

# COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT # 61

CHAMP ♦ North Central ♦ Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalitions

Thursday, August 20, 2020



Current COVID-19 NUMBERS BY COUNTY (8/20 @ 3:30pm)			
	Total Cases Residents/Non-Residents	Hospitalizations* Residents/Non-Residents	Deaths Residents
Alachua	4,813 (4753/60)	247/15	31
Baker	1,098	40	4
Bradford	613	36	4
Clay	3,580 (3568/12)	262/1	72
Columbia	3,125 (3113/12)	165/2	31
Dixie	625 (624/1)	37	4
Duval	25,117(24854/263)	826/17	232
Flagler	1,194(181/13)	99/3	15
Gilchrist	420	28	9
Hamilton	645 (640/5)	24	4
Lafayette	1,129	11	4
Levy	821 (817/4)	53	5
Marion	7,691 (7677/14)	655	121
Nassau	1,396 (1307/89)	86/2	14
Putnam	1,669 (1667/2)	186	33
St. Johns	4,075 (4020/55)	220/5	50
Suwannee	2,299 (2282/17)	115	50
Union	505	29	5
Statewide	588,602 (582,407)	35,650	10,049

Cumulative COVID-19 TESTING BY COUNTY (8/20 @ 3:30pm)			
	Total Tested	Total Positive	Positive Rate
Alachua	77,758	4,813	6.19%
Baker	6,441	1,098	17.05%
Bradford	5,035	613	12.17%
Clay	37,067	3,125	9.66%
Columbia	14,486	2,958	21.57%
Dixie	4,466	625	13.99%
Duval	224,421	25,117	11.19%
Flagler	16272	1,194	7.34%
Gilchrist	3,25	420	10.7%
Hamilton	5,092	645	12.67%
Lafayette	2,421	1,129	46.63%
Levy	6,798	821	12.08%
Marion	57,674	7,691	13.34%
Nassau	16,068	1,396	8.69%
Putnam	13,977	1,669	11.94%
St. Johns	44,002	4,075	9.26%
Suwannee	9,583	2,299	23.99%
Union	8,435	505	5.99%
Statewide	4,342,418	588,602	13.55%

FDOH updates data daily at a 11:00 am \*Hospitalization includes persons that may no longer be hospitalized.

## \*NEW\* Conference Call Highlights \*NEW\*

Key Messages from Dr. Rivkees concerning the new [CDC's Symptom-based strategies to Return to Work](#)  
 Research shows that the PCR test is very sensitive and a person can test positive for up to 3 months, but they are no longer infectious. The CDC has released new guidance for a return-to-work symptom-based strategy.

If you :

- are COVID positive, but asymptomatic, you should isolate for 10 days.
- have mild symptoms, you may return to work if at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **AND** at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without medications **AND** symptoms have improved.
- Had severe to critical illness **OR** are severely immunocompromised, you may return to work at least 10 days and up to 20 days after symptoms first appeared.
- At least 24 hours has passed since last fever without medications **AND** symptoms have improved.

Details about the CDC guidance are included in the CDC link above.

For questions to FDOH or AHCA, please email your questions to [provider.COVID19@FLHealth.gov](mailto:provider.COVID19@FLHealth.gov)

Florida continues to have positive trends in the data; decrease in CLI, decrease in hospitalizations and RT value of 0.90.

Statewide Daily Testing Data for Wednesday, 8/19/2020: 68,393 Tested - 4,605 Positive - Daily Percent Positive 6.73%

## Statewide Conference Calls

### Statewide Conference Calls

Coalition staff attends the following statewide calls and provides the daily summaries and highlights above.

Hospitals & FHA	Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am	888-585-9008 Code 488 097 156#
Behavioral Health Centers	Tuesday 10:45 am	888-585-9008 Code 208 305 233#
Healthcare Providers	Tuesday 5:30 pm	888-585-9008 Code 208 305 233#
Home Health & Community Providers	Thursday 1:00 pm	888-585-9008 Code 208 305 233#
Nursing Homes & FHCA (recorded & posted)	Thursday 4:15 pm	866-951-1151 Room ID 8484844#

## Important Updates for Health Care Providers for COVID-19

### [Letter](#) from State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees

Governor DeSantis Extends State of Emergency for COVID-19 [Executive Order 20-166](#)

State Surgeon General Issues Public Health Advisory for COVID-19 [Public Health Advisory](#)

Volunteer for COVID-19 Clinical Trial To learn more about volunteering for a COVID-19 Prevention Clinical Study, please click [here](#)

Agency for Health Care Administration Emergency Rule [Emergency Rule 59AER20-8](#) New Symptom-based screening strategy

Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection ([Interim Guidance](#)) Updated

Duration of Isolation and Quarantine for Persons with COVID-19 [Updated CDC Guidance](#) see page 2 for more details.

**COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma** Donating plasma is one of the ways you can help those fighting COVID-19. If you or your patients have had COVID-19 and have been completely symptom free for at least two weeks, your plasma may help save the lives of other patients. Learn more [HERE](#).

**Agency for Health Care Administration Complaint Process** For concerns regarding a health care facility in Florida, consumers, patient advocates, and practitioners may file a complaint with the Agency for Health Care Administration. Complaints can be filed anonymously. However, please be sure to include sufficient information, such as the patient/resident name, date(s) of events, and any other specifics pertinent to the complaint, to allow proper assessment of concerns. You may file a complaint with the Agency by calling our toll-free Complaint & Information Call Center at 1-888-419-3456 or by completing our online complaint form at: <https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/hcfc/>. Please refer to the Agency's Consumer Complaint website for additional information at [https://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call\\_center.shtml](https://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call_center.shtml).

Health Care Practitioner COVID-19 Resources [What to do if you've been exposed](#) & [I tested positive. What happens now?](#)

## Center for Domestic Preparedness

[Virtual Instructor Led Training List](#)

Crisis Standards of Care

Mass Casualty Incident Response

Medical Surge Management

Hospital Incident Command

Healthcare Facility Preparedness

& Many More

**Offerings throughout August and September**

## Find a Testing Site

[Florida's Mobile Testing Lab & Community Testing Sites](#)

[State Supported Testing Sites](#)

## Healthcare Coalition Information

If this report was forwarded to you, join the HCC to receive Situation Reports and more.

[Click here to join the Coalition.](#)

### Healthcare Coalition Contacts

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## **\*NEW\*** Brief overview of CDC recommendations released July 22, 2020

### **Duration of Isolation and Quarantine for Persons with COVID-19**

On July 22, 2020, the CDC released updated guidance regarding the [duration of isolation and recommendations regarding retesting of COVID-19 cases](#). The Florida Department of Health seeks to ensure that providers have resources available to assist with educating their patients regarding the actions that they, along with their close contacts, should take to remain safe. Provided below is a brief overview of recommendations.

**Isolation** is used to separate people **infected** with the virus from those who are not infected. People in isolation should remain home, and then within their home, separate themselves from other members of their household by staying in a designated room or area to minimize the risk of exposing others in the home.

Symptomatic cases of COVID-19 should remain isolated until:

- At least **10 days\*** since symptoms first appeared; **and** At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication; **and**
- Symptoms have improved.

\*A limited number of persons with severe illness or patients who are severely immunocompromised may need to be isolated for 20 days after symptom onset; consider consultation with infection control experts.

Cases of COVID-19 without symptoms should remain isolated until:

- At least **10 days** have passed since they were tested

**Quarantine** is used to keep someone who might have been **exposed** to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus but not experiencing symptoms.

Close contacts (came **within 6 feet** of someone who has COVID-19 for **at least 15 minutes**) should:

- Stay home for **14 days** after their last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Watch for fever (100.4°F or more), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

Retesting Recommendations:

- For persons diagnosed with COVID-19 who remain asymptomatic after recovery, retesting is not recommended within 3 months after the date of symptom onset or the date of first positive viral test for COVID. In addition, quarantine is not recommended for individuals that have recovered from COVID-19 in the event of close contact with an infected person during the 3 month-period.
- For persons who develop new symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 3 months after the date of initial symptom onset, if an alternative etiology cannot be identified by an authorized health care provider, then the person may warrant retesting. Consultation with infectious disease or infection control experts, as well as the Florida Department of Health, is recommended. Isolation may be considered during this evaluation based on consultation with an infection control expert, especially if symptoms develop within 14 days after close contact with a person infected with COVID-19.

## ESS Updates

[Long Term Care Facility Additional Info Entry—Question & Guidance 7/20/2020](#)

[Hospital Additional Entry—Beds & Info 7/16/2020](#)

[Hospitals](#) Updated 6/11/2020

[Hurricane Pre Plan \(Hospitals\) 6/3/2020](#)

[Hurricane Prep Plan 5/29/2020](#)

[Long-Term Care Facilities](#) Updated 5/28/2020

[Additional Entry Question Guidance](#)

**\*\*\*Timely & Accurate ESS Data Entry continues to be critical for planning\*\*\***

## AHCA's LTC Transfers & Testing Updates

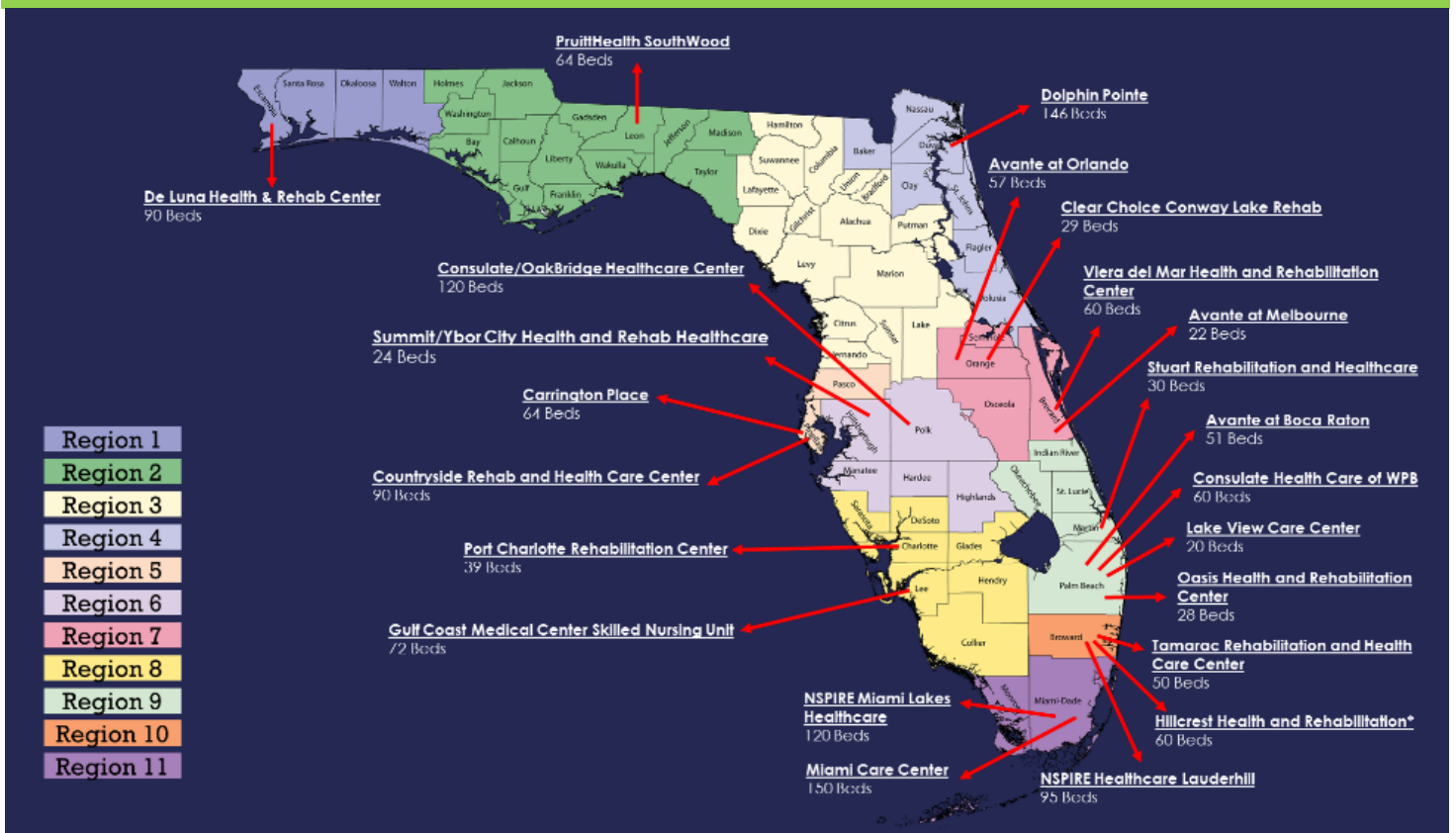
[Alert released July 20, 2020](#)

**\*UPDATED\* Regional COVID-19 Isolation Centers \*More sites added statewide\***

[https://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19\\_inf.shtml](https://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19_inf.shtml)

Map & list with links found on website above along with more details about these centers.

The State is working to open more Isolation Centers, so continue to monitor the website above.



As of July 31, 2020, the Agency has agreements with 23 COVID-19 Isolation Centers

Webinar Series APHA & National Academy of Medicine

COVID-19 Conversations

View [recordings of past webinars](#) from the American Public Health Association & the National Academy of Medicine

**AHCA information on testing every 2 weeks for staff in NH & ALFs**

Emergency Rules: [59AER20-4](#) & [59AER20-5](#) Emergency Rule [Q&A from AHCA](#)

**Curative (Testing Contractor) Contact Information**

Support Line: 1-888-702-9042

Support Email: [support@curativeinc.com](mailto:support@curativeinc.com)

**AHCA Emergency Rule and Facility COVID Requirements**

[AHCA Alert: Nursing Home Resident Transfers](#) May 5, 2020

[Emergency Rule: Requiring Staff COVID-19 Testing at Long-term Care Facilities](#) May 10, 2020

[59AER20-2 Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities](#)

[Q&A for Entry and Testing for ALFs](#)

[59AER20-3 Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes](#)

[Q&A for Entry Testing & Infection Control for NHs](#)

[AHCA Facility Information and Alerts](#)

**Coming Soon!** Video Training for our Long-Term Care facility members.

Article: Blood Type Tied to COVID Risk

Read the NIH article [here](#)

FDA Warns of Toxic Hand Sanitizers

See the list of brand names [here](#)

**Cloth Face Coverings for Community Groups**

County Health Departments (CHD) have cloth face coverings available for community groups, free of charge. Contact your CHD for details.

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/all-county-locations.html>

**COVID Data from FDOH**

All reports are linked at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

Pediatric Report [Link](#)

Antibody Results [Serology](#) & [Point-of-Care](#)

Long-Term Care [Positive Cases](#) & [Deaths](#)

Register with local emergency management to receive emergency messages.

<https://apps.floridadisaster.org/alertflorida/>



**Monitor Current Risks for Florida**

[NWS Jax Daily Weather Briefings](#)

[Current Wildfire Conditions](#)

[USCG Water Data](#) [Flood Gauges by County](#)

## Relieve Stress for Healthcare Workers

[Self-Care Exercise](#)

## One Blood

One Blood is encouraging healthcare workers and first responders that have recovered from COVID to donate plasma. Go to [www.oneblood.org/covid19](http://www.oneblood.org/covid19) or dial 888-9DONATE

## ASPR Workforce Virtual Toolkit

Resources for Healthcare Decision-Makers

<https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/Workforce-Virtual-Toolkit>

## Alternate Care Strategies

[ASPR Strategies](#)

[Wheelchair and Assistive Technology Users ATTENTION: PRECAUTIONS for COVID-19](#)

## Florida Agencies & Resources

FHCA Webinar Series [Recordings](#)

## COVID-19 Printable Materials

[CDC Communications](#) & [FL DOH Materials](#)

## Florida COVID-19 Contacts

[Florida Health COVID-19](#)

COVID-19 Call Center 24/7

(866) 779-6121

[COVID-19@FLHealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@FLHealth.gov)

[County Emergency Management](#)

## FHCA Nursing Home & Regulatory Partners

[Statewide Conference Call Recordings](#)

Email for Nursing Home/LTC Questions [covid@fhca.org](mailto:covid@fhca.org)

## FL Department of Elder Affairs

Services for Florida seniors, their families and caregivers

<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/>

## FDEM Recovery Bureau

[Recovery Questions & Answers](#)

## AHCA Resources

[AHCA- COVID Alerts](#)

[Healthcare Facility Updates](#)

Transfer Forms

[SNF to Hospital](#) [Hospital to SNF](#)

[ESS Resources](#) [ESS Log In Page](#)

[ESS Hospital Bed Availability Dashboard](#)

## Florida COVID-19 Resources

[Executive Orders \(Governor & State Agencies\)](#)

[Florida COVID-19 Daily Report](#)

Click on the **See the Report** link at the bottom of the webpage

[Florida Data & Surveillance Dashboard](#)

Emergency Status System: [ESS](#)

Agency for Healthcare Administration: [AHCA](#)

FL Healthcare Association: [FHCA](#)

Agency for Persons with Disabilities: [APD Cares](#)

DCF Mental Health Services: [DCF](#)

FL Division of Emergency Management: [DEM](#)

CMS Nursing Home COVID-19 Data

Full Report [Click Here](#)

# Federal Agencies & Resources

## Administration for Community Living

Supports needs of the aging and disability populations  
<https://acl.gov/COVID-19>

## CDC Mental Health Resources

[Taking Care of your Emotional Health](#)  
[Helping Children Cope](#)

## [FEMA: COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Medical Costs Eligible for Public Assistance](#)

## National Resources

<a href="#">CDC COVID-19 Main Page</a>	<a href="#">CDC Situation Summary</a>
<a href="#">CDC Testing Priorities</a>	<a href="#">CDC Testing Information</a>
<a href="#">ASPR Tracie Planning Resources</a>	<a href="#">FAQs about COVID-19</a>
<a href="#">CMS Partner Toolkit</a>	<a href="#">CMS: Hospitals Without Walls</a>
<a href="#">FEMA's Rumor Control</a>	<a href="#">Travel Advisories US Dept of State</a>
<a href="#">Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)</a>	<a href="#">Southeast ADA Center</a>
<a href="#">COVID-19 Fraud Alerts</a>	

## PPE Information

[CDC Personal Protective Equipment Guidance](#)

[NIOSH approved N95s](#)

[PPE Burn Rate Calculator](#)

**Guidance on strategies to optimize PPE supplies:**

[Eye Protection](#)

[Isolation Gowns](#)

[Facemasks](#)

[N95 Respirators](#)

[Summary List for Healthcare Facilities](#)

**Counterfeit Respirator [Information](#)**

## Telemedicine Video

[Medicare Coverage & Payment of Virtual Services](#)

## Critical Infrastructure Workers

[Guidance](#) for critical infrastructure workers that may have been exposed to COVID-19

## FEMA Rumor Control

[Coronavirus Rumor Control Q&A](#)

## CDC Cloth Face Coverings

[How to make & wear cloth face coverings](#)

## CDC Decontamination & Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/decontamination-reuse-respirators.html>

## National Emerging Special Pathogen Training & Education Center

[Past Recordings & Upcoming Webinars](#)