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Sheriff of Gadsden County

## Gadsden County Emergency Management Situation Report

Incident Name: <b>COVID-19</b>	Operational Period: <b>April 21, 2020</b>	Time: <b>8:00AM to 7:00PM</b>
EOC Activation Level <b>Level 2 – Partial Activation</b>	Local State of Emergency <b>Yes</b>	Date Declared <b>March 13, 2020</b>

### Changes in **RED**

#### SITUATION REPORT #25

#### EOC PHONE NUMBER

**850-875-8642**

**Background:** On March 13, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public.

**Current:** As of **Tuesday, April 21, 2020** there are approximately **27,495 active** cases of COVID-19 in Florida. Florida residents: **26,761**, Florida fatalities: **839** Cases hospitalized: **4,063** number of Counties with cases: **67**.

The State EOC is operating at a Level 1 with Emergency Services and Human Services emergency support functions at full staffing.

The Governor of Florida has signed EO 20-52 declaring a state of emergency.

The Governor issued a statewide Stay Home Order, effective April 3<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Executive Order 20-91 states that all persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. Activities and business deemed essential are listed and described in said order.

Gadsden County EOC is at a level 2 and monitoring the situation. **Currently there are fifty-seven (57) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Gadsden County.**

Gadsden County BOCC executed Resolution 20-17, an extension to the Local State of Emergency to include mandatory facemask usage in public. The resolution mandates the usage of cloth face coverings in public and in closer than six feet proximity to one another based upon prevailing CDC guidance. Please visit the BOCC website to view the resolution.

EM staff remains in constant contact with local partners, senior leadership and stakeholders via conference calls:

- SERT/County Briefing: 11:15am Daily
- Region 2 County Call: 10:30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- County Senior Leadership Call: 1pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- ESF6 Mass Feeding: As needed
- Senior Services, Transportation and Faith-based: 9:30am Tuesday
- Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Command Staff Call: 11am and 7pm Daily

Gadsden EM is working with the County Health Department and Gadsden EMS to identify alternate care

sites and non-congregate shelter locations. The State has provided little guidance on the operation procedures of the non-congregate shelters. These shelters are designated space to effectively and safely provide isolation and quarantine for homeless individuals and families awaiting COVID19 test results or having test positive for COVID19. In both cases the non-congregate space is required to alleviate demand and congestion on hospital resources while ensuring isolation of potentially contagious first responders and medical staff. Gadsden County partners are also reviewing the process of including first responders in the non-congregate sheltering development.

Gadsden EM is working with Gadsden Long Term Recovery Group, local faith-based, and community-based organizations to implement a feeding plan for Alternative Care Sites and Non-Congregate (isolation and quarantine) Shelters. In addition, we are monitoring the unemployment rate to ensure that we effectively target families/individuals that require food assistance. We are working with SERT ESF 6, (Mass Feeding), local food banks and pantries to conduct mass feeding events if and when needed.

Gadsden County EM continues to manage the county staging area (LSA) to streamline shipping of requested supplies. Counties were informed that the National Guard will not be available to mobilize and manage LSAs. All supplies are being delivered to the Gadsden County staging area, located at the county jail.

EM Logistics Officer has developed an operational plan for the LSA and has begun setup. At this time we are not in need of staffing and security at the staging area.

**Local Staging Area Staffing:**

- **Entrance-Traffic Control:** 1 Law Enforcement Officer (AM Shift) No night shift needed
- **Check- In Point:** 1 Personnel for Am Shift and 1 for Pm Shift
- **Receiving and Distribution:**
  1. Unloading: 2 personnel
  2. Sorting: 8 personnel (No least than 4)
  3. Loading: 2 Personnel
  4. Forklift Operator: 1

Currently, Gadsden Emergency Management currently has **sixty (60)** missions in the State WebEOC. **Sixty (60)** are "Tasked", meaning they have been assigned and resources are being located. Most supplies coming in are personal protective equipment (PPE) and food supplies to Farm Share.

SERT continues to encourage counties to implement contingency plans for PPE. The State Emergency Response Team advised there are thousands of critical missions in WebEOC, requesting PPE and hand sanitizers. They are concerned that all orders will not be filled due to shortage of supplies. The priority right now is assisting counties with 100 or more cases. Other counties were encouraged to develop backup plans for meeting their needs. In addition, every county is encouraged to spend money as if they are not being reimbursed, prioritizing needs. EM and Health Department staff has been relaying this messaging to local health care providers.

**DISASTER INFORMATION**

**Date of Local State of Emergency:** March 13, 2020

**Governors Executive Order:** March 9, 2020 #20-52 3432EM-FL

**Federal Major Disaster Declaration:** Yes

**Declaration Number:**

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**83** degrees, Sunny, Precipitation: **0%** Wind: **8**mph

**OPERATIONS**

**HUMAN NEEDS**

**Shelters:** No Shelters Open at this time.

**Feeding:** Coordinating with LTRG, local food pantries, and other volunteer groups to implement a countywide feeding plan in the event it is needed due to increased unemployment.

<b>DSA</b>	N/A																														
<b>DRC</b>	N/A																														
<b>DOH</b>	<p><b>FDOH has announced fifty-seven (57) new positive cases of COVID19 in Gadsden County. Four (4) have been hospitalized.</b></p> <p>Gadsden Health provided the following models indicating peaking time for COVID cases for the region:</p> <p><b>Model One, 1800 new cases by Middle to late June:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict Compliance with Social Distancing</li> <li>• Schools closed</li> <li>• Churches closed</li> <li>• Non essential business closed</li> </ul> <p><b>Model Two, 2500 new cases expected by June 7<sup>th</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less Compliance with Strict Social Distancing</li> <li>• Schools Closed</li> <li>• Non Essential Businesses Closed</li> </ul> <p><b>Model Three, 3,000 new cases by Jun 27<sup>th</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extremely lesser Compliance with Social Distancing</li> <li>• Schools Closed</li> <li>• Non Essential Business Closed</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Counties with over 100 cases:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Alachua</td> <td>Brevard</td> <td>Broward</td> <td>Charlotte</td> <td>Clay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collier</td> <td>Dade</td> <td>Duval</td> <td>Escambia</td> <td>Hillsborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lake</td> <td>Lee</td> <td>Leon</td> <td>Manatee</td> <td>Marion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martin</td> <td>Okaloosa</td> <td>Orange</td> <td>Osceola</td> <td>Palm Beach</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pasco</td> <td>Pinellas</td> <td>Polk</td> <td>Santa Rosa</td> <td>Sarasota</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seminole</td> <td>St. Johns</td> <td>St. Lucie</td> <td>Sumter</td> <td>Volusia</td> </tr> </table> <p>• <b>Gadsden County and Surrounding Areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gadsden: 57 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hospitalizations: 4</li> <li>▪ Deaths: 0</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Leon: 183</li> <li>○ Jackson: 9</li> <li>○ Wakulla: 15</li> <li>○ Liberty: 2</li> <li>○ Calhoun: 6</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Georgia Counties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seminole: 22</li> <li>○ Decatur: 61</li> <li>○ Grady: 31</li> <li>○ Thomas: 126</li> </ul> <p><b>Statistics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Positive Rates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FL Positive Rate: 10%</li> <li>○ Gadsden Positive Rate: 16.1%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Mortality Rates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FL Mortality: 2.9%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Alachua	Brevard	Broward	Charlotte	Clay	Collier	Dade	Duval	Escambia	Hillsborough	Lake	Lee	Leon	Manatee	Marion	Martin	Okaloosa	Orange	Osceola	Palm Beach	Pasco	Pinellas	Polk	Santa Rosa	Sarasota	Seminole	St. Johns	St. Lucie	Sumter	Volusia
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- U.S. Mortality: 5.3%
- Global Mortality: 6.9%

- **Social Distancing Scores:**

- U.S. Score: C+
- FL Score: C-
- Gadsden Score: C

**“Cloth Masks & Social Distancing”**

A.) Follow the **CDC.GOV Critical Workers Guidance**, if you are **ASYMPTOMATIC (no symptoms)**:

\*Critical workers who have been exposed to COVID-19 (being a household contact or having close contact within 6 feet of a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19), but remain ASYMPTOMATIC should adhere to the following practices prior to and during their work shift:

1. **Pre-Screen:**

Temperature checks & assessment of symptoms should be conducted before start of shift prior to entering the facility.

2. **Regular Monitoring:**

If employee doesn't have a temperature or symptoms, the employee with the supervision of their employer's occupational health program, should SELF-MONITOR their temperature and symptoms continuously.

3. **Wear a Mask:**

- The exposed employee should wear a face mask AT ALL TIMES while in the workplace for 14 days after last exposure.
- *Note: Employers can issue facemasks or can approve employees' supplied cloth face coverings in the event of shortages.*
- The proper way to use masks can be found **HERE**.

4. **Social Distance:**

- Maintain 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.

5. **Disinfect and Clean Workspaces:**

- Clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, shared electronic equipment routinely.

B.) All employers need to consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and lower the impact in their workplace. This may include activities in one or more of the following areas:

- reduce transmission among employees,
- maintain healthy business operations, and
- maintain a healthy work environment.

Working with PAEC Migrant Education Program to disseminate information to the migrant community. Will be targeting the virtual school platform in effort to continue education on social distancing, testing and awareness around COVID19.

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations issued Emergency Order 2020-02 justifying the authorization of emergency use of personal protection devices and during the COVID-19 outbreak that have passed the manufactures

recommended shelf life.

Health department has developed a Communication Response Plan to allow response agencies and organizations to have all the information they need to appropriately respond to an emergency event. The goal of all countywide coordination activities conducted during the event is to ensure each jurisdiction has the ability to:

- Exchange and/or Clarify Information
- Develop and disseminate a common message
- Share Available Resources and Assist Impacted Jurisdictions
- Participate in the Coordination of Multi-Jurisdictional Actions
- Participate in the Facilitation and Discussions Pertaining to the Prioritization
- Resources and Services within the County

Weekly calls with senior service providers, funeral directors and faith-based organizations to discuss unmet needs, concerns, protective measures and updates. Based on a survey, most faith-based groups are conducting services via teleconference, videoconference, and Facebook Live. Local funeral directors reported that most families are limiting services to 10 or less people as directed by the CDC. In addition, families are requesting graveside services in lieu of being confined to enclosed spaces.

Planning to host next Facebook Live for business owners to focus on funding opportunity grants, business loans and unemployment.

Below is FDOH-Gadsden's conference call schedule for the sectors notated. Meeting organizers will forward meeting invites and additional information separately.

- Transportation, Senior Citizen Centers & Faith-based – Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM (**Stacey Hannigon 850-251-4247**)
- Healthcare Facilities – Wednesdays @ 9:30 AM (**Joshua Blood 850-251-1922**)
- Healthcare Providers – Fridays @ 9:15 AM (**Jana Barfield 850-519-4568**)
- School Board, School Staff, and School Health – Fridays @10 AM (**Candice Searcy 850-901-7000**)

In a joint response effort, FDOH-Gadsden, in partnership with Gadsden County Emergency Management, the Board of County Commissioners and the Sheriff's Office, has expanded their COVID-19 Information Call Center. The call center will operate Monday through Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM, and can be reached at (850)743-6070.

The call center staff is available to answer questions and provide accurate information regarding COVID-19 and how we can protect ourselves and others, up to date case information for the county, available resources in the county, as well as information regarding our local response efforts.

FDOH continues to test patients who meet criteria of the state risk factor algorithm. Local medical providers are also providing testing for clients in the community through Quest and LabCorp. Hosting a weekly community provider call to help provide guidance of any unmet testing needs they are experiencing.

All test results on Gadsden County Residents that are conducted through Bureau of State health lab, Quest or LabCorp are being routed through our local epidemiology

	<p>reporting system. Any positives will be followed up by FDOH-Gadsden nursing team and reported/investigated accordingly.</p> <p>State ESF-8, Public Health and Medical, has given a directive to review alternate care site plans and be prepared to implement them if needed or directed. Currently in Gadsden County there are several facilities that could be used, however further discussion is needed to deem which is the most suitable. In addition, staffing and resources must be determined and how will they be provided.</p> <p>Gadsden CHD, EM and EMS and CRMC Gadsden Campus meet via conference call to discuss the expected hospital surge for our region as early as late May to early June. Based on the current ER only operations, limited staff and limited space at the local hospital, the group decided that the best place for the Alternate Care Site (ACS) is Gadsden County High School.</p> <p>The CHD administration, EMS and EM continues to coordinate with the DOH Regional Planner to determine if a regional alternative care site is the best solution to handle hospital surge, due to the issue/shortage of staffing and supplies. The idea of a regional alternative care site alleviates the burden on the county.</p>
<b>COVID-19 Testing Sites</b>	<p>At this time there are no "drive-up" testing sites in Gadsden County. The Gadsden Health Department encourages citizens who are experiencing symptoms of COVID19 to contact their private health care provider for an appointment. For those individuals who do not have a primary care provider or insurance can contact the following providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRMC at Chattahoochee – 850-663-6463</li> <li>• CRMC Gadsden ER Campus- 850-875-6000</li> <li>• Gadsden Health Department- 850-875-7200</li> <li>• Jessie Medical Furlow Center- 850-875-9500</li> <li>• Neighborhood Medical – 850-539-8900</li> <li>• TMH Physician Partners – 850-875-3600</li> <li>• Dr. Holloman – 850-875-1146</li> <li>• Dr. Newberry – 850-539-4747</li> </ul>
<b>Senior Services</b>	Suspended all activities at the center. Staff members are continuing home services.
<b>Schools</b>	On April 18 <sup>th</sup> Governor DeSantis continued virtual courses and extended school campus closures through June 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Gadsden County School Feeding Program has been extended through April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 11am-1pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.
<b>Courts</b>	Chief Judge Sjostrom has issued Administrative Order 2020-04 closing all court operations except (1) essential court proceedings, (2) critical proceedings related to the state of Florida emergency or public health emergency, and (3) other proceedings or events conducted by remote appearance.
<b>State's Attorney</b>	Offices closed. Attorneys available by phone Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

<b>Fire &amp; EMS</b>	<p>Medical Director expressed concerns about potential rapid spread of COVID19 in the next few weeks and the possible exposure of first responders. There is a 24 hour turn-a-round time on test results, with a 48-hour wait time for experiencing symptoms after exposure. If they feel that they have been exposed to COVID19, first responders are asked to contact the health department for testing or contact their doctor.</p> <p>EMS has implemented staffing variant specific to COVID19. In addition EMS and County Dispatch have implemented "Code Lime" which alerts first responders if a caller has clinical symptoms of viral respiratory syndrome (fever, cough, shortness of breath etc.) regardless of travel to high risk area or been exposed to a known case.</p>
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<p><b>GCSO:</b> Alpha/Bravo 12- hours shifts. Suspended face to face delivery of civil process. Live Scan fingerprinting has been cancelled. GCSO teams continue to distribute COVID-19 information to the public. Working to enforce countywide curfew/stay</p>

	<p>home order and mandating mask usage in public.</p> <p><b>Havana PD:</b> Monitoring/enforcing curfew/stay home order.</p> <p><b>Midway PD:</b> Monitoring truck stops activity and monitoring/enforcing curfew/stay home order</p> <p><b>Gretna PD:</b> Has PPE on hand. Monitoring/enforcing curfew/stay home order</p> <p><b>Chattahoochee PD:</b> Monitoring/enforcing curfew/stay home order. Working closely with Florida State Hospital</p>
<b>County Jail</b>	Suspended all visitations and citizen ride-a-longs.
<b>GCSO Dispatch</b>	Created a call type (CURFEW) to track the number of incoming calls concerning COVID-19, curfew and Stay At Home Order.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

<b>Damage Assessment</b>	N/A
<b>Debris</b>	N/A
<b>Utilities</b>	<p><b>Talquin Electric:</b> Lobby closed to public, accepting payments online or via telephone.</p> <p><b>City of Quincy:</b> Lobby closed to public, accepting payments online or via telephone.</p> <p><b>Town of Havana:</b> Lobby closed to public, accepting payments online or via telephone.</p> <p><b>City of Chattahoochee:</b> Lobby closed to public, accepting payments online or via telephone.</p> <p><b>City of Gretna:</b> Lobby closed to public, accepting payments online or via telephone.</p>
<b>Public Information</b>	<p style="color: red;">GCSO PIO created flyers in both English and Spanish to disseminate informing the public of the mandatory mask wearing in public.</p> <p>Information concerning Resolution 20-17 mandating facemask usage in public was disseminated via social media platforms, BOCC website and AlertGadsden.</p> <p>EM staff and County PIO participated in Everbridge refresher training to continue effective dissemination of emergency alerts and informative notifications throughout the COVID19 event.</p> <p>Each agency continues to provide public updates and manage rumor control. Continues to work with EM to disseminate a public message via AlertGadsden concerning Stay At Home Order and Curfew. County PIO has created a page on the BOCC website dedicated to COVID19 in order to keep the public informed. GCSO PIO continues to update the agency's Facebook page. County Health PIO provides daily briefings to senior leadership.</p>

## MUNICIPAL REPORT

<b>Quincy</b>	LSE executed. Closed city offices lobbies and Parks and Rec. activities	
<b>Midway</b>	Lobby Closed. Curfew in place 10pm-5am.	
<b>Gretna</b>	Lobby Closed	
<b>Havana</b>	Lobby Closed	
<b>Chattahoochee</b>	Lobby Closed	
<b>Greensboro</b>	Lobby Closed	
<b>County / BOCC</b>	Social Security Office close, County offices closed to public. Executed Stay At Home Order and Curfew 9pm-6am. Beginning April 1 <sup>st</sup> the tax collectors office will be closed to the public and providing limited services by phone, mail or online.	
<b>Completed by:</b>	Tashonda Whaley, EM Coordinator	<b>Approved by:</b>