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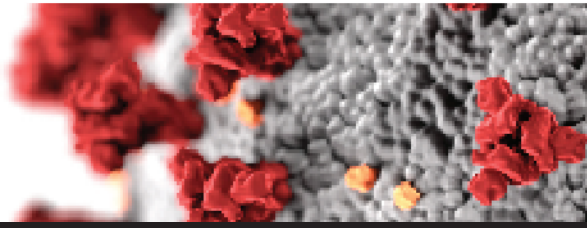

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- CDC Guidance Update About Critical Infrastructure Workers
- CDC Guidance About Specimen Testing
- CDC Guidance About N95 Reuse And Decontamination
- DHS Cyber Security Threat Awareness
- WHO Cyber Security Info
- AHCA Covid 19 Scam Awareness

CURRENT* COVID-19 CASES IN BIG BEND REGION

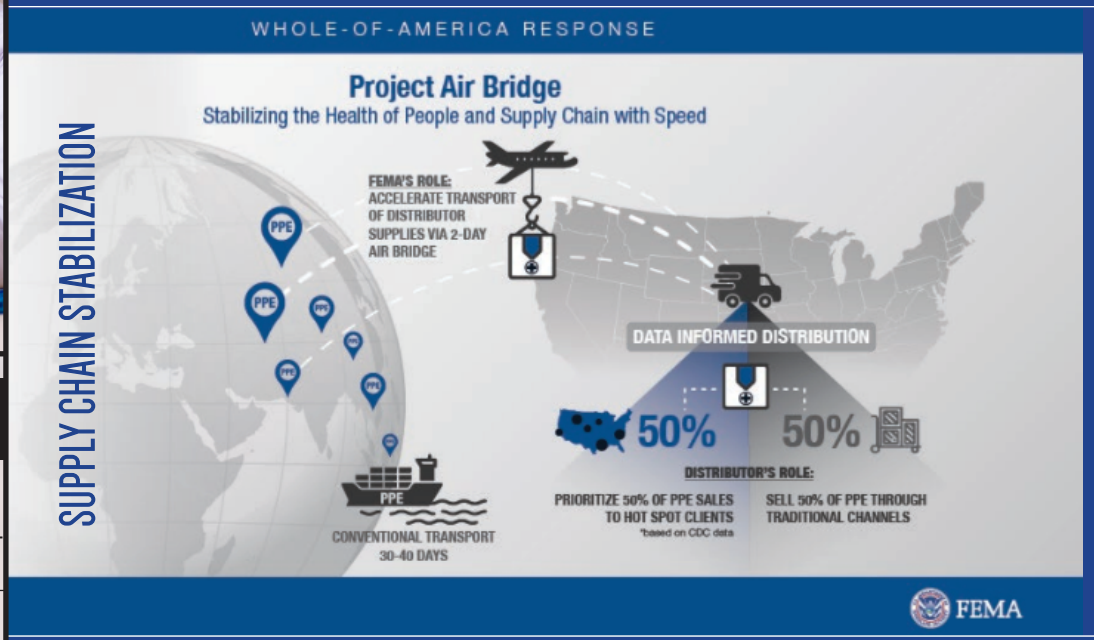
COUNTY	TOTAL CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS
Franklin	2	0
Gadsden	10	0
Gulf	1	0
Jefferson	8	2
Leon	78	15
Madison	12	1
Taylor	1	0
Wakulla	7	5

*updated 04.09.2020 at 3pm

HELPFUL LINKS FROM THE CDC

CDC — Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

SAFETY PRACTICES FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS WHO MAY HAVE HAD EXPOSURE TO COVID-19



COVID-19 CATAGORY B PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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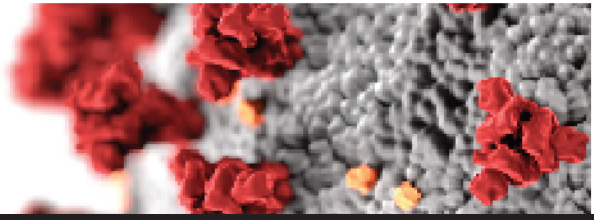

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Statewide Conference Call Summaries

SEOC Hospital Conference Call, 4/8/20 @ 10am State Surgeon General, Dr. Rivkees

- There have now been 142,000 individuals tested in Florida. The positivity rate is currently at 10.8%. The previous 2 days positivity rates were around 12%, so we are not seeing an increase, which is good.
- The current mortality rate is at 1.9%. At this time there are roughly 1,800 Hospitalizations in the state with 700 of those being in the ICU. Of those ICU patients, 2/3 are on ventilators.
- The above information is retrieved from ESS, so the accuracy of that data remains of critical importance.
- At this time the PCR test is recommended for diagnostic purposes. Cellex has the only FDA approved sereology test, but it should not be used for diagnostic purposes as it has shown to cross react with other coronavirus. If your facility plans to purchase serology test, make sure proper research is done beforehand as many are not yet approved.
- Secretary Mayhew requested all hospitals convene a meeting at each facility to review and confirm the accuracy of the entered ESS Data. It is imperative that beds are not double counted. AHCA will be sending current information to the hospitals to verify the data. Hospitals should distinguish between licensed and staffed beds in addition to the number of additional beds that could be staffed within 48 hours, if resources can be provided outside sources.
- Several parts of the state are reporting that placing behavioral patients outside of the hospital setting is proving difficult. If your facility is having difficulty finding long-term placement for these patients, contact DCF. AHCA can also assist you to find the correct DCF contact.
- Although current models are showing the peak might not be as high, it is coming earlier than previously shown. Hospitals should review the models and identify the peak demand on the worst day and evaluate your hospital's capacity to respond.

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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