

**FFCA Fire Service Liaison Officer's Information Dissemination for
May 7, 2020**

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**Stop Introduction
Test, Test, Test
Elderly & Vulnerable Protection
Prepare Hospitals
Social Distancing**

Current Situation:

***Weather Forecast:** Minimum relative humidity has dropped near critical levels, especially in the peninsula. Models show extremely low humidity today, which has elevated fire danger.

Several wildland fires are being fought in Santa Rosa and Walton areas and some structures were lost.

***On-going:** Active Wildfire Report. Currently **56** active wildfires, **7148** acres

A Red Flag Warning will go into effect for about half of Florida's counties at 11:00am EDT and expire at 8:00pm EDT(see diagram below)

***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.

***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. **Antibody testing with FDA approved kits has commenced for healthcare givers.**

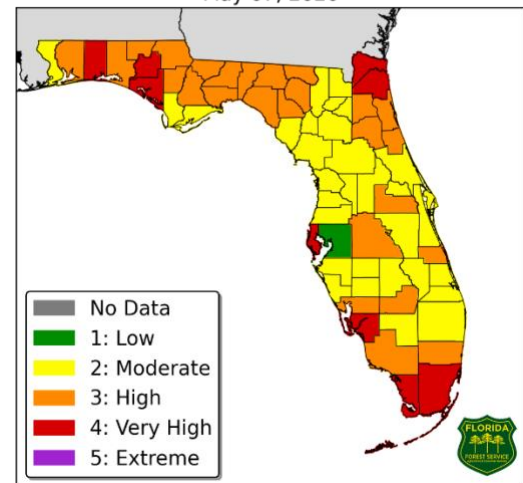
- PPE requests within WEBEOC have significantly declined in the past few days.
- Continued effort and focus on expanding community-based testing sites. Planning for two new community-based **testing sites; Brevard and Volusia Counties**-open next week.
- Continued need and focus for testing with a greater concentration on rural, underserved populations and ALF's.
- Developing pre-hurricane season strategies for submission to FEMA. **We're 3 weeks away from the start of the hurricane season.**
- Continue efforts toward pre-approval through FEMA for **hurricane non-congregate** sheltering until mid-August.
- Reminder that the Stafford Act incident period will close at some point and reimbursements will modify or cease. Begin considerations and preparations now. Consideration in development of a **Train-the-Trainer type course** for long term care facilities with mandatory training implementation surrounding infectious disease.
- **On-going:** Surgeon General and staff preparation and strategy development for antibody testing, possibly by next week.
- COVID-19 cases; **1595** deaths; **493,584** people tested, **38,002** positive, over 50% of those are in SE FL. **529** occurring in long term care facilities. **Current positive testing rate 7.9% Florida continues to see a reduced positivity rate**
- Total SEOC Missions: **18,505**
- **COVID-19 impact to Florida Firefighter Cases, reporting on 33,131 FF's from 267 departments. Positive cases: 152. Out of Service: 324. Fire Service Liaison Officer Requests Submitted: 22**

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.
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/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 fireserviceliasion@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.
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