

FFCA Fire Service Liaison Officer's Information Dissemination for April 28, 2020

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Current Situation:

PPE continues to be an issue; logistic requests for PPE should be **realistic** and not exceed a 10 day burn rate. Use the standard Requisition Request. **Fire Departments to coordinate with their County EM to ensure their PPE needs are clearly understood.**

*The Batelle PPE decon station is being provided by federal resources located at the Hardrock stadium in Miami to clean masks. It is encouraged all health and fire systems in SE Florida gather their used masks for cleaning, takes 3 days. Processes 80,000 masks per day. It will be operational this Thursday.

- Continue need and focus for testing with a greater concentration of rural testing and contact tracing.
- Evaluation of upcoming expiring EOs and the need for renewal as well as potential impact should they not get renewed.
- Request for ESFs to evaluate what possible actions/changes would be in line with potential opening of businesses and activities.
- New community-based testing sites planned openings in Lee County, Sarasota and UWF. Procurement and implementation of mobile lab (vehicle based) with 500/day testing capability
- *On-going:* Developing plans with ESFs 4&9 and 8 on conducting antibody testing to the general public in the field. Monitoring CDC efforts in validation of rapid and antibody testing.
- *On-going:* Monitoring of cold front with storm line moving through Florida Wednesday and Thursday, with possible thunderstorms, same as last week.
- *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:* Draft Wildfire Contingency Plan developed and is under review by FFS. Currently **30** active wildfires, **898 acres**
- COVID-19 cases; **1171** deaths; **368,651** people tested, **32,847** positive, over 50% of those are in SE FL.
- Total SEOC Missions: **16,906**

Social Distancing for Infectious Disease

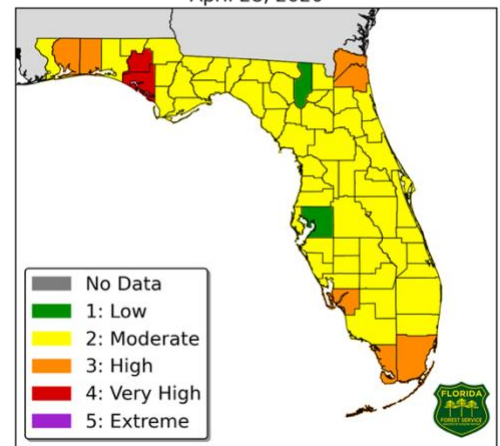
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Social distancing measures are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling 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
April 28, 2020



COVID-19 impact to Florida Firefighter Cases, reporting on 32,246 FF's from 249 departments.

Positive Cases	Out of Service
145	395

Fire Service Liaison Officer – General Information Request: Submitted	Being Processed	Waiting Response	Completed
18	0	0	18

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)