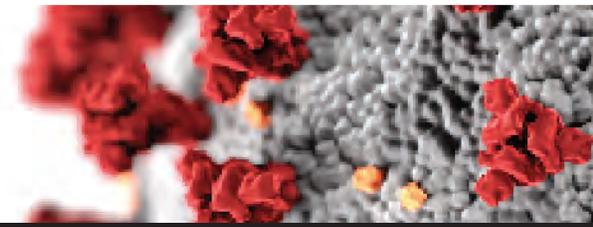


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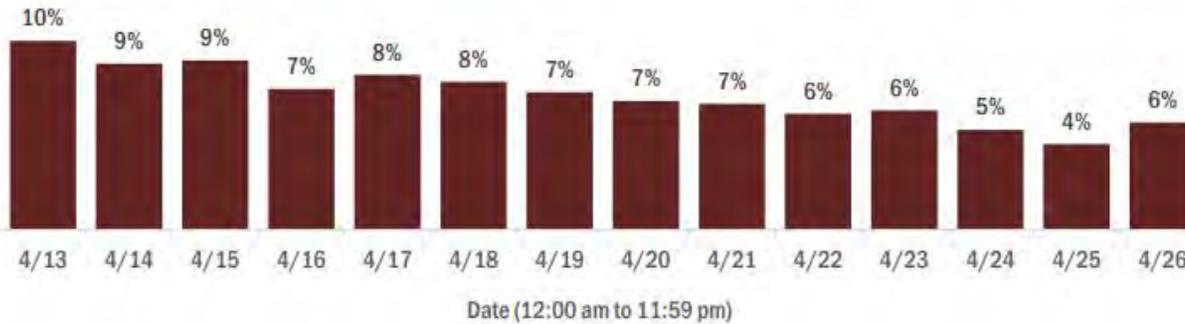


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Percent positivity for new cases

The percent of positive results ranged from 4% to 10% over the past 2 weeks and was 6% yesterday.

This percent is the number of people who test positive for the first time divided by all the people tested that day, excluding people who have previously tested positive.



CURRENT* COVID-19 CASES IN BIG BEND REGION

*updated as of 4.28.2020 at 12:00pm

COUNTY	TOTAL CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS
Calhoun	6	2
Franklin	2	0
Gadsden	94	16
Gulf	1	0
Jackson	13	0
Jefferson	28	6
Leon	213	36
Liberty	2	0
Madison	49	4
Taylor	3	0
Wakulla	22	5

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TASK FORCE TO RE-OPEN FLORIDA

The Re-Open Florida Task Force launched a public comment submission portal open to all Floridians. Public feedback will be a critical component of the Task Force's final report to Governor Ron DeSantis. All interested Floridians are encouraged to submit their ideas regarding the safe re-opening of Florida's economy.

TEEX Webinar PPE Training

This webinar will provide First Responders, First Receivers, and Staff with awareness level informative tips to help protect yourself and others using personal protective equipment. The presenter will share practical experience on personal protective equipment and considerations to safely maximize barrier protection from a biological pathogen as well as biological hazardous waste handling. Spaces are limited so sign up soon!

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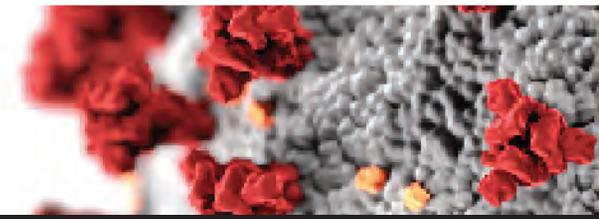


One Blood is asking for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma. For more information, [click here](#).

STATE & FEDERAL RESOURCES



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CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs

CMS Accelerated and Advanced Payment Program Fact Sheet

CDC Strategies to Optimize PPE and Equipment

CDC Special Considerations for Patients on Home Dialysis

COVID Antibody Testing Information

HCA Healthcare Joins COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Study

PPE Scam

Joint Bulletin to Health Care Community



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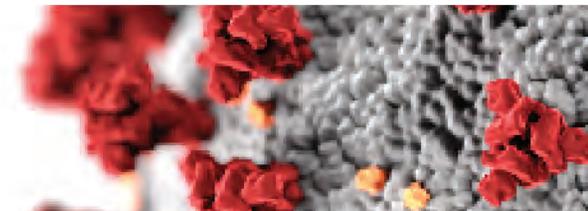


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(866) 779-6121
COVID-19@FLHEALTH.GOV

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



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Statewide Conference Call Summary

- Several institutions have studied the various methods of reusing N95s. Using UV and hydrogen peroxide prove to be the most effective and popular methods thus far.
- Information on PPE decontamination can be found at www.N95decon.org, which goes in depth into the science behind recycling PPE including the UV and vaporized hydrogen peroxide methods.
- There is a federal contract established with Battelle where healthcare providers can ship their used PPE to be sterilized and returned (currently a 72-hour turnaround time). For information of this service please visit www.battelle.org.
- People throughout the state are delaying their calls to 911 due to fear of being exposed to the virus at the ER. It is imperative that we raise awareness within the community that it is safe to visit the ER and utilize those services for serious medical conditions as that delay may cause significant medical difficulties.
- Hospitals should begin to look differently at the role they play with long term care facilities. The resources and knowledge available to hospitals regarding infection control and prevention are vastly greater than those found in LTC facilities. Outreach between hospitals and LTCs should be a top priority in order to aid these facilities in the best way possible.
- Over the last couple of weeks, we have continued to see a decrease in positivity rates along with ICU bed and ventilator usage. We are currently at a 5% positivity rate compared to 10% from April 13th.
- The Governor's executive order to suspend elective procedures is still in place until May 8th. While planning has begun for reopening these procedures, providers should begin forecasting their PPE needs moving forward.
- Planning is taking place to increase testing capacity in community testing sites and rural testing.

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 2x 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

SURGEON GENERAL'S PRIORITIES

Florida's 5 STEPS to Prevent COVID-19

1 STOP INTRODUCTION

Stop Introduction into Florida from out of state.

2 TEST, TEST, TEST

Leverage testing capabilities & work to expand capacity.

3 ELDERLY & VULNERABLE PROTECTION

Protect the elderly by increased mitigation and messaging at assisted living centers, nursing homes, and other special facilities.

4 PREPARE HOSPITALS

Assess the potential impacts and course of action for hospitals and bed capacity.

5 SOCIAL DISTANCING

Continue to message social distancing.



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