

FFCA Fire Service Liaison Officer's Information Dissemination for April 15, 2020

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Stop Introduction

Test, Test, Test

Elderly & Vulnerable Protection

Prepare Hospitals

Social Distancing

Current Situation:

- PPE continues to be an issue however, as it arrives it is pushed out by SEOC. Quantities received and sent out are still below the pending requests.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENTS NEED TO COORDINATE WITH THEIR COUNTY EM TO ENSURE THEIR PPE NEEDS ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD**
- Messaging for continued social distancing
- State IMT's deploying today to support field hospitals, ACHA to add a 1-member team for regulatory guidance.
- Positive cases and the need for ICU/Ventilators remain stable.
- Continued focus on long term care facilities with REST and IMT teams.
- Long Term Care Facilities have more than 1200 positive cases from which over 100 have died
- Enhanced focus on the homeless population and shelters and preventative measures.
- *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 37 active wildfires
- Monitoring weather moving into the Peninsula bringing breezy rainy conditions.
- 22,081 COVID-19 cases; 604 deaths; 212,588 people tested, >50% of the positive cases are in SE FL.
- Total SEOC Missions: 14,309
- **FL Professional Firefighter COVID-19 cases*:**
 - **74 Cases**
 - **723 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
- Wildfire Contingency Plan draft is under review

Fire Service Liaison Officer – General Information Request:

Submitted	Being Processed	Waiting Response	Completed
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Social Distancing for Infectious Disease

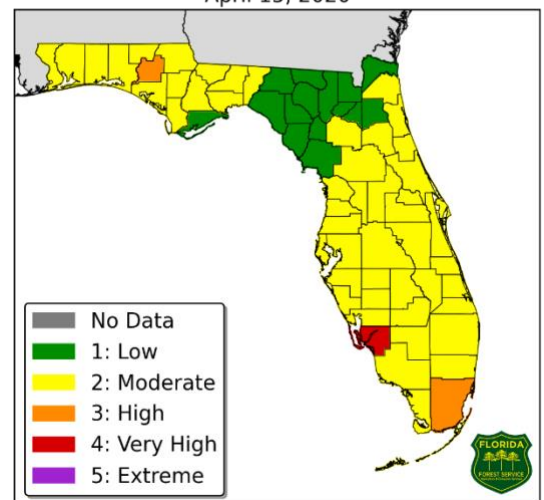
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Social distancing measures are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling 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.
- 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.
- Look for communications from universities and colleges:** Regarding suspending classes, going to web-based learning and canceling all large campus meetings and gatherings.
- Keep at least six feet between you and other people.** Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.
- Avoid public transit if possible.** Don't travel to areas with active outbreaks.
- Avoid crowded places.** Sporting events, community festivals, and concerts.

Learn more: tinyurl.com/CDCgatherings, tinyurl.com/FLcdcprevention

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)