

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

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Current Situation:

- State is preparing for significant patient surge
- Modeling anticipates COVID-19 peaking in Florida in **late April/early May**
- Modeling is updated on a continuous basis
- A cold front will bring a line of thunderstorms to North Florida on Tuesday that could become strong to severe. The main threats with any severe thunderstorms will be damaging wind gusts over 60 mph, isolated tornadoes, and lightning. Hail may be possible but is not as significant of a threat. Winds may also be gusty ahead of the storms, and winds greater than 20-30 mph could topple tents.
- When procuring testing kits, medications, and supplies, organizations, businesses, and individuals should limit purchases to legitimate suppliers; beware of illegitimate websites
- Some supplies are available on the open market. Contact suppliers **first** before submitting Mission Requests.
- Army Corps of Engineers are preparing mobile hospitals with DOH and HHS
- Preliminary contingency plans are being developed for wildland fire season with the existence of COVID-19
- FPF/IAFF Member COVID-19 Tracking
 - Local Presidents are reminded to complete and/or update survey.
- Current number of SEOC Missions: 8,659
- Current COVID-19 cases: 3,763; 672 new cases since March 27th
- Current FL COVID-19 Hospitalizations: 646 hospitalized; 395 in ICU; 174 on ventilators
- Current FL COVID-19 People Under Investigation (PUI): 2,192
- Currently FL has tested 40,250

Important takeaways for this document:

- **State is preparing for significant patient surge**
- **Estimated peak of COVID-19 is late April/Early May**
- **Potential severe weather in North Florida on Tuesday, March 31st**
- **Be aware of potential fraud when purchasing supplies**
- **Cases will continue to increase**
- **Maintain a sense of urgency on all aspects of this crisis**
- **Global demand for PPE far exceeds global capabilities to produce**
- **Not enough PPE to distribute for current mission requests in Florida. Be creative!**
- **Find alternative means to locate, produce, acquire PPE and other supplies at the local level**

DOH current case dashboard:

Note: dashboard may not match most current reported cases due to lag time updating data.

<https://fdoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/8d0de33f260d444c852a615dc7837c86>