

FFCA Fire Service Liaison Officer's Information Dissemination for May 4, 2020

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Stop Introduction

Test, Test, Test

Elderly & Vulnerable Protection

Prepare Hospitals

Social Distancing

Current Situation:

On-going:* 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.**

Related to the above:* The Batelle PPE decon station for cleaning masks is in service at the Hardrock stadium in Miami currently. **All health and fire systems who need masks are encouraged to gather their used masks for cleaning and bring or send them by Fed Ex to the site. The process takes 3 days

Continued need and focus for testing with a greater concentration on rural, underserved populations and ALF's.

Developing pre-hurricane season strategies for submission to FEMA. **We're one month away from the start of the hurricane season.**

- Launching mobile lab (vehicle based) with up to 500/day testing capability to go into communities. Developing a route plan for mobile lab, which is scheduled to begin this week Tuesday with emphasis on ALF's.
- *On-going:* Request for ESFs to evaluate what possible actions/changes would be in line with potential opening of businesses and activities.
- *On-going:* Surgeon General and staff preparation and strategy development for antibody testing, possibly by next week.
- **Weather Forecast:** An extended dry period started on Saturday and is ongoing. High pressure will remain through Tuesday. Minimum relative humidity could drop to near critical levels, especially in the peninsula. Models show extremely low relative humidity on Wednesday and Thursday this week, which could elevate fire danger.
- *On-going:* Active Wildfire Report. Currently **49** active wildfires, **2707 acres**
- COVID-19 cases; **1399** deaths; **445,995** people tested, **36,897** positive, over 50% of those are in SE FL. **431** occurring in long term care facilities
- **Current positive testing rate remains stable at 8.3%** Total SEOC Missions: **17,813**

- **COVID-19 impact to Florida Firefighter Cases, reporting on 33,104 FF's from 262 departments. Positive cases:150. Out of Service: 353. Fire Service Liaison Officer Requests Submitted: 22**

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.

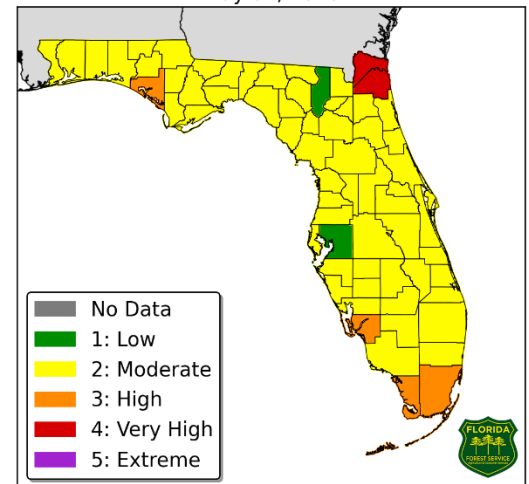
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Social distancing measures are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling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

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