

FFCA Fire Service Liaison Officer's Information Dissemination for April 12, 2020

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Current Situation:

- PPE requests continue being made and are being filled as supplies arrive.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENTS NEED TO COORDINATE WITH THEIR COUNTY EM TO ENSURE THEIR PPE NEEDS ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD**
- Field Hospitals in Miami-Dade and Broward are now open.
- The number of cases is beginning to stabilize appearing to be plateauing with the need for ICU beds and ventilators remaining stable.
- Messaging for social distancing during Easter weekend
- 4 IMT's were activated yesterday to support ESF8 in their mission surrounding nursing homes and ALF's testing and monitoring.
- 10 additional testing sites Statewide are being finalized and will be in service by Monday.
- *On-going:* Working to determine effect of COVID-19 on the Fire Service personnel and departments.
- *On-going:* Florida's 5 STEPS to combating COVID-19
- *On-going:* USCG continues to monitor cruise ships off Florida's coasts.
- *On-going:* Continued evaluation of the need for additional field hospitals for surge capacities.
- *On-going:* Draft Wildfire Contingency Plan developed and is under review by FFS. Currently 39 active wildfires
- Severer weather risk for the Panhandle to Big Bend area for Sunday night into Monday morning.
- 19,347 COVID-19 cases; 452 deaths; 183,222 people tested seconded only to NY.
- Total SEOC Missions: 13,692
- **FL Professional Firefighter COVID-19 cases*:**
 - **63 Cases**
 - **825 Out of Service****

*This number represents a cumulative compilation of data based on IAFF survey replies and FPF District Surveys conducted by each District VP. THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT EVERY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN FLORIDA.

Important takeaways for this document:

- **PPE starting to arrive and are being deployed.**
- **Coordinate with County EM to ensure your PPE needs are clearly understood**
- **Social Distancing and 5-STEPS continues to be pushed out**
- **Severer weather risk for the Panhandle and Big Bend area**
- **Wildfire Contingency Plan draft is under review**

Fire Service Liaison Officer – General Information Request:

Submitted: 17

Being processed: 0

Waiting for response: 0

Completed: 17

Stop Introduction

Test, Test, Test

Elderly & Vulnerable Protection

Prepare Hospitals

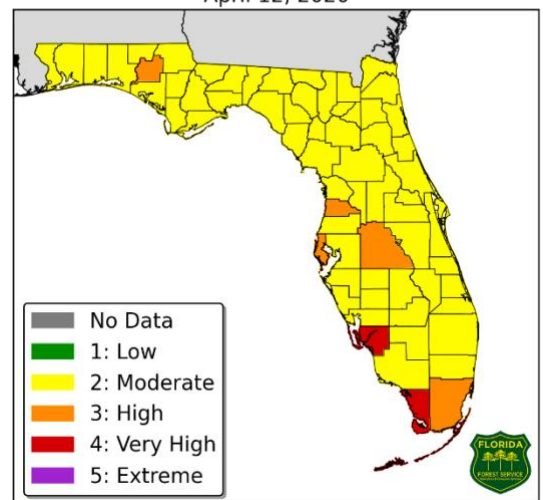
Social Distancing

Social Distancing for Infectious Disease
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Social distancing measures are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.

Protect yourself and your community. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you don't have soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay home when you're sick.	Change your daily habits. Avoid shopping at peak hours and take advantage of delivery or pick-up services with retailers.
Look for communications from universities and colleges. Regarding suspending classes, going to web-based learning and canceling all large campus meetings and gatherings.	Work with your employer. Cooperate with leadership to change company practices, set up flexible shift plans, have employees telecommute, and cancel any large meetings or conferences.
Avoid public transit if possible. Don't travel to areas with active outbreaks.	Keep at least six feet between you and other people. Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.
Avoid crowded places. Sporting events, community festivals, and concerts.	Learn more: tinyurl.com/CDCgatherings tinyurl.com/FLcdprevention

Forecast Fire Danger Indices
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If any Fire Chief is seeking information on rumors, issues, or has questions that they are unable to have answered locally, they can email questions or requests to fireserviceliason@ffca.org and our Fire Service Liaison Officer will work to get the information they need. This service will be available to our members beginning March 27, 2020 and will be available 7 days per week. Please use the ICS 213 form to submit your request for information. If you are unable to use the form, we have setup a call-in number (850) 413-3634.

- [Click here](#) for the PDF ICS 213 form.
(Download the form, complete the fields, and click the Submit Form button to send a copy of the completed PDF to the Fire Service Liaison via email)
- [Click here](#) to complete the ICS 213 web form.
(Visit this link and complete the web form. Once you submit the form, both you and the Fire Service Liaison will receive a confirmation email with the details of your inquiry)