

FFCA Fire Service Liaison Officer's Information Dissemination for April 19, 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; logistic requests for PPE should be realistic and not exceed a 10 day burn rate. Strategies should be developed to reduce the burn rate of PPE until the cache of PPE can catch up.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENTS NEED TO COORDINATE WITH THEIR COUNTY EM TO ENSURE THEIR PPE NEEDS ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD**
- Logistics finalized PPE mission criteria guidelines sent out 4/18/2020
- State IMT's to support field hospitals, ACHA to add a 1-member team for regulatory guidance.
- Positive cases and the need for ICU/Ventilators remain stable with some reduction.
- Continued focus on long term care facilities with REST and IMT's. These facilities have seen a spike in cases.
- Focus on homeless shelters, home base nursing 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 **20** active wildfires
- Monitoring weather.
- Monitoring CDC efforts in validation of rapid and antibody testing.
- **25,492** COVID-19 cases; **781** deaths; **258,000** people tested, >50% of the positive cases are in SE FL.
- Total SEOC Missions: **15,079**

Important takeaways for this document:

- PPE arriving is being deployed coordinate with County EM to ensure your realistic PPE needs are clearly understood
- Social Distancing and 5-STEPS continues to be pushed out
- Wildfire Contingency Plan draft is under review

FL Professional Firefighter COVID-19 Cases*

Cases	Out of Service
87	732

*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

Fire Service Liaison Officer – General Information Request:

Submitted	Being Processed	Waiting Response	Completed
18	0	0	18

Social Distancing for Infectious Disease
Florida Department of Health · FloridaHealth.gov

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.

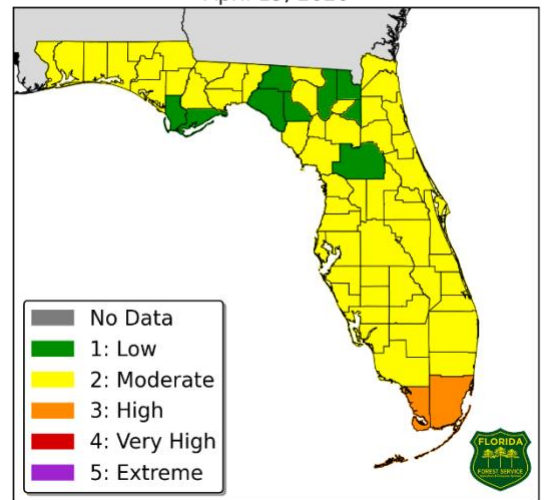
Keep at least six feet between you and other people.
Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.

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)