

The City of Dunedin continues to monitor COVID-19 (a novel coronavirus), which is a worldwide pandemic event. In an effort to keep everyone up-to-date, we will work closely with Pinellas County and our public health partners to provide you with accurate information and guidance as events unfold. In addition to weekly city situation reports, we ask that you educate yourselves and your families with confirmed information from reputable national and local agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health.

*New Information is designated in dark red.

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of 11:00 a.m., today, there are 695,887 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Florida with 43,299 resident hospitalizations and 14,081 total deaths. In Pinellas County, the number of confirmed cases rose from 21,254 confirmed cases of COVID-19 last week to 21,845 cases this week, with 2,251 resident hospitalizations and 742 deaths, increases of 57 and 27, respectively. The number of positive cases in the Dunedin area increased from 524 to 543. Additional information about all Florida cases <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>. The information is updated daily at 11 a.m. For Pinellas County and Dunedin area information, click [here](#).
- Florida's COVID-19 testing positivity rate shifted back under the preferred 5% level on Thursday's official pandemic report, one indication that the virus prevalence is under control. After exceeding 5% in the previous two days, the rate dropped to 4.45% for people testing positive for new infections only. The state Department of Health says the rate has been below 5% for 11 out of the past 13 days.
- Nationally, confirmed COVID-19 cases are rising again. As Americans venture back to school, to the workplace and — in spite of warnings from public health officials — to bars and restaurants, cases have begun to rise in the last two weeks. The United States has averaged about 40,000 new cases a day over the past week, up from a recent low of about 34,000 cases a day earlier this month. The country is now averaging about the same number of new infections on a daily basis as it was in June. The average number of people who are dying on a daily basis stands at about 700, the same level as early July.
- Florida's first-time unemployment claims took another slight decline last week, reflecting a sluggish economic recovery amid the COVID-19 pandemic. For the reporting week ended Sept. 19, claims fell by 1,436 from the week before, to 35,829. Although Florida's first-time claims show gradual week-to-week declines, they remain roughly five to six times higher than before the pandemic struck down the economy in mid-March.
- Nationally, the figure was 870,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level of 866,000, the U.S. Department of Labor reported on Thursday.
- Thousands of Florida's unemployed may see additional benefits by December from an extended benefits program that was triggered when the state's unemployment rate hit 10% in June. However, the state won't be ready to disburse the funds until December.
- As of September 23, DEO has paid 2,001,057 claimants a total of nearly \$16.6 billion (\$16,582,829,257). More than 3.8 million (3,821,024) unique claims have been processed, representing 99.2% of unique claims submitted.

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- On Tuesday, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended the State of Local Emergency declaration for COVID-19 through Oct. 2 and delegated the authority for near-future extensions to County Administrator Barry A. Burton until further notice. The [County's Ordinance](#) requiring face coverings to be worn and social distancing practiced in indoor public places remains in force. This includes a requirement that only seated and properly distanced patrons be served in food establishments. Board members also agreed with medical experts that preventative measures such as good nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation and managing chronic health conditions are critically important in the fight against COVID-19.
- As of 09/14, the first four applications for Phase Two (2) of the Pinellas CARES local business grant program have been received, with a total of \$20,000 distributed.
- The Nonprofit Partnership Fund has provided financial support for Food (over \$4,100,000 distributed), Behavioral Health (over \$1,100,000 distributed), and Eviction Mitigation (\$597,000 distributed). One grant providing both Food and Behavioral Health support has also distributed \$3,000,000.
- As of 09/17, Pinellas County has paid individuals and families \$10,845,448 under the CARES Financial Assistance program with 3,297 cases completed.
- **Pinellas CARES – Individuals, Families & Workforce Financial Assistance:** If you lost a job or significant income due to impacts from the pandemic, you may qualify for financial assistance up to \$5,000 per household to pay for rent, mortgage or utility payments during the period starting March 1, 2020. For more information and application instructions, click [here](#). Other ways to get information or start the process:
 - Text the word **COVIDCARES** to the phone number 898211 to start the process.
 - Call the County Information Center at (727) 464-4333, Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - [Online Chat](#) is also available, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Pinellas CARES Local Business Grants Second Round:** Pinellas CARES has helped more than 3,200 businesses with emergency grants since May, and more help is now available. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has approved expanded grant funding for Pinellas-based businesses most affected by the pandemic. The new program will assist businesses that have suffered economic damages from business interruption caused by COVID-19 since March 1, 2020, that were not covered by insurance or reimbursement from any federal program. Businesses that make \$3 million or less in gross annual revenue may qualify for up to \$10,000 in grant assistance based on a sliding scale. To start the process, [begin application here](#), or see below for application assistance.
- **Looking for ways to help others?** Click [here](#).

WHAT THE CITY IS DOING:

LATEST NEWS:

- The City's state of emergency will be extended to **Friday, October 2nd**.

- The City has added hand sanitizers to the sidewalk directories located throughout Downtown Main Street.
- The City has suspended all disconnections of water, wastewater, and solid waste services for nonpayment until **October 15th**. For more information, contact Utility Billing by phone, (727) 298-3024 or via email at ubill@dunedinfl.net.
- **Pinellas CARES Local Business Grants:** The City and Chamber of Commerce are offering one-on-one assistance. Please register by calling 727-298-3201 or emailing Jenn@businessgrowthssimplified.com. Click links below for more information.
 - Video Link: [Learn More About the CARES Grant Program](#)
 - City Website: [Additional City Resources](#).

HOW TO APPLY FOR REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has a mobile-friendly online application for individuals filing a new Reemployment Assistance claim available [here](#). For a step by step guide on how to apply read more [here](#). For the Reemployment Assistance Resource Guide which includes frequently asked questions, please click [here](#). For additional information about Reemployment Assistance benefits visit www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19.

PAST HIGHLIGHTS:

- Beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 16, COVID-19 testing will be available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at the County's drive-up testing site outside of the Duke Energy for the Arts Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S., St. Petersburg. Antibody testing will be available from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For up-to-date testing information in Pinellas County, please go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/testing/>.
- As of 09/01, Pinellas County has paid individuals and families \$9,867,593 under the CARES Financial Assistance program.
- DEO has submitted and has been approved to provide a fourth week of Federal Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program benefits for eligible Floridians.
- The Hale Senior Center re-opened on Tuesday, September 8th.
- Federal unemployment aid is once again available in Florida. President Donald Trump authorized \$300 per week by executive order to be drawn from federal disaster funds overseen by the Federal Emergency Management. The funds will be available for those who are eligible for state benefits for weeks of unemployment ending on or after Aug. 1. The agency said the payments are starting this week for the weeks ending Aug. 1, 8, and 15.
- Florida's bars will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity beginning on Monday, September 14.
- Governor Ron DeSantis announced yesterday that he is ordering the reopening of long-term care facilities to visitors, with certain restrictions and rules, including that facilities allowing visitors must have no new onset of COVID-19 cases for 14 days and that visits take place by appointment only. No visitors under age 18 will be allowed, at least initially. A complaint portal for family members who encounter barriers is available by calling 1-888-419-3456 or going online to apps.ahca.myflorida.com.
- The following City facilities are now open to the public starting on Monday, August 31, 2020, following the same protocols as other city facilities:

- **MLK Center (550 Laura Lane):**
 - Beginning August 31st, all visitors to the MLK will enter through the front double doors and exit through side door (follow signs).
 - Visitors who are not wearing a City employee wristband will be screened before entry, and asked to wear a face mask/cover.
- **Utility Billing** (located at the MLK Center):
 - Open to the public between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. with no more than two visitors in the utility billing area at a time.
 - A Utility Billing Staff member will be seated at a table by the MLK front entryway to direct utility billing customers and ensure that no more than four customers are allowed in the utility billing area (up to 2) and adjoining hallway (up to 2).
- **HR/Risk Management** (located at the MLK Center):
 - Office hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30a – 4:00p.
 - There will be signage to advise customers of the phone number to call for entry to the building before 2:00 p.m.
- **Community Development, Economic Development and Housing/CRA, and Engineering** (located at 1415 Pinehurst Road):
 - Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Engineering 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) with no more than 3 visitors at a time in the Community Development Reception area.
- **City Clerk** (located at 1415 Pinehurst Road):
 - Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;
 - Current capacity is one person at a time in the Clerk's reception area.
- City Hall will be open to the public starting Monday, August 24, 2020. We will be implementing protocols as we have in other city facilities.
- Parks & Recreation News: The Community Center and Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Recreation Center will re-open on August 24th with reduced facility hours.
 - Some programs will also resume at both facilities following social distance guidelines, and be held as drop-in classes only; monthly fees are suspended until further notice.
 - Stirling Skate Park will also re-open with the same operational hours as the MLK Center; max of 13 participants at a time.
 - The Hale Senior Center remains closed for renovation; however, some senior center programming will be held at the Community and MLK Centers.
 - Rentals and special events are cancelled until larger group gatherings are approved via the Governor's Office and the County.

More information will be forthcoming at <https://www.dunedingov.com/live-work-play/dunedin-covid-19-updates/-fsiteid-1>.

- The testing site at Duke Energy Center for the Arts Mahaffey Theater is now offering antibody testing from 2:00 PM-6:00 pm Tuesday through Friday and 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday. Antibody testing detects if a person has had COVID-19 without knowing it. You will not need a doctor referral, but a form is required. For hours of operation and to get the form, please go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/testing/>.
- The Department of Labor Department reported that about 1.1 million Americans filed first-time applications for unemployment insurance, up from 971,000 the prior week and more than the 920,000 expected by economists. 57.3 million Workers have now filed for

unemployment over the past 22 weeks.

- Florida continues to have the second highest positive cases of COVID-19 in the nation, second only to California, according to official infection numbers.
- According to Pinellas County Director of the Florida Department of Health Dr. Ulyee Choe, the 7-day rolling average positive COVID-19 tests has dropped to 4.9 percent and hospitalizations have stabilized in Pinellas County.
- As of 08/05, Pinellas County has paid individuals and families \$5,087,950 under the CARES Financial Assistance program.
- A new drive-thru COVID-19 testing site opened Monday, Aug. 10 at the Ruth Eckerd Hall parking lot in Clearwater. The site location was chosen to provide closer access to residents living and working in northern and central Pinellas County. The site is in partnership with BayCare, Pinellas County, the City of Clearwater, the Florida Department of Health Pinellas County (FDOH), and Ruth Eckerd Hall.
- More than \$34 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus funds will be available for qualifying nonprofit and child care organizations starting Friday, August 7. The County is partnering with the Pinellas Community Foundation (PCF) and the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County (ELC) to distribute the funds to local organizations.
- President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Monday (3rd) targeting the improvement of health care for patients and medical providers in rural communities, expanding access to telehealth services in those areas and elsewhere and extending some telehealth flexibilities prompted by the pandemic to last permanently beyond it.
- Parks and Recreation: to see what is open, go to <https://www.dunedingov.com/live-work-play/phase-one-re-opening-updates>.
 - 2020 Summer Camps are extended through August 21.
 - Limited spots remain for summer camp. Registration will be done online only and continue until camps are full. For more information or registration questions, please call 727- 812-4530.
- On July 29th, Governor Ron DeSantis signed an executive order to extend the state's eviction moratorium to Sep. 1 at 12:01 a.m.
- The Dunedin Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Program in collaboration with the City of Dunedin Economic Development & Housing Department/CRA is offering in person assistance on Thursday, July 30th. Go to <https://www.dunedingov.com/city-departments/economic-development> for more information.
- Pinellas County Schools has posted information and their plans for reopening to provide three options for students. This information can be found on their reopening webpage: <https://www.pcsb.org/reopening>.
- A new face mask distribution site in Tarpon Springs is now open. Location: Union Academy Family Center, 401 Dr. MLK Jr. Hours: Monday through Friday from 10 to 3. For info, call (727) 934-5881 Ext. 10.
- The County and area chambers of commerce began distribution of masks to local businesses from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg on June 20th.
- On July 21, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended the County's State of Local Emergency declaration for COVID-19 through July 31st with no changes.
- Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections is losing a significant number of its poll workers due to COVID and is seeking help for the August Primary and November election. Volunteer hours of work: 5:30 a.m. through the election and cleanup on Election Day. All volunteers

must take a class, which is offered during the day and one night a week. Contact Tim Closterman or Dustin Chase at (727) 464-4988.

- On July 7th, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-166, extending Florida's State of Emergency through September 5, 2020.
- The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended the County's State of Local Emergency declaration for COVID-19 through July 24th with no changes.
- On Aug. 1, 2020, Pinellas County Utilities will resume termination of utility services for nonpayment and will recommence charging fees for late payments.
- Information on testing can be found at <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/testing/>.
- For a list of locations to get free masks, go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/free-face-masks/>.
- The Pinellas County Information Center (CIC) is available to answer questions about the County's new ordinance at (727) 464-4333, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 2pm.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is now offering a Self-Checker at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>.

OTHER COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION

HOW COVID-19 SPREADS:

- COVID-19 can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets may land on objects and surfaces.
- Other people may contract COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19:

- Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath.
- Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure.
- Most people recover from the COVID-19 without needing special treatment.
- The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.
- If you suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. You or your healthcare provider should immediately notify the Florida Department of Health.
- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 or need to stay home to care for a sick family member, please contact Human Resources for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) paperwork and further instructions. FMLA will protect your position while you are out of work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS:

- Keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing**
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least

60% alcohol.

- **Always** wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
 - Put your used tissue in a waste basket.
 - If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Practice Social Distancing, which includes **staying home from work when you are ill.**
- **Please Note: If you're experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing) or have traveled to impacted areas, call DOH-Pinellas, (727) 824-6900.**

In addition to weekly city situation reports, we ask that you educate yourselves and your families with confirmed information from reputable national and local agencies such as the CDC and Florida Department of Health. A list of resources is below.

TRUSTED RESOURCES:

- CDC_COVID-19 website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
- Florida DOH website:
<http://www.floridahealth.gov/>
- The Pinellas County Website:
 - <http://covid19.pinellascounty.org/>
- COVID-19 Prevention Tips & Fact Sheet:
 - Stop the Spread of Germs
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop_the-spread-of-germs.pdf
 - Symptoms of Coronavirus
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-symptoms.pdf>
 - COVID-19 Fact Sheet
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

PAST CITY NEWS:

- On July 2, 2020, the City Commission approved Resolution 20-20, requiring face coverings in city facilities with specific exemptions. The approved resolution will be available at <https://www.dunedingov.com/live-work-play/phase-one-re-opening-updates>.
- In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-150 the Dunedin City Commission will continue to meet virtually.
- City of Dunedin Boards and Committees may meet virtually as needed to move a project forward.

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- The Dunedin Downtown Summer Market will be held in the Parking Lot between the Blur and History Museum, beginning on Saturday, July 11th. CDC guidelines will be in effect! The Market will be held only on Saturdays, through October 31, 2020 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, and will feature live music. Visit www.TampaBayMarkets.com for more information.
- The MLK Recreation Center and playground will reopen for summer camp on Monday, July 6th.
- The City of Dunedin will continue to suspend all disconnections of water, wastewater, and solid waste services for nonpayment – effective March 18, 2020, through July 31, 2020.
 - Late fees will not be assessed to utility bills with a bill date on or after March 18, 2020, until further notice.
 - The Utility Billing office (located at the MLK Recreation Center) remains closed to walk-in visitors until further notice. Utility Billing is available by phone (727) 298-3024 or via email at ubill@dunedinfl.net, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The City Commission directed the City Attorney to draft a resolution requiring face coverings in city facilities with specific exemptions. The City Commission will consider the resolution at its meeting on July 2, 2020. Should the resolution be adopted, it will be available at www.dunedingov.com.
- Most City Buildings will be closed on July 3rd in observance of July 4th.
- Parks & Recreation News:
 - The Skate Park remains closed until further notice.
 - The MLK Recreation Center is currently closed for sanitization and duct work cleaning after 2 employees who work in the building tested positive for COVID-19. The adjoining playground and Skate Park are also closed until further notice. The employees are expected to make a full recovery and will be subject to the City's COVID-19 Return to Work protocols before being allowed back to work.
 - Outdoor fitness class rentals resumed; instructors must provide plan for safe operations, and no equipment sharing.
 - On Monday, June 8th, Fitness Center capacity increased to 15.
 - Reopened Summer Camp registration to increase group size for Kids Camp to 15 total: 1 Staff, 1 Teen Leader, plus 13 campers.
 - Stirling Soccer's plan for operations was approved; resumed activity at Jerry lake Complex.
 - Pipers resumed practice outside at the Community Center on Wednesday, June 10th.
 - As of Saturday, June 13th, Saturday Fitness Center hours will be 8am-12pm.
 - Effective Monday, June 15th:
 - Outdoor fitness classes will be held on Stage or back lawn at the Community Center.
 - Teen Leadership Program will resume for the remainder of the summer. One Teen Leader per group at Pre-K, Kids and Teen Camps.
 - Stirling Skate Park will re-open on Wednesday, June 17th, M-F from 10am-6pm.
 - No athletic field or pavilion rentals at this time.
 - No outdoor archery at this time.
- **Library News:**
 - The Dunedin Library is open Monday to Friday – 10am-noon, 1pm - 3pm and 4 pm - 6pm. The library closes twice a day for 1 hour for cleaning and disinfecting.
 - Curbside Pick-Up is offered Monday – Friday, 1-4pm.

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- The Library Book Drops are open Monday – Friday. They are closed on the weekend.
- The Branch Library book drop at the entrance of the Community Center is open 24/7.
- Interlibrary Loan program is available – call 727-298-3080 ext. 1707.
- Homebound Delivery service is limited - call 727-298-3080 ext. 1707 for more information.
- Summer Reading Program for kids, teens and adults - <https://www.dunedingov.com/city-departments/library/summer-reading-programs>.
- From Economic Development: Since the grant application opened on Monday, May 4, Pinellas County has received 4,655 completed applications. The County has issued 1,552 checks totaling \$7.76 million to eligible businesses with approved applications. Our team is reviewing each application and will issue grants to eligible businesses as quickly as possible. The application period has been extended until June 30, 2020. All applications submitted before the deadline will be considered. For more information, go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/pinellascaresbusiness/>.
- The Fitness Center at Dunedin Community Center is now open at limited capacity. For hours of operation and more information, go to <https://www.dunedingov.com/Home/Components/News/News/5357/38?backlist=%2f>.
- The Kiwanis Fit Zone, located at Weaver Park, is reopening Monday, June 1.
- Highlander Pool is now open for lap swim and open swim only, by reservation. Click [here](#) for more information.
- City Summer Camps will open on June 1. Very limited space is available, with some camps already full. For more information or registration questions, please call Dunedin Parks & Recreation at 727-812-4530.
- City of Dunedin public playgrounds will reopen Monday, June 1; however, due to summer camps, the playgrounds at the Community Center and MLK, Jr. Recreation Center will remain closed to the general public Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.
- All other recreational facilities, including the Dunedin Community Center, MLK, Jr. Recreation Center, Hale Senior Activity Center and Kiwanis Sprayground remain closed to the general public.
- The Dunedin Public Library will reopen to the public on Monday, June 1, 2020 at a limited capacity, according to state guidelines. Library hours will be as follows: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.; 4 -6 p.m.
 - Patrons will be expected to follow the CDC's social distancing guidelines of staying 6 feet apart from others that are not in your group. Facemasks are recommended.
 - Patrons may use public internet computers for up to 30 minutes per day. The meeting room, study rooms and youth program room will be closed and no reservations will be accepted. There will be no in-person programming and virtual programming will be offered.
 - The library will be closing periodically throughout each day for cleaning and disinfecting.
 - Curbside pickup will be available – Monday – Friday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Call 727-298-3080, ext. 1707 or email at dunedinlibrary@dunedinfl.net to request items for curbside pickup. If you receive a hold notification and wish to use curbside service, please call 727-298-3080 ext. 1713 and your items will be brought to you at

curbside.

- Outside curbside book drops will be open Monday – Friday for library materials return only.
- All City events through May and June are cancelled;
- The Downtown Market season at Pioneer Park has ended, but is expected to reopen in November. There are plans for a possible Summer Market starting in July by the parking lot adjacent to the Blur. Stay tuned.
- The City worked with local downtown merchants to place barricades to allow outdoor seating in adjacent parking spaces until 11:00 p.m. each night. The sidewalks remain available to pedestrian traffic.
- The City of Dunedin has suspended all disconnections of water, wastewater, and solid waste services for nonpayment – effective March 18, 2020, through at least June 30, 2020.
 - Late fees will not be assessed to utility bills with a bill date on or after March 18, 2020, until further notice.
 - The Utility Billing office (located at the MLK Recreation Center) remains closed to walk-in visitors until further notice. Utility Billing is available by phone 727.298.3024 or via email at ubill@dunedinfl.net, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The City Manager extended the City's state of emergency to Friday, May 29th.
- The Fitness Center at Dunedin Community Center will reopen on Tuesday, May 26th at limited capacity. For hours of operation and more information, go to <https://www.dunedingov.com/Home/Components/News/News/5357/38?backlist=%2f>.
- All other recreational facilities, including the Dunedin Community Center, MLK, Jr. Recreation Center, Hale Senior Activity Center, City playgrounds and the Kiwanis Sprayground remain closed to the general public.
- All City events through May and June are cancelled; the Downtown Market is expected to open in June.
- Highlander Pool is now open on May 18th for lap swim and open swim only, by reservation. Click here for more information.
- The Dunedin Public Library has a Phased Reopening Plan following all CDC, Federal, State, County and City guidelines. Curbside Pick Up began on Monday, May 18th. Patrons can pick up books and other library materials Monday–Friday from 1:00PM–4:00PM. To place a request, call (727) 298-3080 ext. 1707. Limit 5 items per card. You may only request items currently available at the main Dunedin Library.
- The City Manager extended the City's state of emergency to Friday, May 15th.
- Effective May 6th, the City returned to Condition Yellow as detailed in the City's Epidemic/Pandemic Guidelines.
- Employees that had been sent home during the Safer at Home order began returning to work as of May 6th; the majority of employees will return on May 11th, following social distancing guidelines and using face masks/coverings and gloves as needed.
- City facilities remain closed to the Public; a partial reopening of some facilities is expected on May 18th.
- All City events are cancelled for the month of May.
- The Downtown Market remains closed until further notice.
- Economic Development Staff are working with the business community:
 - Making goodwill calls to provide information and assistance on all resources available; i.e. Small Businesses and Unemployment Insurance.

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- Researching and providing information on the State and Federal business assistance programs on the City web in a user friendly manner for impacted businesses.
- Initiate and collaborate with Dunedin Chamber, DDMA, and Florida Business Incubator Inc., on weekly webinars providing information and guidance on applying for business assistance aid through the county, state and federal government. The webinars are recorded and can be accessed by anyone at <https://www.dunedingov.com/city-departments/economic-development>, or the Dunedin Chamber at www.Dunedinfl.com.
- On Monday, May 4th at 7 a.m., the City will reopen Dunedin Causeway Beach and parking, Weaver Park, Weaver Park Pier and the Marina. City staff will remove all barricades and place signage indicating CDC guidelines for public areas, including social distancing.
- Staff will also open the Marina pier and the west side of the Marina.
- Sail Honeymoon's kayak operation will also reopen on Monday morning. The restaurant will open for takeout only.
- All City playgrounds, including the Sprayground, and Weaver Park Fit Zone will remain closed.
- The City Manager extended the City's state of emergency to Friday, May 8th.
- City facilities remain closed to the public.
- On May 6th, the City will return to Condition Yellow, as detailed in the City's Epidemic/Pandemic Guidelines. City Staff are developing Return to Work plans, as well as plans to reopen City facilities to the public on a limited basis.
- On March 13th, the Dunedin City Commission authorized the City Manager to execute a State of Emergency for the City. The State of Emergency allows the City Manager to make certain decisions as necessary to protect life and preserve critical resources.
- The City is coordinating with Pinellas County Emergency Management, Florida-Department of Health (DOH), and other partners to ensure we have the most up to date information.
- The City's Epidemic and Pandemic Guidelines booklet was distributed to all City employees. Per the booklet the City is now in Condition Yellow (page 7).
- On March 16th, the City Manager directed the cancellation of all Boards & Committee meetings and any associated events until further notice.
- On Tuesday, March 17th, The City Commission approved the cancellation of Special Events in the City until the end of April. All structured programs at City facilities were also cancelled until further notice.
- The City Manager authorized the closure of all city buildings to the general public beginning on Thursday, March 18th with the Library, the William Hale Senior Center, the Community Center (including the Fitness Center), the MLK Center, Highlander Pool and the Kiwanis Sprayground. The remaining City buildings and departments will also be closed to walk-ins as of Monday, March 23rd. The Fire Stations and Fire Administration building are also closed to walk-ins.
- Spring Camp closed at the end of the day on Friday, March 20th.
- The Annual Employee Recognition Picnic has been postponed until later this year.
- The Communications Team continues to encourage use of the **Wipe it Down Initiative**, which asks that all city employees take 5 minutes at the start of each day to wipe down/sanitize all city equipment, workspaces and public areas.
- The City continues to send regular notifications to residents through the City's website and

social media.

- The City Manager authorized the closing of all City playgrounds in support of the County's "Safer at Home" Order by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 25th.
- The City Manager approved the City's Employee Temporary Telework Policy with an effective date of Wednesday, March 25th to allow employees in eligible positions to work from home. Department Directors have submitted plans to the City Manager's Office which will gradually reduce the number of non-essential employees in the workplace, and facilitate those who are not able to telework to either work in facilities that allow for social distancing, or to go home.
- The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA or HR 6201), signed into law by the President requires certain employers, including the City, to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. These provisions will apply from April 1 through December 31, 2020. City Staff created procedures and applicable pay codes for implementation at the City.
- On April 2, 2020, as detailed in the City's Epidemic/Pandemic Guidelines, the City went to Condition Red, which activated the City of Dunedin Disaster Pay Policy. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, non-essential employees will be working from home, with limited commuting to/from work authorized on an as needed basis. Employees whose positions are essential to ensure the continued operation of the City shall continue working onsite according to assigned schedules/shifts.
- As of April 2, 2020, the following City facilities/parks are now closed: All Recreation Centers (Community Center, Hale Senior Activity Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center); all Aquatic Facilities (Pool and Sprayground); all Shelter Rentals; the Causeway Beach/Rotary Park; all Playgrounds and the Fit Zone at Weaver Park. Other facilities that are now closed: Marina Beach Access Road (slip renters on the west wall are still able to access their boats on foot); Marina Pier; Weaver Park (all of the west side) including the pier, and Weaver Park parking lots.
- The City will continue to scale back operations so that only essential employees will report to work in order to maintain the necessary operations at the City and comply with the Governor's Safer at Home order. City personnel who are sent home are either teleworking or completing training online.
- All Boards & Committee meetings and any associated events remain cancelled until further notice.
- Special events and the Downtown Market remain cancelled/closed until further notice.
- Economic Development Staff are working with the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce to maintain updated information on restaurants in Dunedin that offer take out or gift certificates. Library staff will be assisting in this effort by contacting Dunedin restaurants via phone or email. Once the database is updated, Staff will also contact retail merchants. The goal is to assist Dunedin businesses by providing an online resource to potential customers. The updated restaurant list will be available at <http://www.dunedinfl.com/gift-cards-offers>.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:

Testing:

- A Face covering distribution location is now open in Oldsmar. For a list of locations, go

to: <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/free-face-masks/>.

- A drive-thru, community-based COVID-19 testing site opened yesterday at the Duke Energy Center for the Arts Mahaffey Theater Parking Garage.
- Testing will be available for individuals regardless of symptoms. The test site is drive-thru only.
- Testing will take place Tuesday through Saturday each week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- BayCare opened a testing site at Tropicana Field on Monday June 29th; more information on testing can be found at <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/testing/>.
- Community Health Centers of Pinellas (CHC) is now offering COVID-19 testing without restrictions to Pinellas County residents at three locations. Residents do not need to have symptoms or be a CHC patient.
 - Testing sites will provide same day walk-ups and drive ups, but appointments are recommended to decrease wait times. Make an appointment by calling 727-824-8181 and selecting option 0.
 - The following testing sites will be open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - 707 East Druid Road, Clearwater, FL 33756
 - 7550 43rd Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781
 - 1344 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 (Johnnie Ruth Clarke Center)
 - A condensed electronic registration will be required at testing sites. Residents are asked to bring a valid ID.
- CVS Minute Clinic has opened testing locations throughout the country. Go to <https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing> to find a testing site near you.

PAST LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS:

- For the fourth day in a row, Florida set another one-day record of 257 new COVID-19 related deaths on today's report. The state has reported an average of 154 deaths per day over the last seven days, the most in the nation.
- For the entire month of July, Florida has reported 3,362 deaths from COVID-19 complications.
- Public health experts say the state should slowly improve in August, as the number of new COVID-19 cases has remained under 10,000 for six straight days.
- As of 07/16, Pinellas County has paid individuals and families \$2,582,927 under the CARES Financial Assistance program. There 3,317 cases in progress with an estimated value of \$4,079,585.
- On July 7th, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approved additional funding to support an even broader range of individuals and local businesses affected by COVID-19. For more information, click [here](#).
- In the week ending July 4th, an additional 1.3 million Americans filed for unemployment benefits, less than previously expected. Almost 50 million Americans have filed initial jobless claims.
- According to a report from the Governor's Communications Director, Florida has reportedly now paid out more than \$9 billion in unemployment claims; this number includes \$6.6 billion from federal funding sources. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has paid almost 1.66 million claimants as of Tuesday. Those paid represent about two-thirds of the

2.49 million unique claims submitted to the state.

- Also in Florida, 100,000 new unemployment applications were filed this past week.
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- On July 7th, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approved additional funding to support an even broader range of individuals and local businesses affected by COVID-19. For more information, click [here](#).
- As of Thursday, 06/25/20, 6,358 Pinellas County CARES Small Business Grant applications have been submitted or in the process of submission. 1,495 are under review, 2,600 are pending final audit for payment or have been paid, and 1,567 have been denied. The total grant funding that has been distributed is \$11.1 Million.
- As of Thursday, 06/25/20, Pinellas County has paid \$1,061,495 to individuals and families under the CARES Financial Assistance program.
- Pinellas County residents impacted by COVID-19 now have until July 7 to apply for financial help through the Pinellas CARES assistance program. For more information, go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/where-to-get-help/> or text COVIDCARES to 898211.
- The Governor's Executive Order 20-159 extended Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief until August 1, 2020.
- A list of FAQs about the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners' emergency ordinance requiring face coverings in most indoor public places, go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/face-covering-faq/>.
 - The County is also offering free masks at a number of locations. Residents are advised to call ahead. Go to <https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/site/pressrelease/event/free-face-mask-distribution-locations-announced/>.
 - Additional sites have now been opened; for a list of the new locations, click [here](#).
- According to the Department of Health, Florida had its highest single-day spike of 9,585 cases on Saturday, which broke this past Friday's record of 8,942 new cases. Florida averaged approximately 38 deaths per day last week, according to state health officials.
- 2-1-1 Tampa Bay has received 79,880 total contacts across phone, text, and web page views.
- On June 23rd, the County Commission passed an emergency ordinance requiring face coverings in most indoor public places. The ordinance also encourages restaurants and bars to implement new safety and anti-crowding measures.
 - The countywide ordinance went into effect on Wednesday, June 24, at 5 p.m. For more information on the ordinance, click [here](#). For a list of FAQs about the ordinance, go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/face-covering-faq/>.
 - The County is also offering free masks at specific locations: <https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/site/pressrelease/event/free-face-mask-distribution-locations-announced/>.

- The Pinellas County Information Center (CIC) is now available to answer questions about the County's new ordinance at (727) 464-4333, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. until noon.
- On June 23rd, Governor DeSantis extended his Executive Order to allow for the continuation of virtual public meetings until August 1, 2020.
- On June 26th, the Department of Business and Professional Regulations directed all bars in Florida to suspend sales of alcoholic beverages on premises and only allow the purchase of alcohol in sealed containers to be consumed off premises. Go to http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/os/documents/EO_2020-09.pdf for more information.
- As of Wednesday, 5/27/20, Pinellas County has paid individuals and families \$399,734 under the CARES Financial Assistance program. 1,385 cases are currently under review with an estimated value of \$1,595,825.
- 2-1-1 Tampa Bay has received 24,415 phone calls, 9,595 text messages, and 16,436 web page views.
- As of Thursday, 5/28/20, 5,379 Pinellas County CARES Small Business Grant applications have been submitted or in the process of submission. 323 are under review, 821 are pending final audit for payment or have been paid, and 415 have been denied.
- Pinellas County has resumed some in-person services that had been suspended due to COVID-19. Click [here](#) for more information.
- On June 2nd, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended its State of Local Emergency declaration for COVID-19 to June 12th.
- On June 3th, Governor DeSantis signed Executive Order Number 20-139, Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery with an effective date of June. Highlights of the Order include:
 - Citizens are encouraged to avoid groups larger than 50 people
 - Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19
 - In-store retail businesses, including gyms and fitness centers, should maintain appropriate social distancing and sanitation protocols
 - Opening of bars and bar areas in restaurants; restaurants and bars may operate at 50% of indoor capacity. Outdoor seating allowed with social distancing
 - Opening of movie theaters, concert houses, bowling alleys, playhouses and arcades at 50% of building capacity
 - Personal services (e.g. acupuncture, tattooing, etc.)
 - Routine COVID-19 testing for long-term care facilities employees.
- The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended its State of Local Emergency declaration for COVID-19 to June 5 and lifted rules pertaining to public beaches, shared pools and playgrounds that exceeded the state's requirements. Click [here](#) for detailed information on the lifted rules.
- To date, Pinellas County has helped 156 households impacted by COVID-19 pay for emergency overdue rent, mortgage and utilities through the Pinellas CARES programs, with another 880 cases in progress expected to cover more than \$1 million.
- The application deadline for the Pinellas CARES financial assistance programs for individuals and families has been extended to June 30. A separate program providing one-time grants for qualifying small businesses will also remain open for new applications through June 1. Go to <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/where-to-get-help/> for more

information.

- Pinellas County received approval from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) for short-term rentals to resume accepting reservations and check-ins for vacation rentals, effective immediately.
- Fifty States are either entirely or partially open for the first time in nearly two months; thirty states, from Maine to Montana have instituted either mandatory or recommended 14-day quarantine for visitors.
- On May 18th, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-123, which modifies Executive Order 20-120 to “full Phase 1”. Among the modifications are:
 - Retail businesses are allowed to open at 50% capacity
 - Gyms and fitness centers will be allowed to reopen with modifications for increased public safety. The modifications include:
 - Operating up to 50% capacity
 - Self-sanitizing machines and surfaces after use.
 - Other changes in operations for facilities in the Full Phase I plan include:
 - Restaurant and food establishments:
 - May increase indoor capacity to 50% with proper social distancing
 - No seating at bar counters where alcohol is served
 - Outdoor seating encouraged.
 - Museums and libraries:
 - May operate up to 50% capacity, if permitted by local governments.
 - Movie theaters, concert halls, auditoriums, bowling alleys, arcades, playhouses, and casinos may reopen.
 - Bars, pubs and nightclubs that make less than 50% of revenue from food sales remain closed.
- The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended its current state of emergency to May 29th, and reaffirmed its commitment to continue following state guidance.
- Pinellas County now has a Data Dashboard that provides information relevant to the County. The dashboard is available at <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/dashboard/>.
- In Pinellas County, beaches and pools remain open on a limited basis; playgrounds are still closed, except those used by daycare centers and camps.
- For more information on re-openings, visit <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/state-of-florida-pinellas-county-guidance-for-phase-1-reopening/>.
- On May 11, President Trump announced additional efforts to ensure that every state, territory and tribe has the resources they need to meet their testing goals.
 - The president announced that states, territories and tribes would be receiving \$11 billion in funds from the CARES Act to help governors meet their testing goals.
 - Throughout the month of May, FEMA and HHS will be delivering 12 million swabs to states nationwide.
 - The Administration has partnered with national retail companies as well as local independent pharmacies to increase access to testing. By the end of this week, more than 300 retail testing sites will be operational to serve Americans in 47 states and D.C., prioritizing access in underserved communities.
- On May 9th, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-120, allowing for the reopening of barbershops, cosmetology salons, and specialty cosmetology salons on Monday, May 11, "provided they adopt social distancing and precautionary measures."

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- The Sheriff's Office Call Center TIPS line, 727-582-TIPS (8477), which was activated to receive reports of violations of the County's "COVID-19 – Safer at Home" Order will close on Saturday May 16th at 11:00 PM.
- Honeymoon Island and Caladesi Park re-opened on Monday, May 4th at 50% capacity.
- The Trump Administration issued new guidelines, Opening Up America Again, to enable individual states to reopen in three phases using a deliberate, data-driven approach.
 - Under these guidelines, States will reopen one step at a time, rather than all at once. The guidelines will empower Governors to tailor the phased reopening to address the situation in their State.
 - Governors can begin phased openings at the Statewide or county-by-county level.
- On Tuesday, April 28th, The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners voted to allow the reopening of common area pools as of today at 6 a.m., and the conditional reopening of public beaches and public beach parking areas beginning Monday, May 4th, at 7 a.m. Childcare facility playgrounds may reopen; however public playgrounds remain closed.
 - Public beach visitors must adhere to CDC social distancing guidelines. Groups of more than 10 are prohibited, and people not from the same family must stay at least 6 feet apart.
 - Public beach restrooms must meet CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfection. Anyone using public restrooms should be prepared to bring their own hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for use in these facilities.
 - Concessions, including snack bar and kayak and chair rentals, will remain closed pending new direction from the state regarding nonessential businesses.
 - Citizens are required to continue to practice social distancing, hand washing and other good hygiene habits to protect themselves and others. Those over age 65 and/or having underlying health conditions are encouraged to take even more steps to minimize their risk of exposure.
 - Sand Key Park, Fort De Soto Park and all of Fred Howard Park will reopen with the beaches.
 - Pinellas CARES Financial Assistance will support eligible individuals and families who have lost their jobs or significant income due to COVID-19 with one-time assistance paying overdue rent, mortgage and utility bills. Payments will be disbursed directly to the utility, mortgage or other eligible agency to which the individual bills are due. Additional information about how to apply will be posted at See <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/business/pinellas-cares/pinellas-cares-financial-assistance/>.
- On April 29th, Governor DeSantis signed Executive Order 20-112, Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery, with an effective date of Monday, May 4th.
 - Phase One allows restaurants to offer outdoor seating with six feet of space between tables and indoor seating at 25% capacity.
 - No changes for bars, movie theaters, gyms and personal services such as hair dressers and barbers; they remain closed.
 - Phase One also maintains current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including vulnerable individuals continuing social distancing while in public, avoiding groups of 10 or more and using face masks in public if unable to maintain six feet distancing. Click on <https://thefloridachannel.org/wp-content/uploads/429GovPresentation.pdf> to view the Governor's PowerPoint presentation. For a list of Frequently Asked

Questions, go to <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/330505-answers-to-frequently-asked-questions-about-gov-ron-desantis-plan-to-re-open-florida>.

- On May 1st, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended its current state of emergency to May 8th, and also issued additional guidance to align with the Governor's Executive Order.
 - Retail stores that were previously closed may now re-open and operate at 25% of stated building capacity. This includes pet grooming and car washes. Residents are urged to wear masks at indoor businesses such as grocery and retail stores.
 - Museums and libraries may reopen, also at 25% capacity, but programming and events are still not permitted. Cities have the right to decide whether to open.
 - Large gatherings for sporting, leisure or similar activities at venues, arenas and stadiums are still prohibited.
- **Social Distancing:** Public education materials are being prepared to encourage residents to reduce crowds in public parks and on the Pinellas Trail.
- On Monday, March 10th, the Governor declared a State of Emergency. The state-wide declaration of emergency expands protection against price gouging on face masks and cleaning products. Suspected price gouging on those products can be reported to the Florida Attorney General at (866) 966-7226.
- On Friday, March 13th, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners declared a Local State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.
- On March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the CDC issued "*15 Days to Slow the Spread*" guidance advising individuals to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people and advising older persons and persons with serious underlying health conditions to stay home and away from others.
- On Tuesday, March 17, Governor Ron DeSantis and Pinellas County Administrator Barry Burton issued executive orders restricting restaurant occupancy and the hours in which establishments can serve alcohol.
- On March 18th, the Senate approved H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which was then signed into law by the President. HR6201 is expected to go into effect on April 2nd through December 31, 2020. This legislation expands the Family Medical Leave Act, allowing eligible employees impacted by COVID-19 to use paid leave authorized by the Federal Government. Staff is currently disseminating the new leave requirements, how to implement and communicate to employees.
- Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-83 on March 24th, directing the State Surgeon and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory to all persons over 65 years of age as well as those who have a serious underlying medical condition that makes them at high risk of infection from COVID-19. The advisory urges those in either category to stay home and to take the necessary measures to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- On Wednesday, March 25th, the Board of County Commissioners passed the "COVID-19 – Safer at Home" Order, Resolution No. 20-20 and Resolution No. 20-19 with a provision for Sheriff to post a notice on all retail establishments. The intent of the order is to reduce crowds. Businesses may remain open but need to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing. For more information, see the link below for FAQs. The Commissioners also extended the local state of emergency, beginning as of 3 p.m. today.
- On April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-91, Safer At Home, which includes the following provisions:
 - Senior citizens and individuals with significant underlying medical conditions are

ordered to stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

- An order for all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities.

The order goes into effect as of 12:01 am on April 3, 2020 through April 30, 2020 unless extended by a subsequent executive order.

- The Board of County Commissioners met on 4/2/2020 and passed the following resolutions:
 - Resolution 20-21: Extension of the local state of emergency
 - Resolution 20-22: Subsequent extensions of the emergency resolution, as necessary, are to be executed by the chairperson or County Administrator.
 - Resolution 20-23: Order Effectuating Office of the Governor Executive Order 20-91.
- On Thursday, April 16, President Trump unveiled the ***Guidelines for Opening Up America Again!*** Plan. The guidelines were developed by the top medical experts from across the Government using verifiable metrics. These guidelines outline a phased return to reopening and include specific steps for State, Local, and Tribal officials to follow in tailoring their response.
- On Tuesday, April 21, The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners extended the Local State of Emergency declaration through May 1. Public beaches, pools and playgrounds remain closed.
- Florida Schools will continue distance learning and remain closed for the remainder of the school year.

PAST NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:

- As of March 18th, seven BayCare Urgent Care Centers will host community COVID19 drive through screening/collection centers throughout the Tampa Bay area. The centers that will only be dedicated to screening/collecting COVID-19 patients are Carillon, Countryside, New Port Richey, Bloomingdale, Haines City, New Tampa, and MLK. All COVID19 screening at these BUC clinics will be outside. For location addresses go to <https://baycare.org/coronavirus/covid-19-testing-centers>. **Note:** Per BayCare, There is no charge to use the BayCare COVID19 screening, but you will be asked for your insurance carrier name. Testing is available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm; BayCare recommends going early. Keep in mind that not everyone will get tested; you must meet a set of screening criteria in order to be tested.
- Based on direction of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Pinellas County Schools will be closed from Monday, March 16 through Wednesday, April 15.
- Pinellas County School Board: continues to communicate w/ families, through posted COVID webpage, Direct email, phone, website, and social media.
- From the Department of Health: Vulnerable populations (i.e. persons age 60 years and above, diabetes patients, and anyone with pre-existing respiratory issues) are being advised to avoid groups, stay home when possible, and avoid crowds.
- The CDC recommends that travelers, particularly those with underlying health issues, defer all travel worldwide. Older adults and travelers with underlying health issues should avoid situations that put them at increased risk for more severe disease. This entails avoiding crowded places, and avoiding non-essential travel such as long plane trips.

- Many public events and meetings have been cancelled, postponed, or are being held online. Please contact the event organizers for the latest information. Here is a helpful link with many cancelled gatherings around the area: www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/03/12/coronavirus-event-cancellations-in-tampa-bay/.
- Florida Attorney General's Price gouging hotline is activated. Residents can call (866)-9NO-SCAM to cover essential commodities covered by Florida's price gouging law under COVID-19.
- The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office has a phone line dedicated to COVID-19 related complaints so that they can respond promptly while violations are active; that number is (727)-582-8477.
- The CDC is now recommending the use of face masks in places where it may be hard to social distance (e.g. the grocery store); however, manufactured face masks are still very hard to find. Quite a number of people are either making cloth masks or using makeshift masks, which is better than nothing. The CDC also provided information on the proper way to wear, remove and maintain cloth face masks, as well as a link to a YouTube video that shows how to make a cloth mask in 45 seconds. For more information, go to the following links:
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGSY3mEMhoE>.

CONTACT RESOURCES

- The Pinellas County Citizen Information Center (CIC) closed operations on May 22nd.
- The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Beach Capacity Dashboard is currently inactive.
- Florida residents can text FLCOVID19 to 888-777 to receive updates on COVID-19 information. They will then be prompted to submit their zip code to receive updates on a specific zip code.
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STATE/NATIONAL RESOURCES

- FL Governor's Executive Order 20-139, Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery
 - https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2020/EO_20-139.pdf
- Governor's Executive Order 20-120
 - <https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EO-20-120.pdf>
- Providing Testing Resources
 - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/united-states-built-worlds-leading-coronavirus-testing-system/>

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