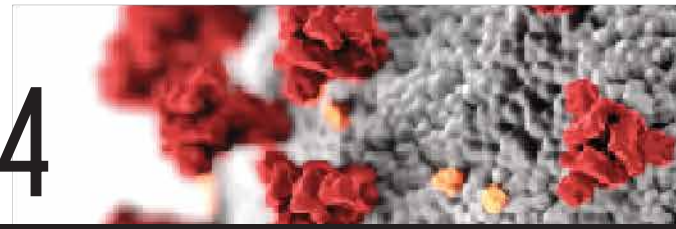


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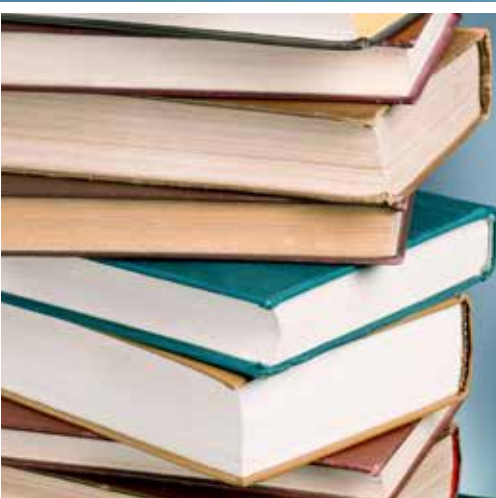


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CURRENT* COVID-19 CASES IN BIG BEND REGION *updated as of 9.9.2020 at 11:00am

COUNTY	7-day avg. new cases	Current COVID Hospitalizations	Total COVID Fatalities
Calhoun	2	0	10
Franklin	3	0	3
Gadsden	26	117	33
Gulf	3	2	13
Jackson	17	8	70
Jefferson	2	0	7
Leon	209	66	40
Liberty	2	0	7
Madison	7	0	16
Taylor	3	0	10
Wakulla	11	0	8



TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

Hidden Consequences: How COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children – Child Health and Wellness

Hidden Consequences: How COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children – Child Emotional and Social Effects

Critical Care for Non-ICU Clinicians

National CMS/CDC Nursing Home COVID Training: Managing COVID Positive Residents in Nursing Homes

Virtual Learning Hour Special Series: Caring for Caregivers



One Blood is asking for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma. For more information, click here.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS' EXECUTIVE ORDERS

For resource requests in your county please contact your local emergency management office.



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Tropics Update

TROPICAL STORM PAULETTE

The center of Paulette is located about 1,090 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands, or about 2,200 miles east-southeast of Miami, FL.

Maximum sustained winds are at 60 mph and Paulette is moving to the west-northwest at 9 mph.

Gradual weakening is forecast over the next couple days, but restrengthening is possible over the weekend where conditions may be somewhat more favorable.

Paulette may come close enough to Bermuda early next week to bring some possible impacts.

TROPICAL STORM RENE

Rene briefly weakened last night to a tropical depression but has now re-intensified into a tropical storm.

The center of Tropical Storm Rene is located 575 miles west-northwest of the Cabo Verde Islands, or about 3,200 miles east-southeast of Miami, FL in the far eastern Atlantic.

Maximum sustained winds are at 40 mph and the system is moving to the west-northwest at 13 mph.

The tropical storm is likely to strengthen over the next couple of days and may near hurricane strength in 2-3 days, but some weakening is likely this weekend as wind shear increases and the environment becomes more unfavorable.

This system is not expected to be a threat to land as it gets blocked by an area of high pressure and may meander in the open Atlantic while weakening.

INVEST 94L (NEAR THE CAROLINAS)

An area of low pressure is located about 375 miles southeast of Wilmington, NC. Showers and thunderstorm activity associated with the low has increased near the center, but it remains to be seen if it can sustain itself.



Gradual additional development of this system is possible as it moves over the Gulf Stream and conditions remain marginally conducive for tropical formation.

This system has a 30% (low) chance of formation before moving onshore in the Carolinas Thursday afternoon.

NEXT TROPICAL WAVE

A tropical wave is forecast to emerge off the west coast of Africa by Thursday.

Gradual development is expected once the system moves over water, and a tropical depression is likely to form late this week or over the weekend while the system moves generally westward across the eastern tropical Atlantic.

This system has a 40% (medium) chance of development during the next 48 hours, but an 80% (high) chance during the next 5 days.

FLORIDA OUTLOOK:

None of these systems pose a threat to Florida at this time.











The Bermuda Low may help pull tropical moisture into the Peninsula later this week into this weekend, keeping rain chances high.

Tropical Storm Paulette, Tropical Storm Rene, and the next tropical wave are thousands of miles from the United States. They do not pose a threat through this weekend at least, if at all. The future tracks and intensities after 5 days are more uncertain than usual due to their slow movement and possible interactions with each other.

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CDC MASK WEARING GUIDANCE GRAPHICS

DO choose masks that	DO NOT choose masks that	How to take off a mask			
 <p>Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric</p>	 <p>Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl</p>	 <p>1 Carefully, untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops</p>			
 <p>Completely cover your nose and mouth</p>	 <p>Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape</p>	 <p>2 Handle only by the ear loops or ties</p>			
 <p>Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps</p>	 <p>Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks</p>	 <p>3 Fold outside corners together</p>			
		 <p>4 Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing</p>			

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

- RT value a little over 0.8. indicating slow of spread.
- Remdesivir has now been approved for all hospitalized patients.
- The federal government is procuring a large number of rapid tests developed by Abbot. All test results should be reported to DOH within a 24-hour period. ALL diagnostic test should be reported.
- Abbot has developed another rapid test: the federal government is procuring a large number of them. Reminder that all results from rapid tests (positive and negative) need to be reported to DOH within a 24-hour period. Need for ALL diagnostic tests to be reported to DOH.
- Hospitals should continue to work on discharging patients in a timely manner.
- AHCA has updated the rules for visitation rules regarding LTC facilities and NH's. If the facility is 14 days free of any new cases. they will be allowed to support general visitations. As temperatures are cooling. outside visits are encouraged when possible. The state will be supporting these facilities with additional PPE.
- Florida is currently at 3,000 hospitalizations statewide. This is a major drop since July, and we are seeing a similar decline in nursing facilities in both residents and staff. This can be contributed to the vigilant use of PPE. hand hygiene. etc.
- Get your flu shot early as the flu shot cannot be co-administered with the COVID vaccine once that becomes available.

ESS INFORMATION FOR REPORTING FACILITIES

- ESS is critically important for the State to anticipate demand in the hospital & sub-acute care setting. This data influences decisions on the need for additional support and equipment requests from federal government.
- Facilities MUST verify and update data once daily.
- ESS is adding more fields daily. Instructions on these new fields available on the AHCA ESS website.
- Hospitals should estimate the number of med surge beds that can be converted to ICU beds. Do not duplicate bed numbers in different categories. Start with highest acuity beds.
- Corporate Representatives can be established to monitor data entry at individual facilities. Contact AHCA for assistance

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