

**2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – 4:00 PM**  
**Situation Report # 2**



**DECLARATIONS | EMERGENCY ORDERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Declaration</u>
<b>March 1, 2020</b>	Public Health Emergency declared for the State of Florida [Executive Order Number 20-51].
<b>March 9, 2020</b>	State of Emergency declared for the State of Florida [Executive Order Number 20-52].
<b>March 10, 2020</b>	Local State of Emergency declared for Broward County.
<b>March 11, 2020</b>	DEM Order Number 20-002 restricting access to assisted living facilities.
<b>March 13, 2020</b>	Federal Disaster Declaration issued by President Donald J. Trump, pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
<b>March 17, 2020</b>	Executive Order 20-68 requiring bars and nightclubs to close, restricting access to beaches, and limiting restaurant patronage.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIONS**

- The Broward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at a Level 2 (Partial Activation) as of 12:00 PM, March 10, 2020.
  - The EOC is activated to support both preparedness and response activities as well as information sharing and situational awareness.
  - Municipalities should use their Essential Elements of Information (EEI) board to update their current situation status.
  - Activated EOC units include: Executive Policy Group, Unified Command Group, Liaison Officer, Public Information Officer (ESF14 Public Information), Operations Section Emergency Services Branch (ESF4 Firefighting, ESF16 Law Enforcement) , Human Services Branch (ESF6 Mass Care, ESF8 Health and Medical), Infrastructure Branch (ESF1 Transportation: Port Everglades, FLL, Transit), ESF18 (Business and Industry), Logistics Section (ESF7 Resources Support including Procurement/Supply Unit, Mission Tracking Unit, and EOC Support Unit), Planning Section (ESF5 Information and Planning: Documentation Unit and Situation Unit), and the Finance and Administration Section: Budget Unit, Personnel Branch Director, Finance Branch Director, Cost Unit, and Time Unit.
- All Broward County Government offices currently remain open.
- Florida Department of Health reported (*as of 11:00 EDT, Wednesday, March 18, 2020*) that Broward County has 80 individuals (73 Florida Residents and 7 Non-Florida Residents) who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are in isolation until cleared by public health officials.
  - 24 cases are travel related
  - Age range of 19-83
    - 47 Males
    - 33 Females

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- The Governor's office issued Executive Order 20-51 on March 1, 2020 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency related to COVID-19.
  - The Governor's office enacted Executive Order 20-68 on March 17, 2020. Under this order:
    - All bars and nightclubs throughout Florida beginning at 5 pm on March 17 for the next 30 days. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) will be enforcing the Order and providing further guidance. All colleges and universities are urged to switch to remote learning for the rest of the spring semester. Campuses are to be closed and students sent home.
    - Parties accessing public beaches in the state of Florida shall follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance by limiting their gatherings to no more than 10 persons.
    - Restaurants across the state of Florida will now be required to limit customer entry to 50 percent of capacity. Seating must be staggered and limited to ensure seated parties are separated by a distance of at least six feet, in accordance with CDC guidelines. Restaurants are encouraged to remain open and expand take-out and delivery services. Additional information will be provided by DBPR.
    - These measures represent a minimum response for Florida. Municipalities are free to announce more stringent measures, based on local circumstances.
  - A drive-thru COVID-19 sample collection facility staffed by the National Guard and Memorial Hospital Miramar is being established at C.B. Smith Park, but will prioritize testing for First Responders, health care professionals, and at-risk patients.
  - All Simon-owned malls (Sawgrass Mills and Coral Square) will close at 7 pm on March 18, 2020 and remain closed until further notice. Ikea has closed as of 3 pm on March 18, 2020 with no reopen date available.
  - Broward County Sheriff Gregory Tony has suspended all BSO events through March 31, 2020.
  - Broward County District Schools closed Monday, March 16, 2020 and will remain closed at least until April 15.
  - The SBBC currently has food distribution at 11 schools and child care at 8 sites; however, next week is the scheduled spring break and the school district will be closed. Efforts are underway for SBBC to partner with the County to identify location for food distributions.
  - The last cruise ship is scheduled to arrive at Port Everglades on March 20, 2020. At this time, State and federal officials, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Florida Health Department have cleared the arrival.
  - Broward County District Schools closed Monday, March 16, 2020 and will remain closed at least until April 15.
  - Broward County libraries will close to the public at the close of business on March 19, 2020.
  - President Trump signed a declaration for PA on Friday March 13, 2020 and the IA declaration was signed on March 16, 2020. It is advised by FDEM that no thresholds would be applied to

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the disaster. All County staff are required to complete a FA labor/Equipment form for all time conducting disaster-related work. These forms must be submitted daily to the recovery coordinator for that agency. The recovery coordinator will be responsible to upload cost projection within 48 hours.

- On March 18, 2020, Governor DeSantis activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program will provide short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced economic injury from COVID-19.

### **SUMMARY OF FUTURE ACTIONS**

Continue to work with the State to prioritize the resource request for PPE for municipal first responders (Fire, EMS, LE) and health care facilities (hospitals and nursing homes).

### **ACTIVATION OBJECTIVES**

- Support DOH-Broward in the planning, logistical support and operation of drive-thru Points of Collections.
- Monitor and process resource requests from BERT and Municipal stakeholders. Forward applicable requests to Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and track acquisition and distribution to point of delivery.
- Provide support as needed to DOH-Broward and Human Services Department for post-testing case management. Ensure appropriate support is provided for vulnerable population food and medication needs.
- Ensure unified messaging is ongoing.
- Take all actions recommended by the CDC and DOH to protect yourself and your staff from contracting the COVID-19 virus.