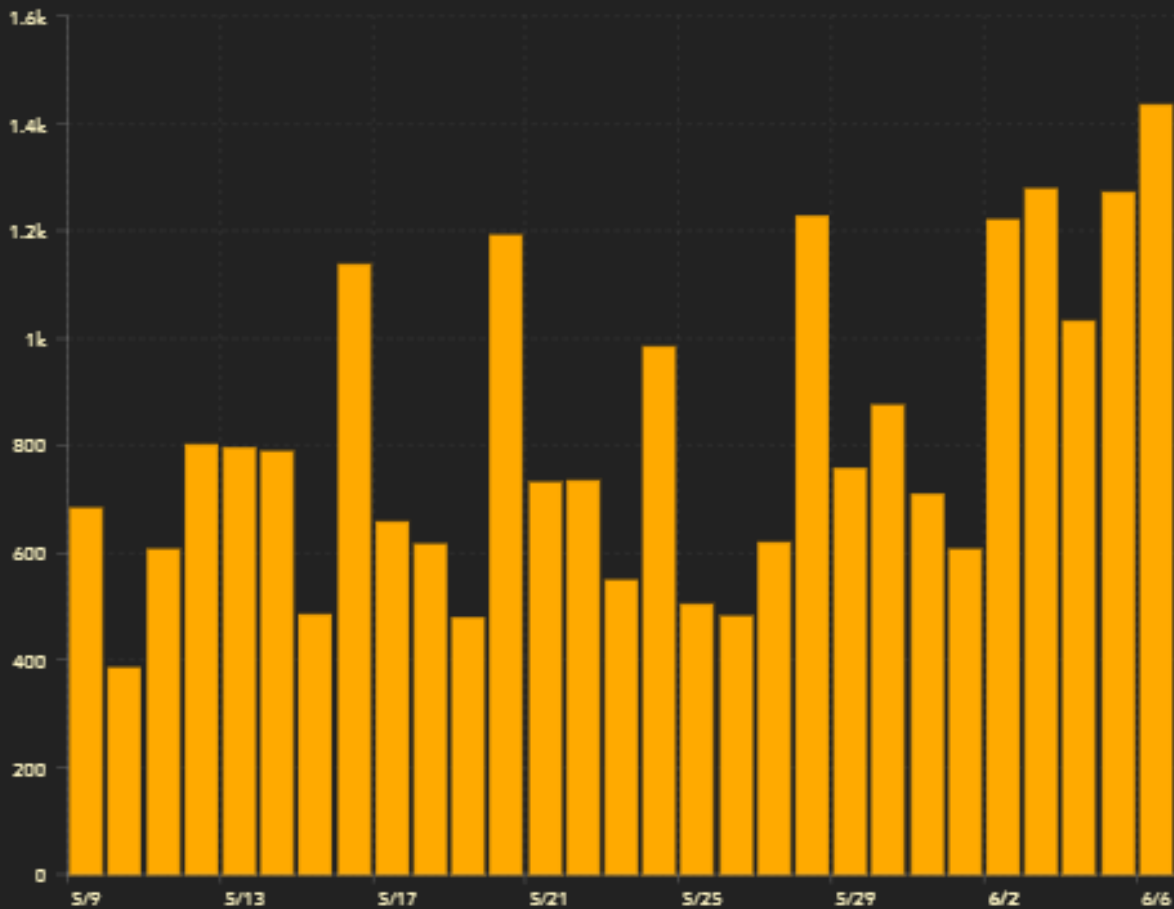
To make it easy, anyone who receives an appointment time will simply drive to the test site, then remain in their vehicle for the test, which only requires that they cough and spit into a cup. First responders and health care workers who show proper workplace identification will have a designated lane at the test site to shorten wait times for those groups. Test results are available in approximately 2-3 days and will be delivered through the AdventHealth app, AdventHealth website and additionally, anyone who is tested will receive a call from an AdventHealth physician or nurse practitioner with their results and any next steps in care, if necessary. Complete instructions on receiving results will be provided at the testing location.

For more information, click [here](#).

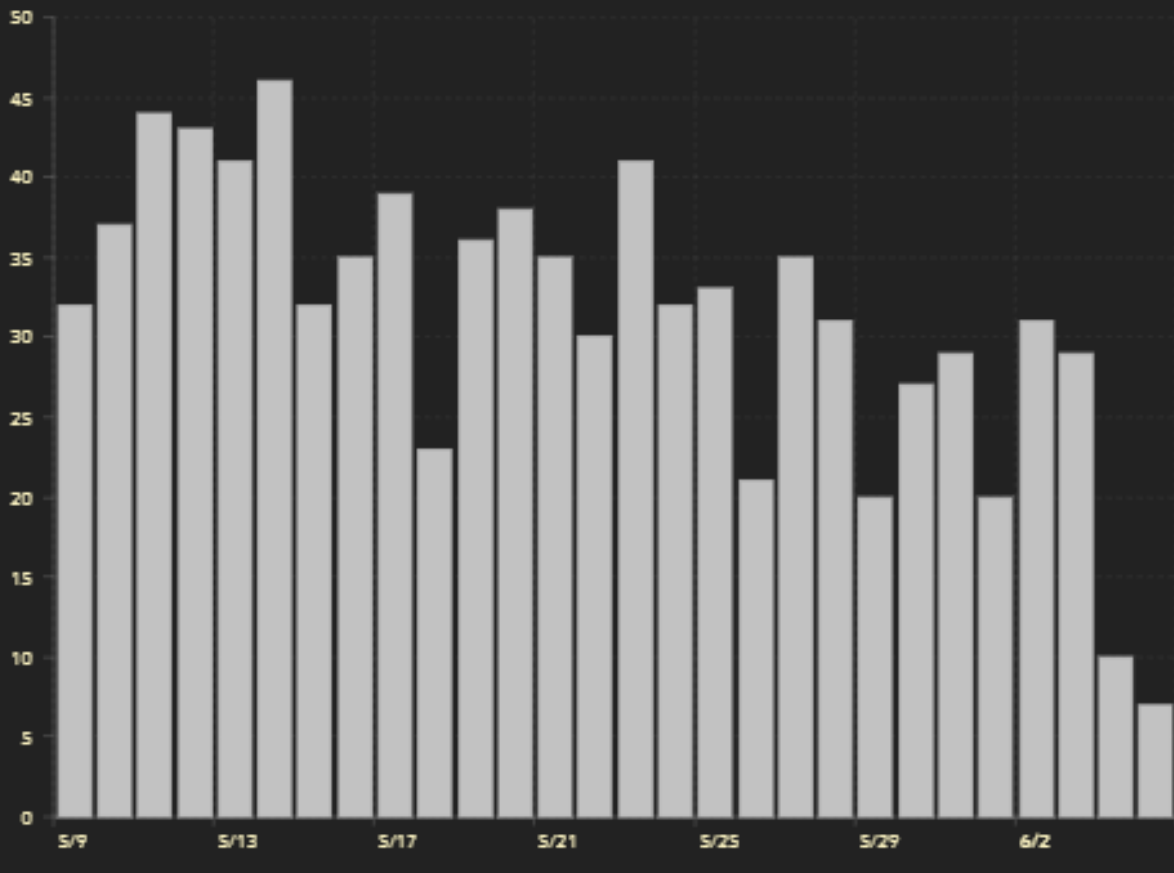
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**Florida's Case Daily Data and Trend**

New Cases of Residents by Day



Resident Deaths by Date of Death



FLORIDA CASE DATA

**Total Cases in Florida**

**63,938**

[Florida DOH Dashboard](#)

**Total Florida Fatalities**

**2,700**

<https://www.realclearpolitics.com/coronavirus/>

**Total US Positive Tests**

**1,936,161**

<https://covidtracking.com/data>

**Total US Negative Tests**

**18,299,517**

<https://covidtracking.com/data>

**% of Americans Tested that Test Positive**

**9.5%**

<https://covidtracking.com/data>

**% of Americans Tested that Test Negative**

**90.5%**

<https://covidtracking.com/data>

## **FLORIDA TESTING DATA**

**Number of Floridians Tested for COVID-19**

**1,217,105**

<https://www.realclearpolitics.com/coronavirus/>

**% of Florida Population Tested**

**5.5%**

<https://www.realclearpolitics.com/coronavirus/>

**Confirmed Positive as a % of Population in Florida**

**0.29%**

[Based on population estimate from census.gov/quickfacts/FL](#)

**Fatalities as a % of Population in Florida**

**0.012%**

[Based on population estimate from census.gov/quickfacts/FL](#)

**% of Floridians Tested with Positive Results**

**5.3%**

[Calculated from COVID-19 Daily Report](#)



## **% of Floridians Tested with Negative Results** **94.7%**

[Calculated from COVID-19 Daily Report](#)

## **AVAILABLE HOSPITAL CAPACITY IN FLORIDA** **% of Hospital Beds Available in Florida** **31.51%**

[Agency for Healthcare Administration Census](#)

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### **AAA Offers Free Roadside Assistance to Frontline Workers**

In an effort to give back to those on the frontlines fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, AAA-The Auto Club Group is now offering free AAA Roadside Assistance to all healthcare workers and first responders in eight Florida metro areas.

The offer is available in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Naples, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, and Tampa.

Healthcare workers and first responders in these locations can receive free AAA services – including towing, tire changes, fuel delivery, battery service, jumpstarts, and lockout service – through the end of the month, regardless of whether they are AAA members. Eligible non-members can call [833-222-3284](tel:833-222-3284) to receive these free AAA Roadside Assistance services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and support the health and well-being of our service providers and those utilizing our services, AAA has implemented the following extra safety measures for every service call.

- Service technicians will not shake hands and will abide by current social distancing guidelines.
- Passengers are not allowed to ride in service vehicles.
- Drivers are cleaning and disinfecting service vehicles and equipment after every service call.

For more information about this AAA program, visit [AAA.com/hero](https://www.aaa.com/hero).

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### **Spectrum Bay News 9 Live Stream Open to All**

Charter Communications has opened its live stream free to the public. You can watch Spectrum Bay News 9 via its live stream on your desktop or laptop without a subscription by visiting their [website](#) and clicking “Watch Live” in the upper right.

Charter also is offering [free broadband and WiFi access for 60 days](#) to families with K-12 or college students. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395. The company also will open more than half a million WiFi hotspots across the country.

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### **Long-Term Care Facilities with Coronavirus Cases**

The Florida Department of Health is publishing the names long-term care facilities with positive COVID-19 cases. For the complete list click [here](#).

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### **Florida Prepaid Board Defers Payments until July**

In order to provide families with financial flexibility during this challenging time, **the Board is deferring required payments for April, May and June**. Please read the following carefully, as action may be required:

- The payment deferral applies to those who have purchased a plan during the 2020 Open Enrollment period, as well as to customers who purchased in prior years.
- All payments will resume on July 20, 2020, and your payment schedule will be extended by three months.
- If you are currently making payments via check, online banking or payroll deduction, action is required. Please contact your payment provider if you wish to pause payments at this time.
- If you are currently making automatic payments (via ACH) through your online account, the Board will not collect your payments that would have otherwise been collected in April, May and June. No action is required.
- If you would like to continue making payments during this time, action is required. You may still make payments by logging into your online account and setting up a one-time payment, by sending a check or money order, or by making a payment through your online banking provider.

For more information, click [here](#).

### Price Gouging Hotline Activated

Attorney General Ashley Moody today activated Florida's Price Gouging Hotline for all consumers in the state.

For a list of the commodities covered under the state's price gouging laws during the COVID-19 state of emergency, click [here](#).

For more information, click [here](#).



### Hillsborough Libraries Important Updates

Hillsborough Libraries remain closed due COVID-19 at the moment. The following locations are now offering curbside pickup:

- C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Tampa
- Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Ave. (Tampa)
- Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. (Tampa)
- Maureen B. Gauzza Regional Public Library, 11211 Countryway Blvd. (Tampa)
- New Tampa Regional Public Library, 10001 Cross Creek Blvd. (Tampa)
- North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 N. Boulevard (Tampa)
- SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way (Ruskin)
- Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Dr., Suite 120 (Tampa)
- Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. (Valrico)

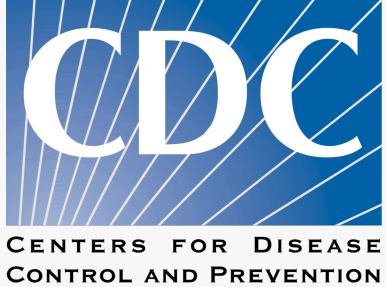
Online access to eBooks, audiobooks, etc. remains available. Call Hillsborough County Libraries with your questions at [813-273-3652](tel:813-273-3652), text at [813-352-1972](tel:813-352-1972) or [813-352-1603](tel:813-352-1603), or [ask online](#). The Libraries are available for help 7 days a week from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For more information, click visit [hcplc.org](http://hcplc.org).

### Vote by Mail Ballot

To request a vote by mail ballot, click [here](#).

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Please continue to follow the latest updates from the CDC and Florida Department of Health

<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

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**Call or Email the Florida Dept. of Health**

**1-866-779-6121**

**[COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)**

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**Florida Department of Health**  
**Interactive Data Dashboard**

[Florida's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard](#)

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**Need Help?**

My office is here to help with any issues or problem you may be having. Just give our office a call at 813-653-7097 or email at [Representative Mike Beltran](#).

Also, to stay updated with what is happening in District 57 be sure to click the link to the right and follow my Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn!

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