

Department of Health

PBC BCC COVID-19 UPDATE



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SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Us and Global Covid Cases



Florida's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection

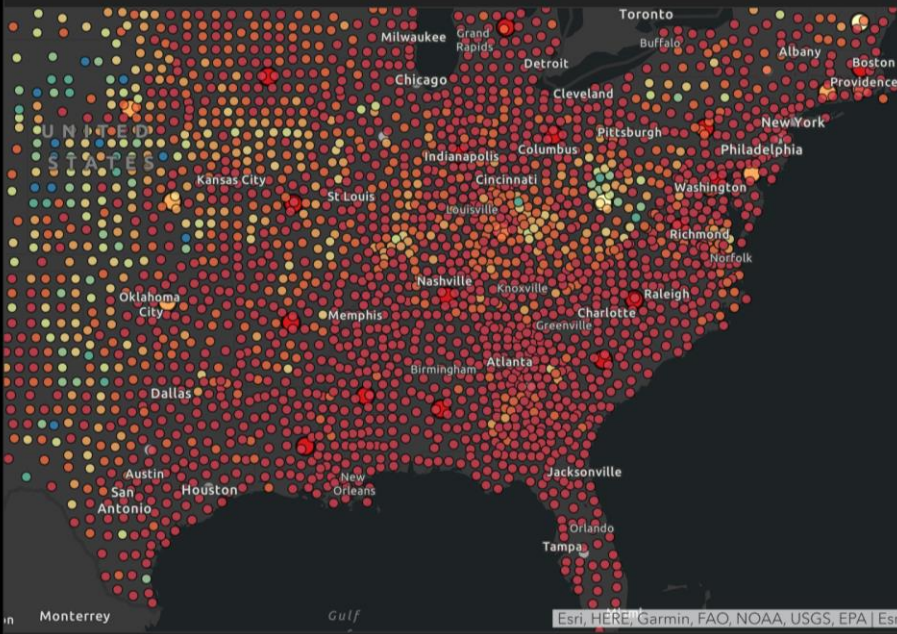
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Last BCC meeting 8/25/20

USA Cases
5,723,181

Global Cases
23,513,905

USA Deaths
176,991

Global Deaths
809,999

USA Cases
6,006,327

Global Cases
25,292,931

USA Deaths
183,221

Global Deaths
847,292

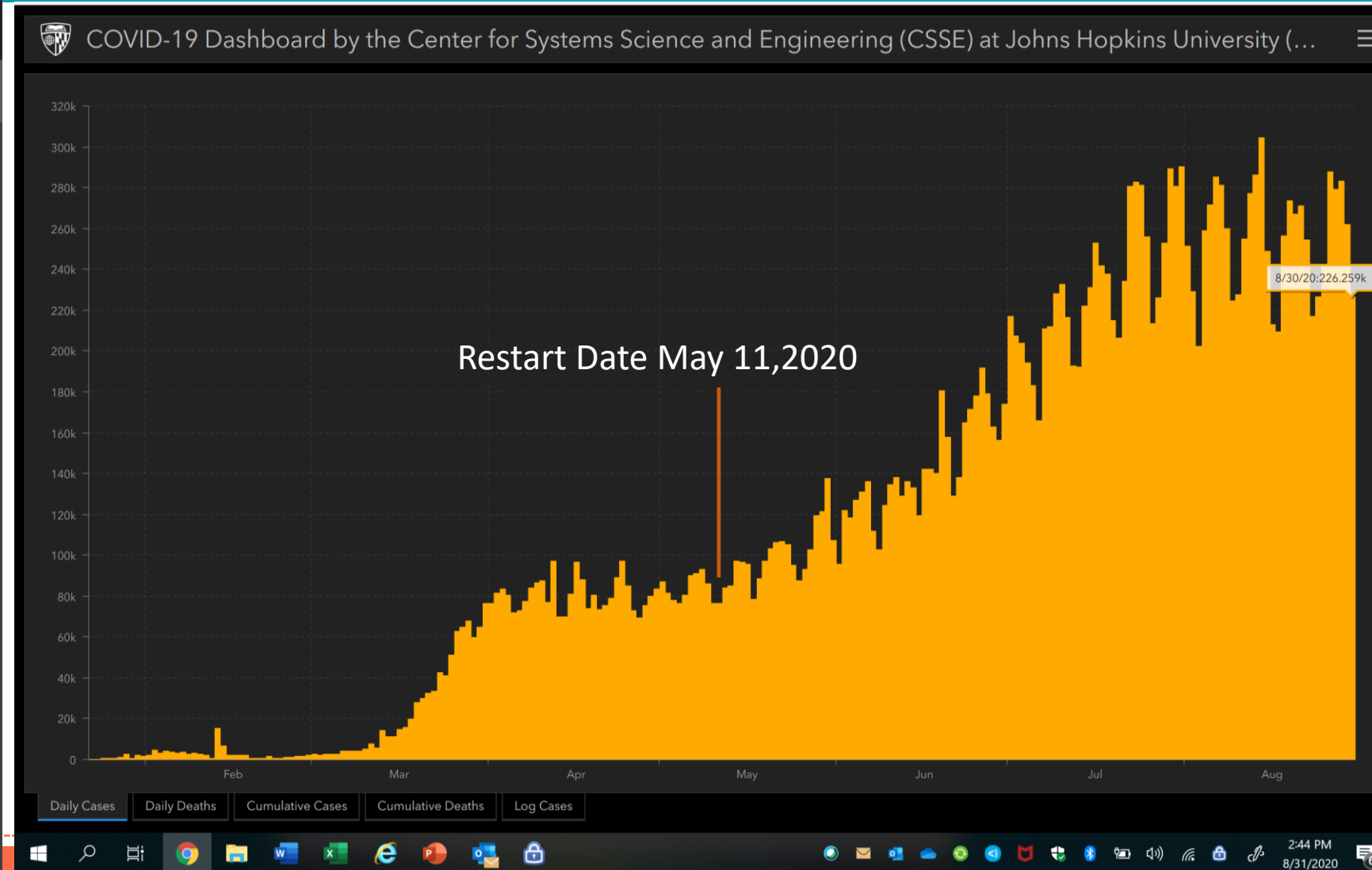
Today's BCC Meeting 9/1/20
283,146 more US cases
6,230 more US deaths

US Cases vs other Countries

Cases by

Country/Region/Sovereignty

6,009,899	US
3,862,311	Brazil
3,621,245	India
992,402	Russia
639,435	Peru
625,056	South Africa
607,904	Colombia
595,841	Mexico
462,858	Spain
411,726	Chile
408,426	Argentina
375,212	Iran
338,079	United Kingdom
318,895	France



Florida Total COVID Cases

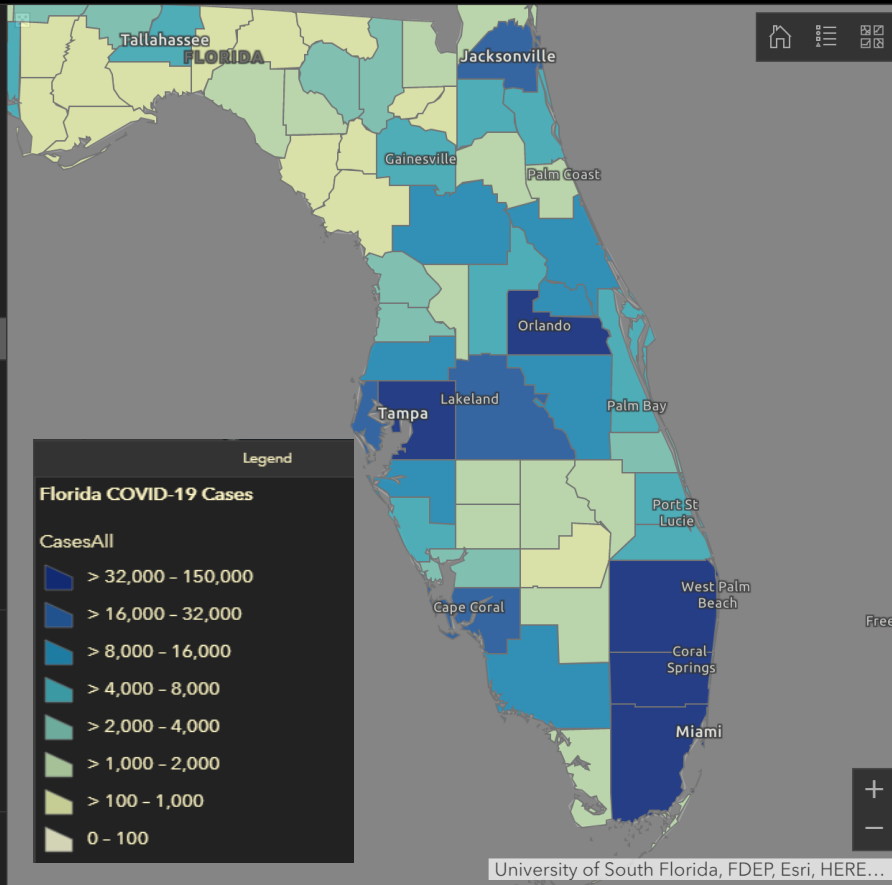
Total Cases
623,471

Cumulative Data for Florida Residents:

Positive Residents
616,629

Resident Hospitalizations
38,495

Florida Resident Deaths	Non-Resident Deaths
11,187	144

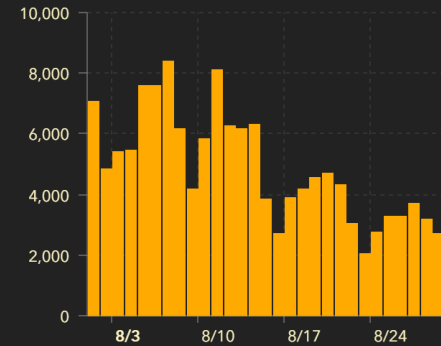


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Data is updated every day at approximately 11 A.M. ET.

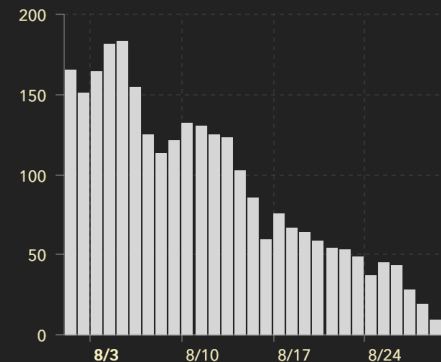
Recent Data for Florida Residents (Last 30)

New Cases of Residents by Day

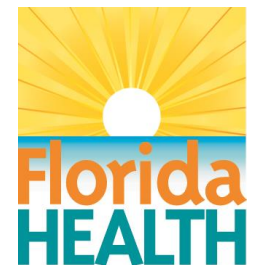


Cases (+1,885)
Hospitalizations (+85)
Deaths (+68)

Resident Deaths by Date of Death

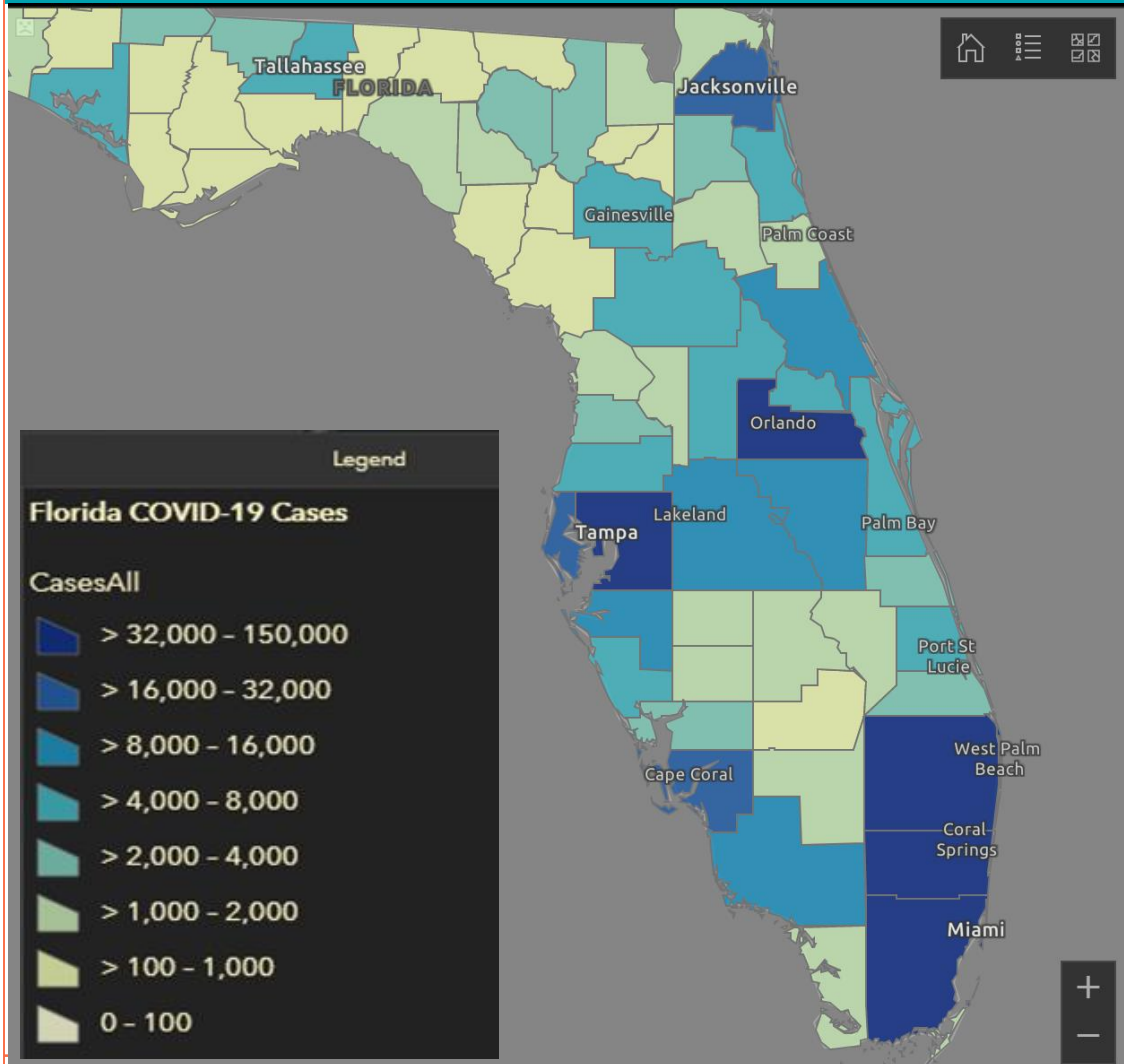


The Deaths by Day chart shows the total number of Florida residents with confirmed COVID-19 that died on each calendar day (12:00 AM - 11:59 PM). Death data often has significant delays in reporting, so



Updated on 8/31/20 11:00 am

Florida Cases by Counties



Dade: 156,910

Broward: 71,121

Palm Beach: 41,965 (+100) new cases
3,339 (+7) new hospital
1,119 (+2) new deaths

Hillsborough: 37,136

Orange: 35,902

Collier: 11,609

Martin: 4,497

Hendry: 1,975

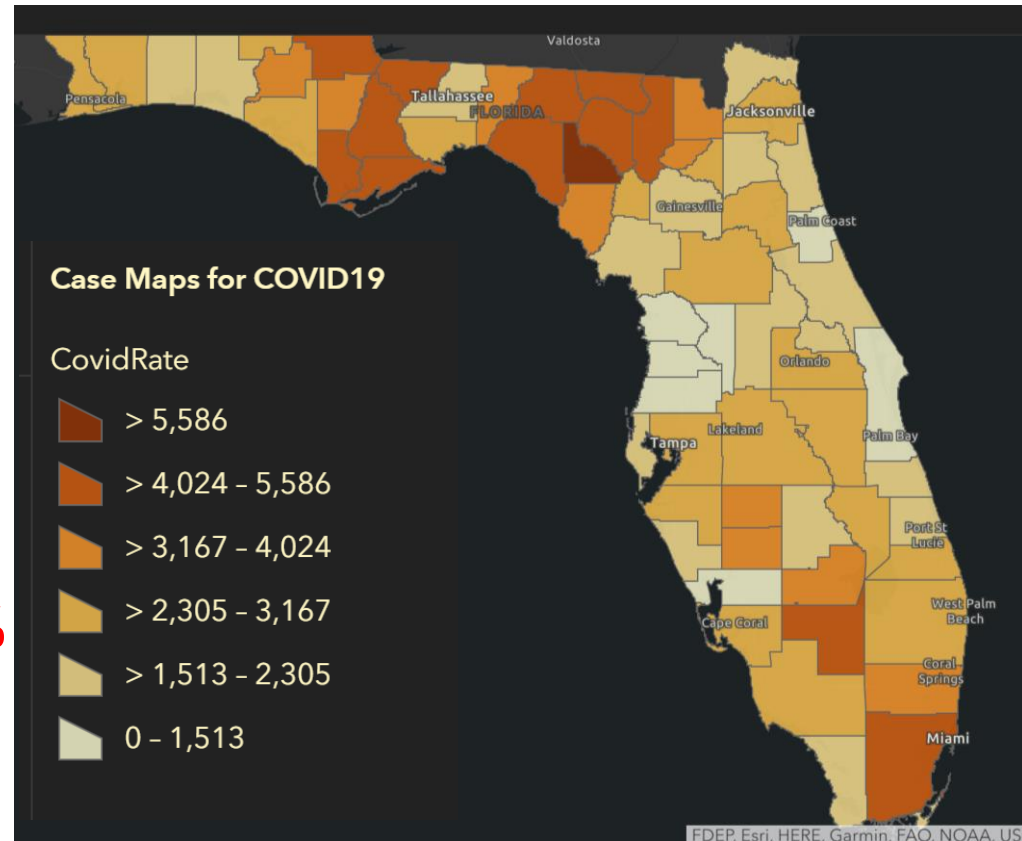
Florida Rate Map

State = 2,994/100,000 or 3.0% -
Palm Beach = 2,876/100,000 or 2.9% -
Martin = 2,835/100,000 or 2.8% +

Broward = 3,696/100,000 or 3.7% +
Glade = 3,412/100,000 or 3.4% -

Dade = 5,734/100,000 or **5.7% from 4.8%**
Hendry = 4,917/100,000 or 4.9% +

Lafayette = 13,769/100,000 or 13.8% +.5%



Florida Positivity Rates

Data for Florida Residents from Previous Day

Total FL-Residents Tested

34,849

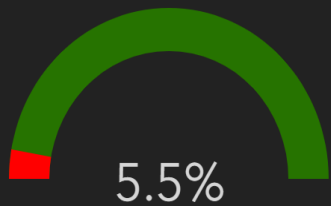
FL-Residents Positive

1,916

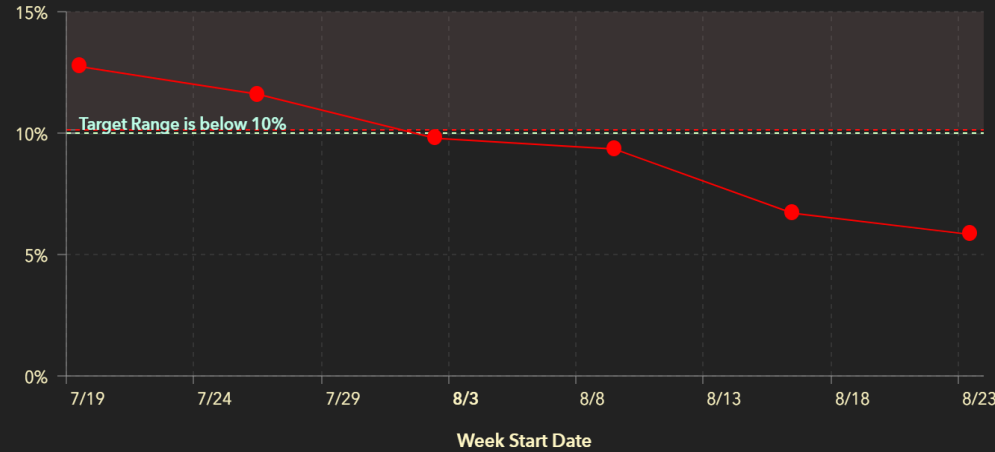
FL-Residents Negative

32,933

Previous Day Percent Positive



Positivity rate of new cases by week



Testing Data for State from previous day

Total FL Residents Tested: 34,849

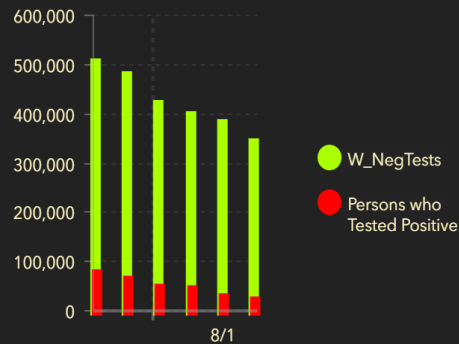
Positive: 1,916

Negative: 32,933

Percent Positive: 5.50 %

Statewide Negative and Positive Persons Tested by Week

Date of data shown is the last date of the reporting period and includes the total from the last report date and the



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Cumulative Data for Florida and Non-Florida Residents

Total People Tested

4,622,552

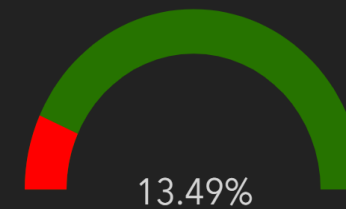
Positive

623,471

Negative

3,992,068

Cumulative percent positive



25.5% of our state's population has been tested



PBC Positivity Rates

Data for Florida Residents from Previous Day

Total FL-Residents Tested

3,038

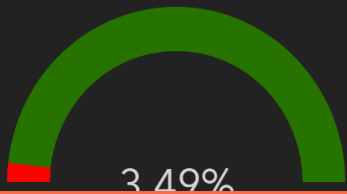
FL-Residents Positive

106

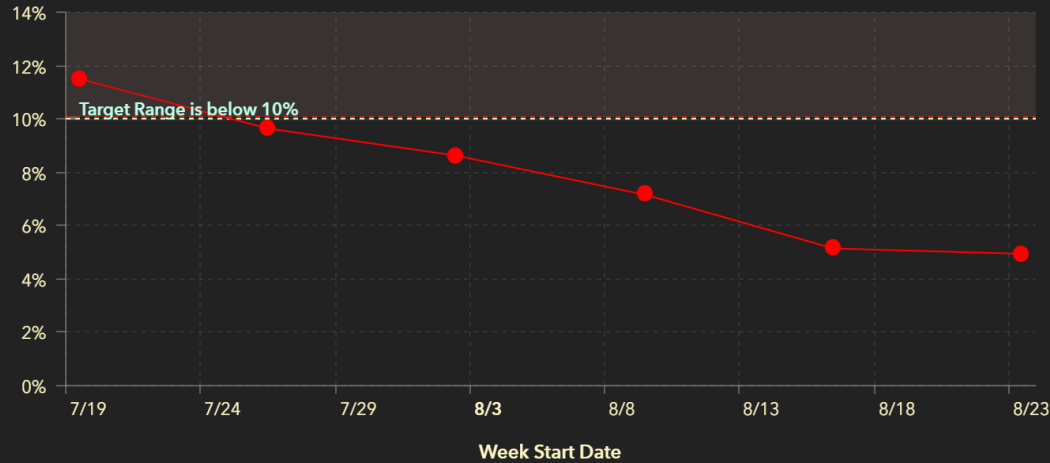
FL-Residents Negative

2,932

Previous Day Percent Positive



Positivity rate of new cases by week



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Cumulative Data for Florida and Non-Florida Residents

Total People Tested

323,337

Positive

41,965

Negative

280,724

Cumulative percent positive



Testing Data for Palm Beach from previous day

Total FL Residents Tested: **3,038**

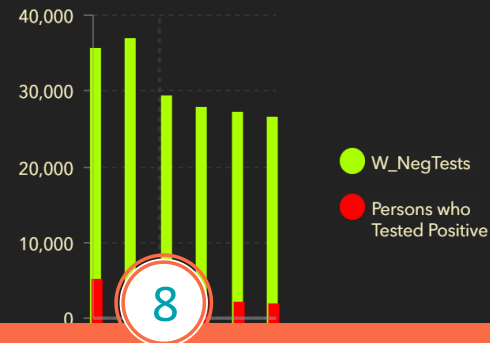
Positive: 106

Negative: 2,932

Percent Positive: **3.49 %**

Statewide **Negative** and **Positive** Persons Tested by Week

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Broward:
4.15/14.17

Dade:
6.54/19.35

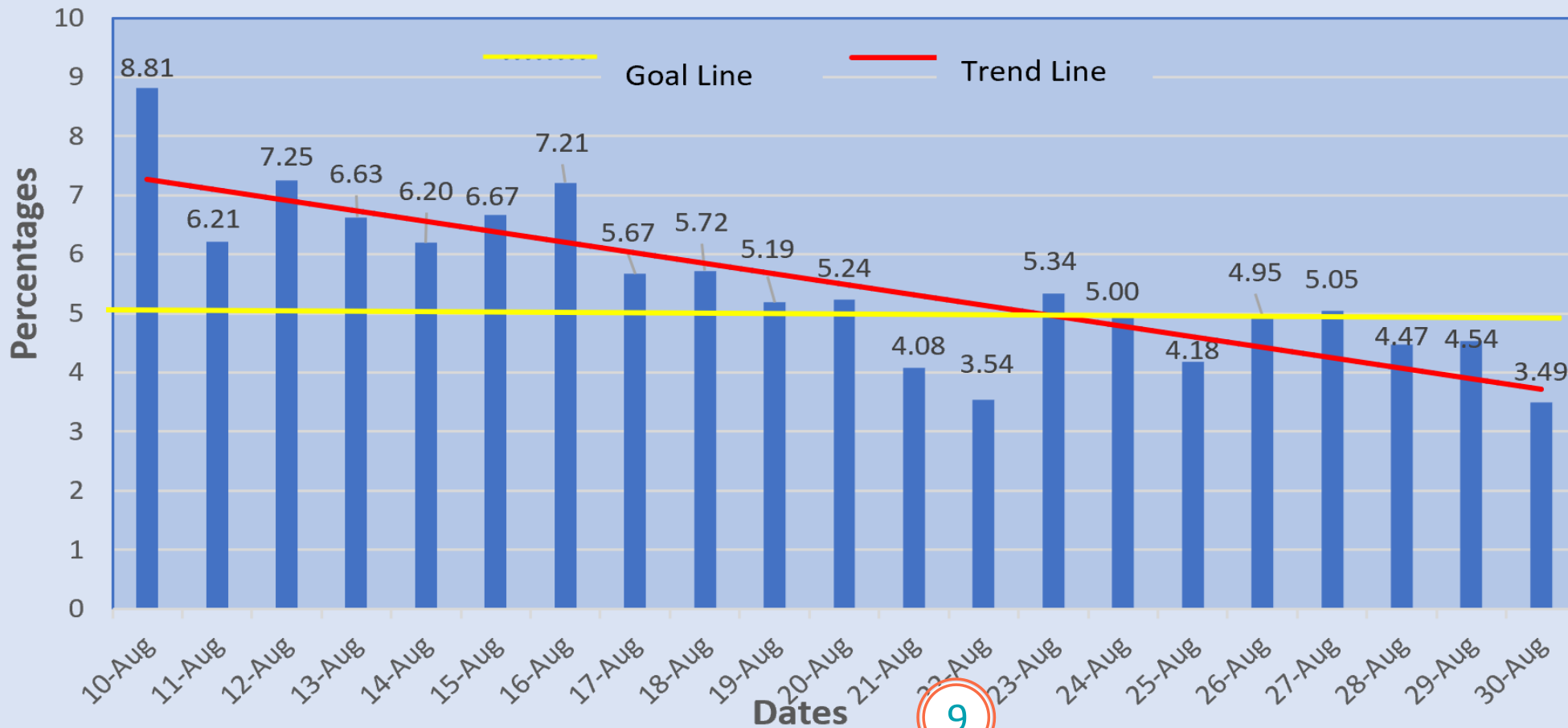
Both down

21.6% tested



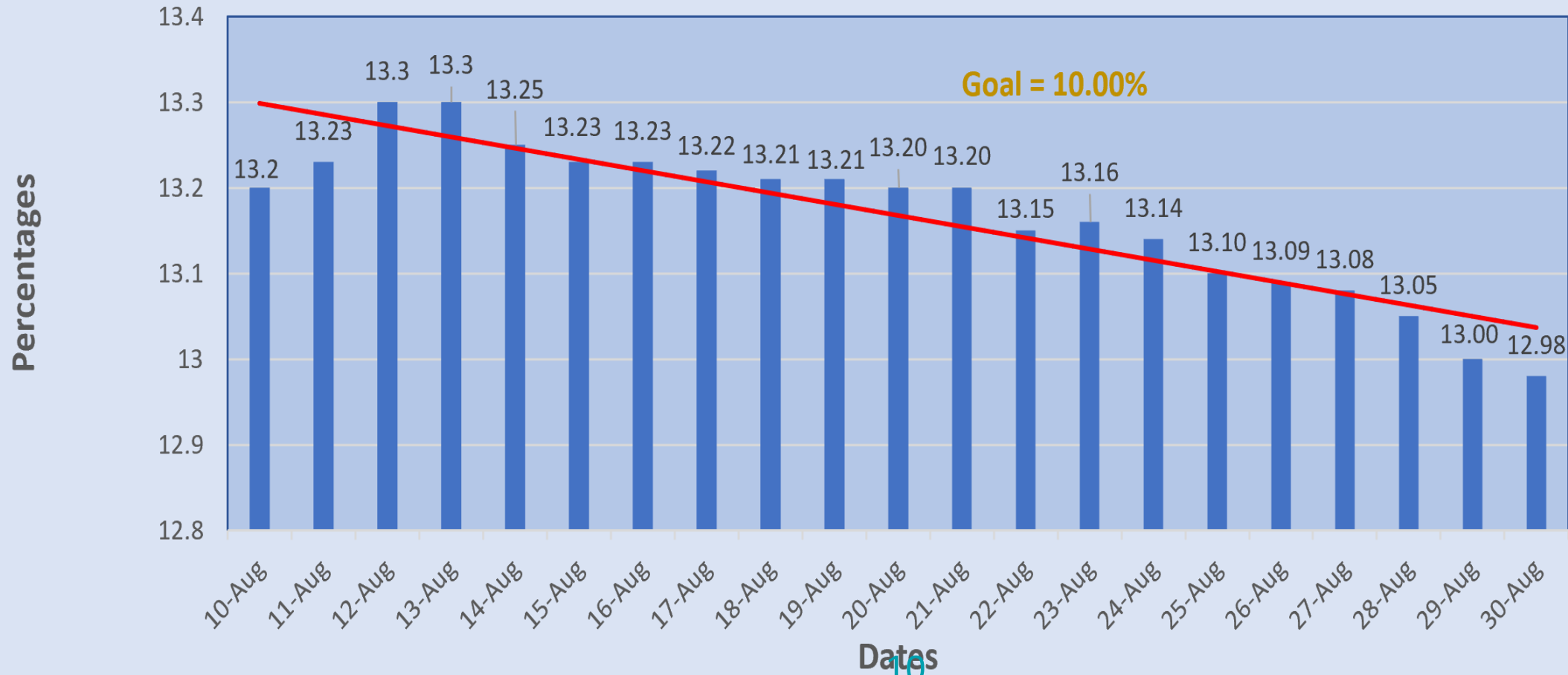
PBC Daily Lab Positivity Rates

PBC COVID Daily Lab Positivity past 21 days



PBC Cumulative Total People Positivity

PBC Total People Tested Positivity past 21 days



What has led to this success?

- Cooperation and participation from the majority of our residents, visitors, and businesses following our only tool we have to stop the spread of COVID:
 - Mandate of facial covering at all times
 - Maintaining physical distancing of at least 6 feet
 - Personal hygiene and disinfecting common touch surfaces
 - Staying home when sick
 - Avoiding the 3 C's – Crowded spaces, closed-in spaces and close contact spaces
- COVID Education and Compliance Team stopping the bad actors so the good actors can stay in business



CONCERNS

- Hurricane season very active amidst our pandemic.
- Flu season is here. The new vaccine has arrived and it is more important than ever to get immunized to avoid coming down with Influenza in order to distinguish the flu from the second wave of the COVID.
- Responsibility to maintain mandatory mask orders and continuous physical distancing, hygiene and staying home when sick especially as we open more business and schools.
- Availability of Rapid Antigen and Antibody Testing for everyone.
- Metrics that will respond to quickly and accurately identify COVID hot spots or actions that result in rapid spreaders.



Questions?

Thank You





COVID-19 UPDATE

Board of County Commissioners
September 1, 2020

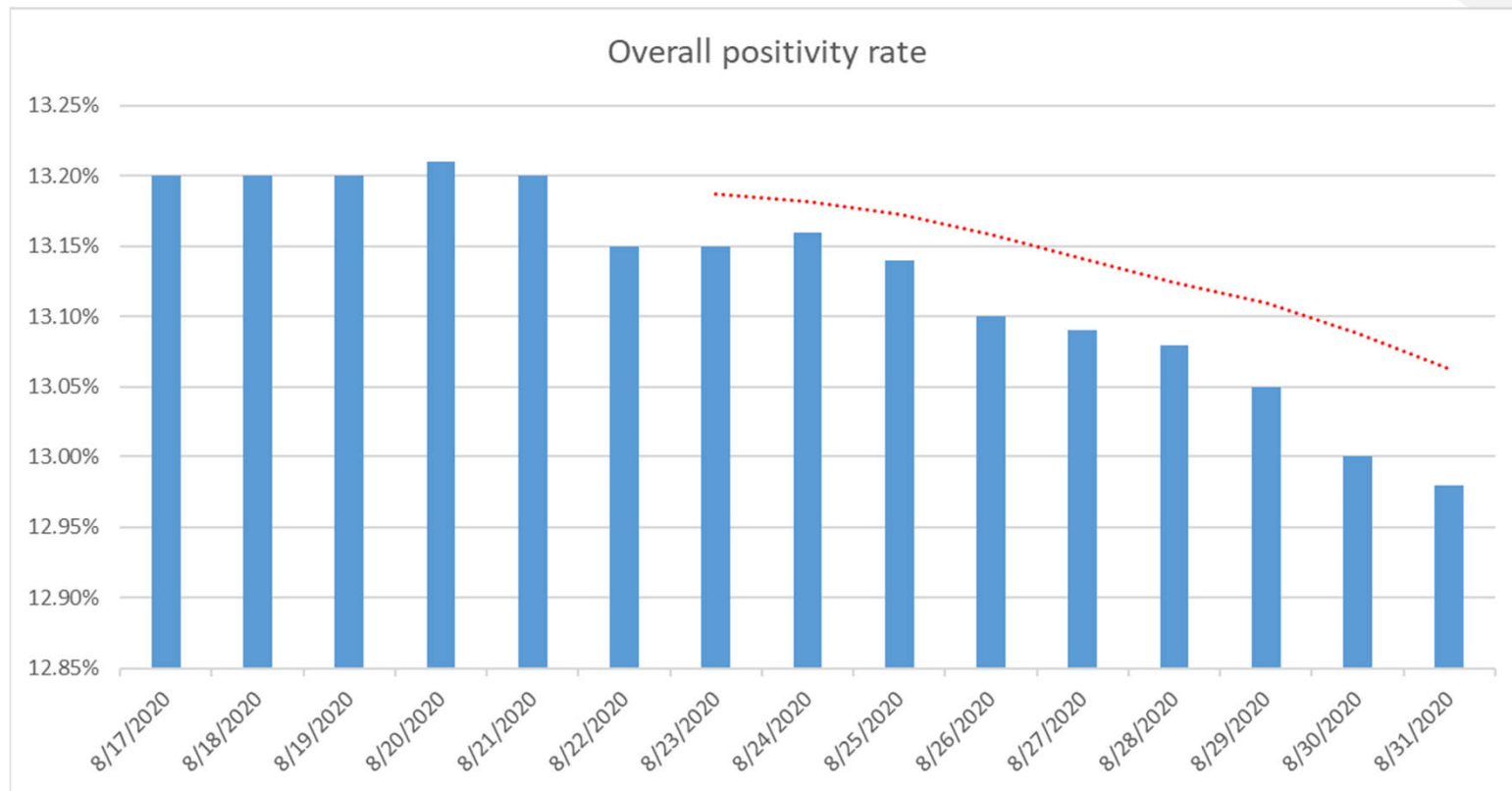
Bill Johnson, RN

Division of Emergency Management
Public Safety Department



COVID-19 total tested positivity

August 17 -31, 2020

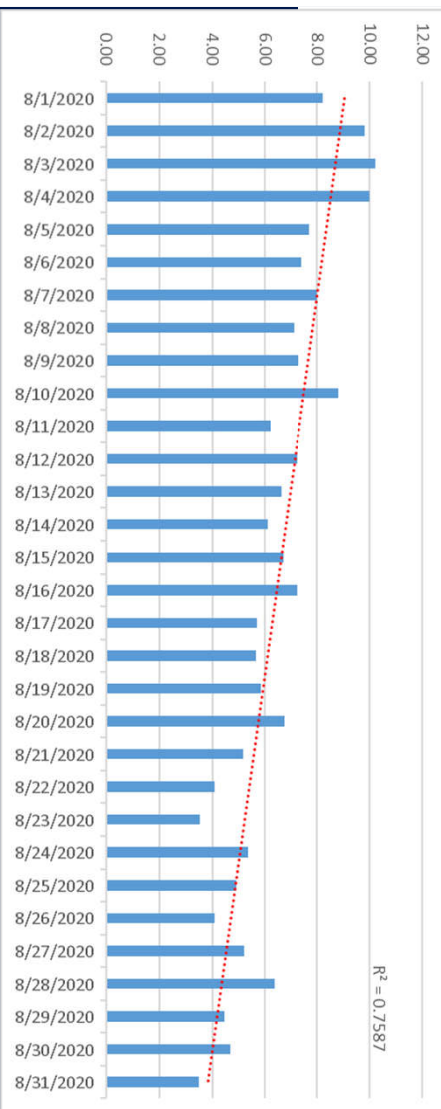


COVID-19 daily lab positivity

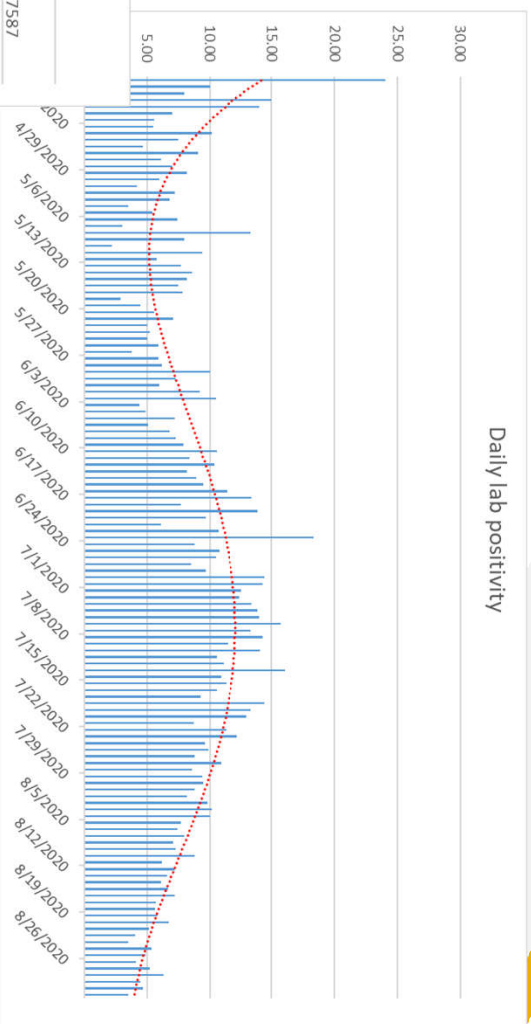
August 1 – August 31, 2020



Daily lab positivity for August



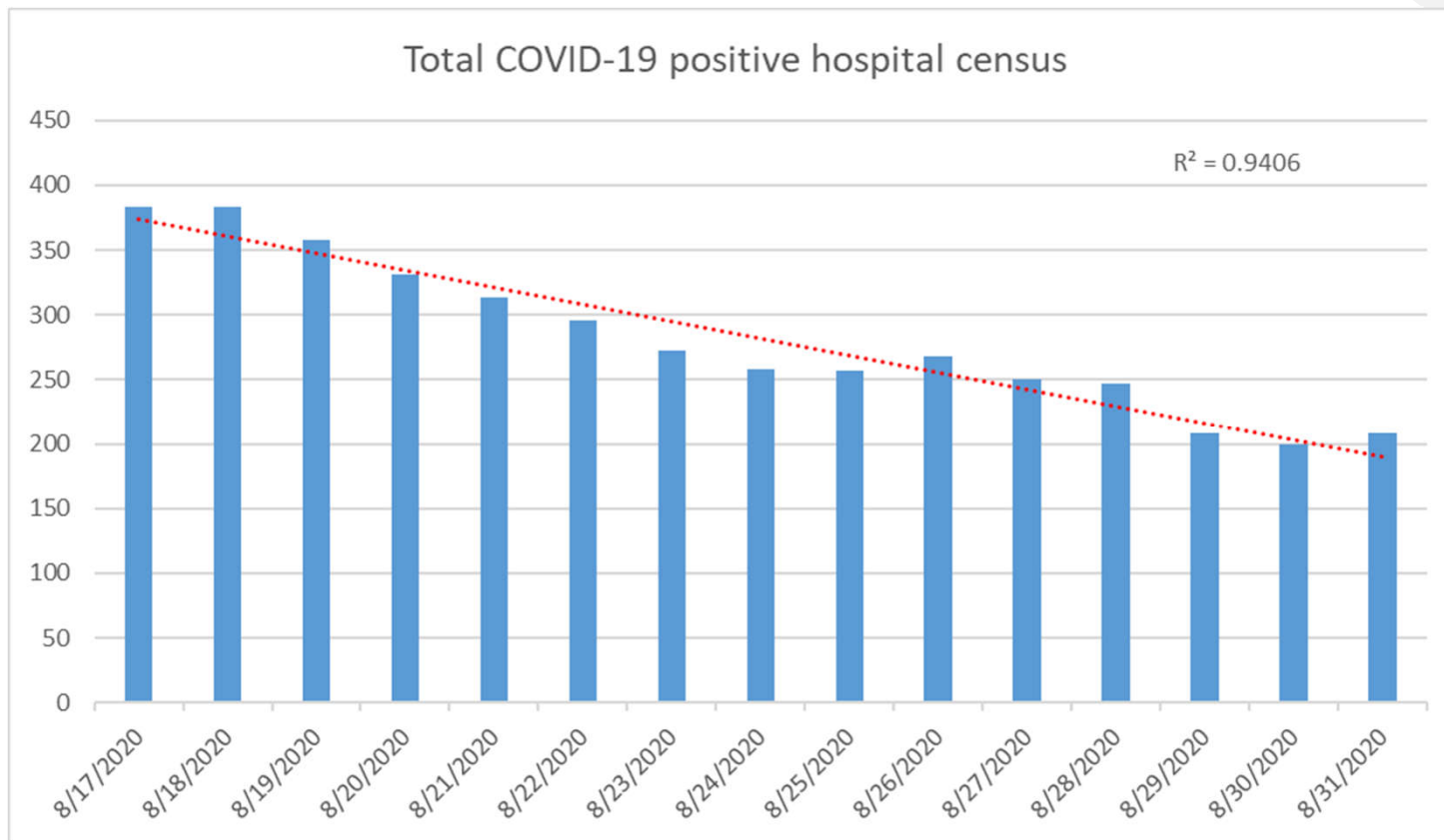
Daily lab positivity





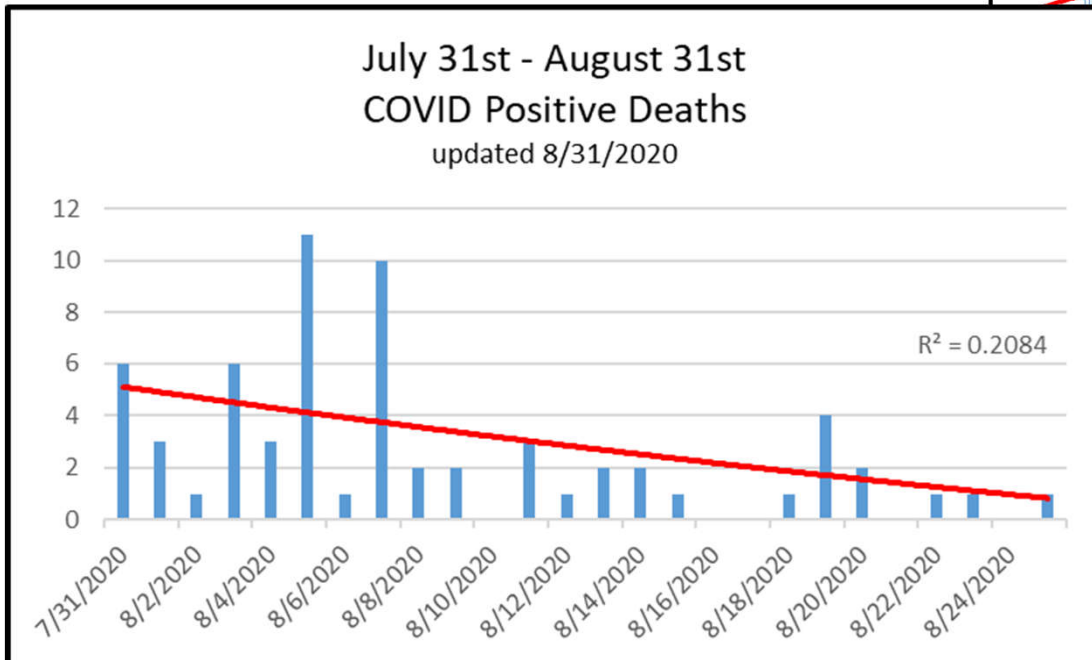
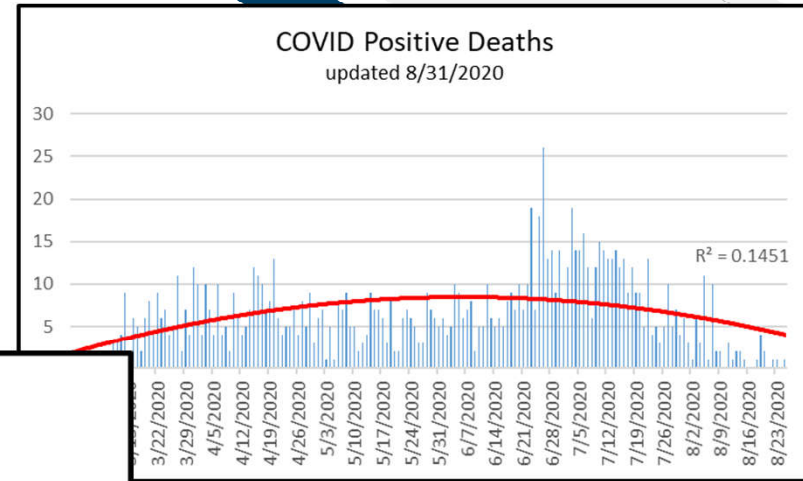
COVID-19 positive total hospital census

August 17-31, 2020



COVID-19 deaths

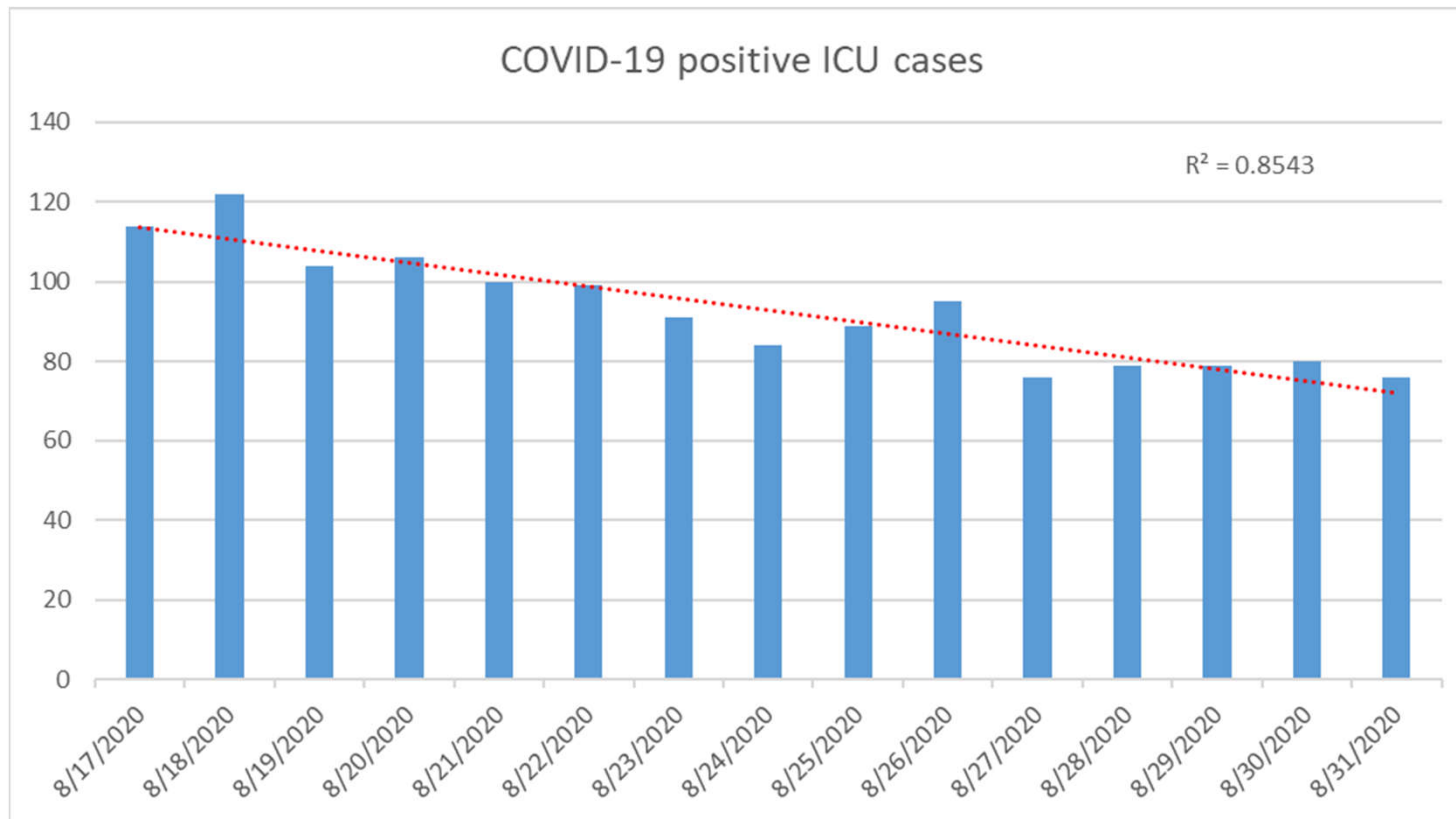
March 1 – August 25, 2020





COVID-19 positive ICU cases

August 17-31, 2020

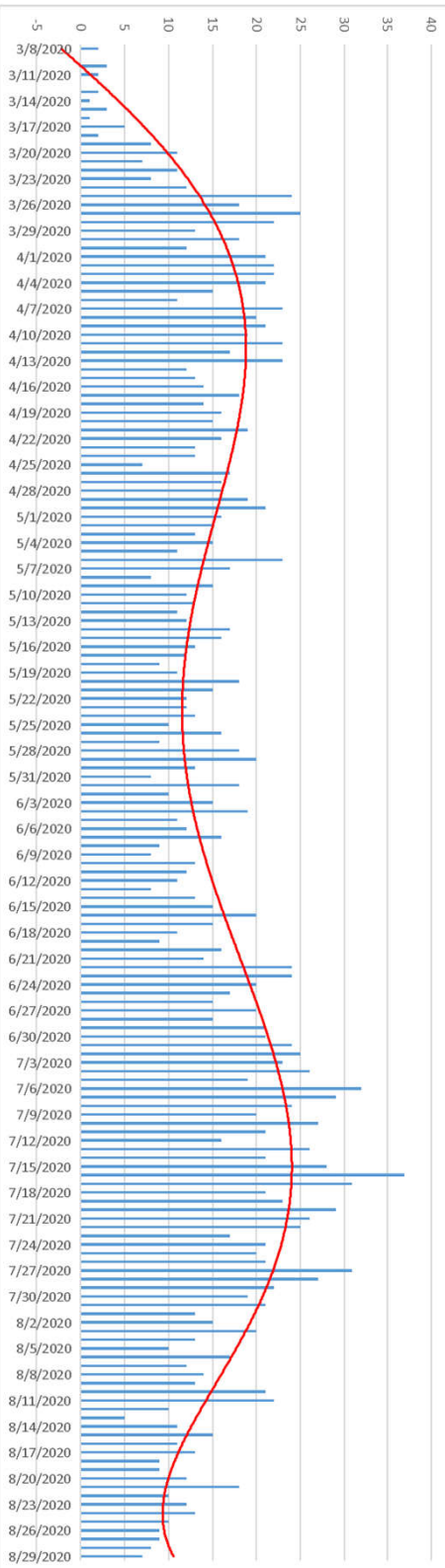


Daily Med Alerts

August 1 – August 29, 2020

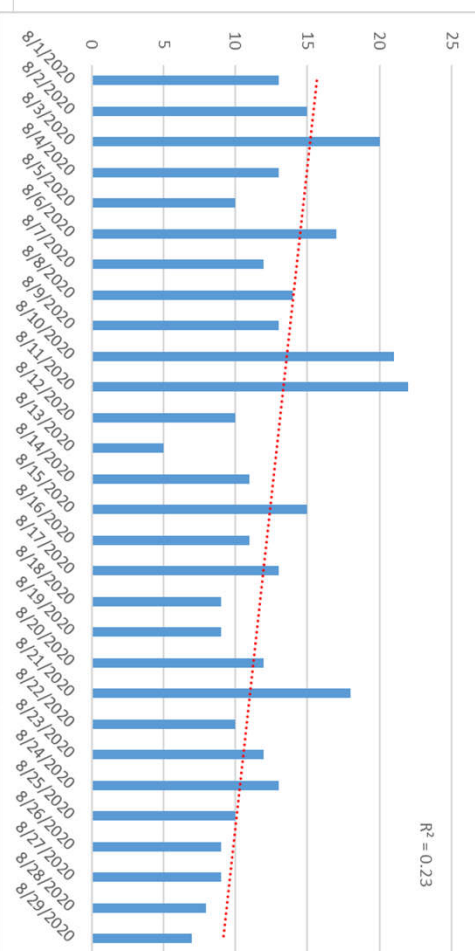


Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Med Alert in Safety Pad
03/08/2020 to Present Number of patients



R² = 0.6156

PBCFR Med Alerts for August 2020



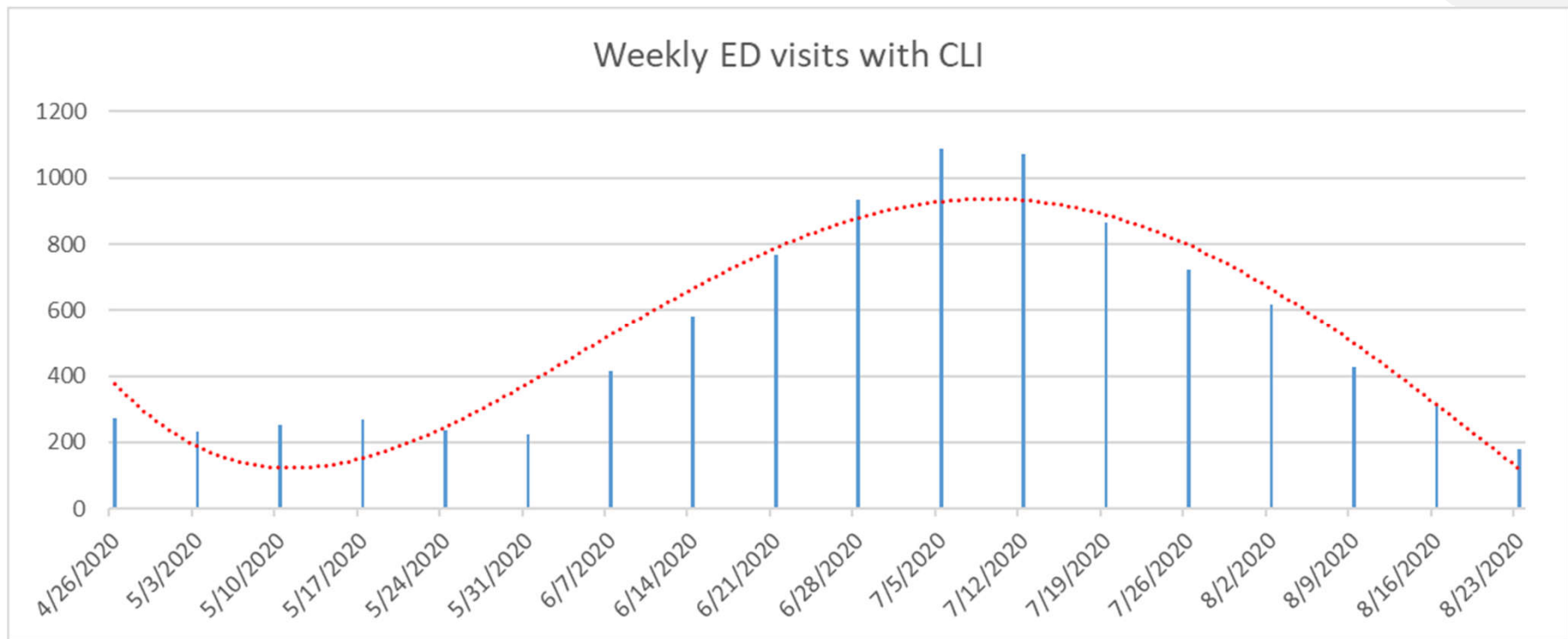
R² = 0.23





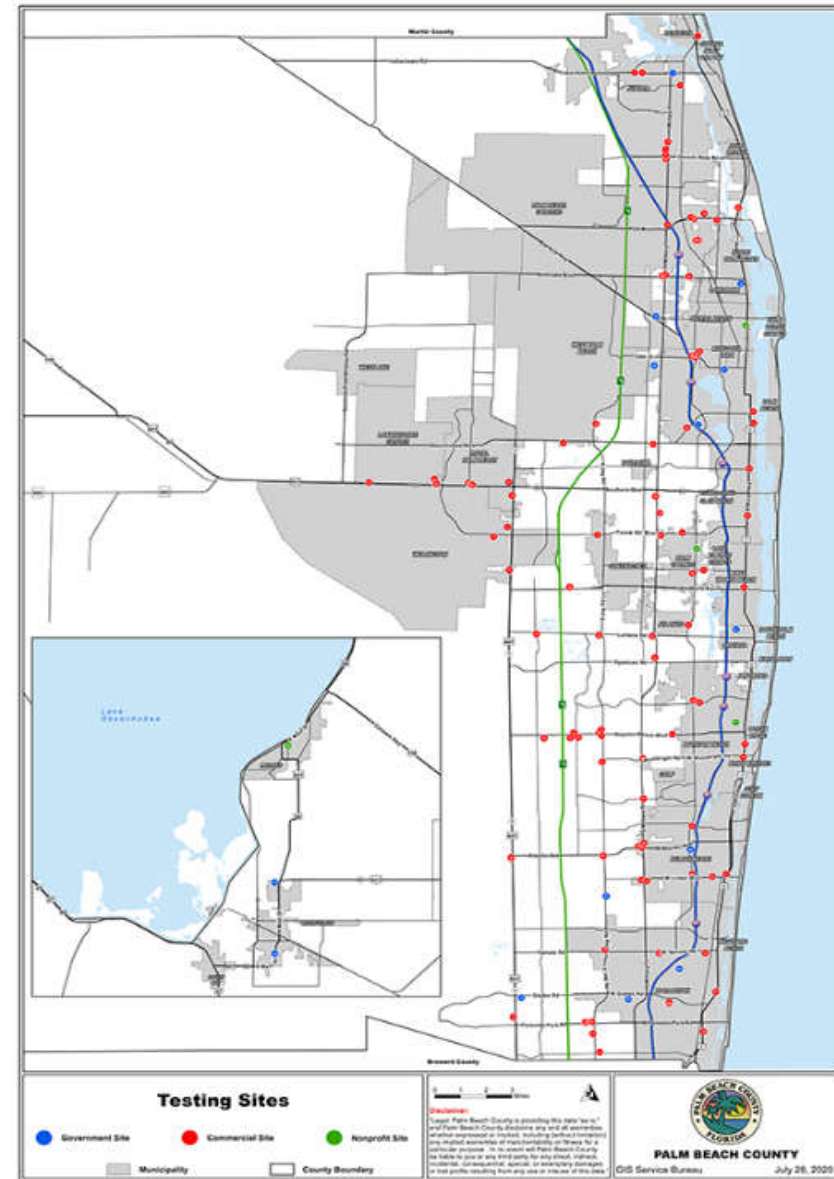
ED visits with CLI

April 26 – August 23, 2020

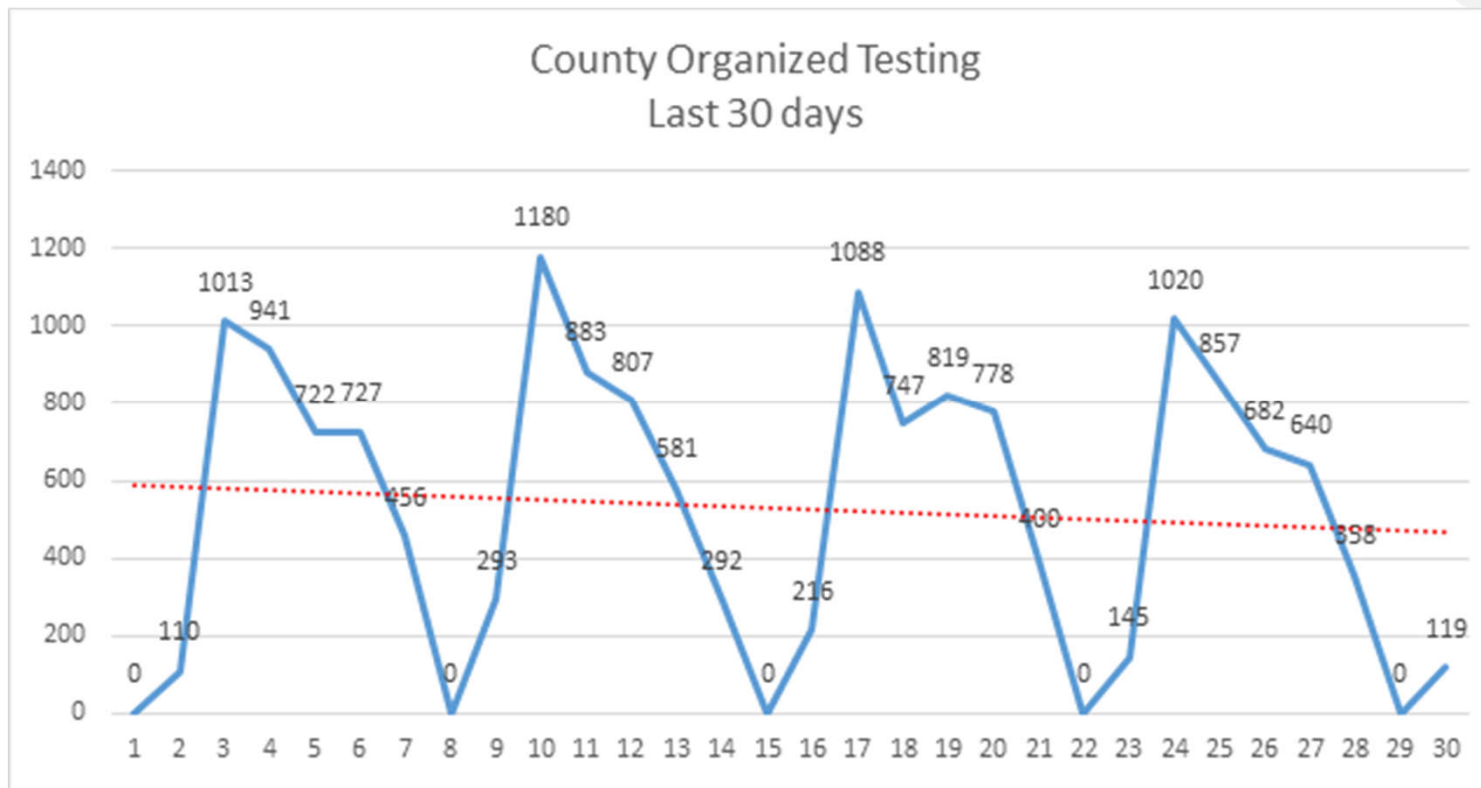


COVID-19 testing sites

- 323,337 people tested (21.6% total PBC pop.)
- 16 government-sponsored sites
- 4 non-profit sites
- 99 commercial sites
- mobile “pop-up” sites
- homebound testing (PBCFR)
- www.pbcgov.org



COVID-19 testing (PBC)



Compliance

- **COVID-19 Education Compliance Team (CECT)**
- 4,495 cases
- 2,190 site visits

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**Thank
you**



Incremental Phase 2 Re-opening Plan for Palm Beach County

September 1, 2020

Incremental Phase 2 Re-opening

- ▶ Movement into Phase 2 would require Gov. DeSantis authorization.
- ▶ The plan assumes our health metrics continue to move in a favorable direction.



Incremental Phase 2 Re-opening

- ▶ Plan is based on FDoH and CDC guidelines and recommendations.
- ▶ The plan is based on the **3 C's**:
 - ▶ Closed spaces
 - ▶ Crowded places
 - ▶ Close-contact settings.



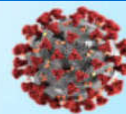
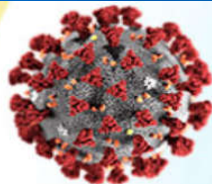
Incremental Phase 2 Re-opening

- ▶ Plan assumes that all re-opened businesses will enforce current mitigation practices:
 - ▶ Mandate facial coverings
 - ▶ Physical distancing enforced
 - ▶ Enhanced sanitization procedures



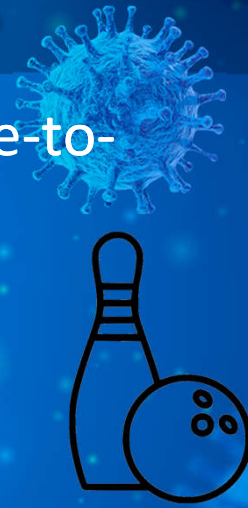
Incremental Phase 2 Re-opening

1. Re-open certain indoor entertainment venues & other businesses
2. Re-open public schools
3. Re-open other entertainment venues
4. Further reduce restrictions on entertainment venues
5. Further reduce restrictions on entertainment venues and other businesses with Governor's approval.



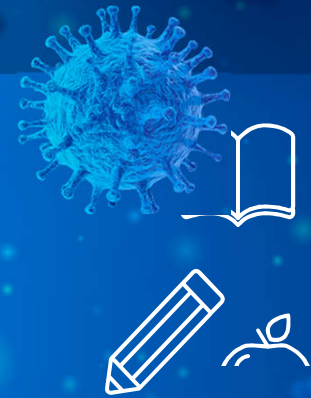
Step 1.

- ▶ Re-open entertainment venues that have moderate-to-high risk of community spread:
 - ▶ 33% and 50% operational capacity
 - ▶ Bowling alleys, movie theaters, skating centers, trampoline centers, and other indoor venues.
 - ▶ Re-open no earlier than September 8, 2020



Step 2.

- ▶ Re-open public schools (recommended)
 - ▶ Re-open in-person/in-classroom instruction at all public schools
 - ▶ Date established by the School District



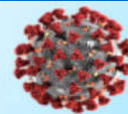
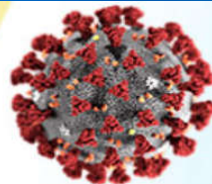
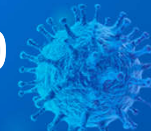
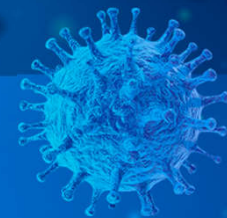
Step 3.

- ▶ Re-open other entertainment venues that have a higher risk of community spread at reduced capacity:
 - ▶ Open auditoriums and concert venues, comedy clubs, and bingo parlors 50% operational capacity
 - ▶ Re-open no earlier than October 19, 2020



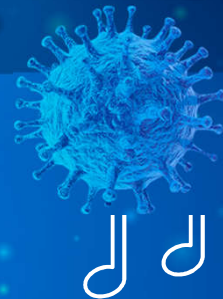
Step 4.

- ▶ Further reduce restrictions on entertainment venues
 - ▶ Reducing operational and capacity restrictions from Step 1
 - ▶ Increase capacity to 66 - 75%
 - ▶ Re-open no earlier than November 2, 2020



Step 5.

- ▶ Further reduce restrictions on entertainment venues:
 - ▶ Some reopenings will be authorized by the Governor
 - ▶ Further reduce restrictions instituted in Steps 1, 3, and 4



Thank you.

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Covid-19 Phased Restart (CPR) Program

Resurgence indicators

Palm Beach County should consider institution of measures that are more restrictive when analysis of the following triggers/indicators collectively indicates the presence of resurgence:

#	Benchmark or indicator	Desired outcome or trend	April 28 th or before	May 8, 2020	May 18, 2020	Trigger/indicator of resurgence	August 16, 2020	August 24, 2020	August 31, 2020
1	Overall percentage of tests with positive COVID-19 results (overall positivity rate)	Sustained reduction trend in the overall COVID-19 positivity rate		17.8% overall positivity rate	9.0% positivity rate	Positive (increase) trend in COVID-19 positivity rate over a five-day period	13.23% positivity rate	13.16% positivity rate	12.98% positivity rate
	Percentage of tests with positive COVID-19 results <u>each</u> day (daily lab positivity rate)	Sustained reduction trend in the daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate		6.7% (avg.‡) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	6.9% (avg.‡) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	Positive (increase) trend in COVID-19 positivity rate over a five-day period	6.73% (avg.‡) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	5.19% (avg.‡) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	4.74% (avg.‡) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate
	Percentage of tests with positive COVID-19 results <u>each</u> day (daily lab positivity rate)	Sustained reduction trend in the daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate (14-day)		6.56% (avg. ³) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	6.56% (avg. ³) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	Positive (increase) trend in COVID-19 positivity rate above 5% over a 14-day period	7.61% (avg. ³) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	5.86% (avg. ³) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate	4.97% (avg. ³) daily lab COVID-19 positivity rate
2	Daily hospitalizations for COVID-19 in Palm Beach County	Sustained reduction trend in daily hospitalization rate for COVID-19	226 (avg.‡) COVID-19 (+) patients hospitalized per day	234 (avg.‡) COVID-19 (+) patients hospitalized per day	237 (avg.‡) COVID-19 (+) patients hospitalized per day	Positive (increase) trend in the daily hospitalization rate for COVID-19 patients over a five-day period	420 (avg.‡) COVID-19 (+) patients hospitalized per day	316 (avg.‡) COVID-19 (+) patients hospitalized per day	234 (avg.‡) COVID-19 (+) patients hospitalized per day
	COVID-19 death rate	Sustained reduction trend in COVID-19 death rate toward pre-pandemic status	156 deaths; 5.64% death rate	238 deaths; 6.11% death rate	275 deaths; 5.9% death rate	Positive (increase) trend in the COVID-19 death rate over a five-day period	992 deaths; 2.5% death rate	1,061 deaths; 2.6% death rate	1,119 deaths; 2.6% death rate
3	COVID-19 daily death rate	Sustained reduction trend in COVID-19 daily death rate (7-day)	3.71 (avg.‡) COVID-91-related deaths/day	3.71 (avg.‡) COVID-91-related deaths/day	3.43 (avg.‡) COVID-91-related deaths/day	Positive (increase) trend in the COVID-19 daily death rate	1.3 (avg.‡) COVID-91-related deaths/day	1.8 (avg.‡) COVID-91-related deaths/day	1.7 (avg.‡) COVID-91-related deaths/day†

Moved to CPR Phase 2 on May 11, 2020

Covid-19 Phased Restart (CPR) Program

Resurgence indicators

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	COVID-19 daily death rate	Sustained reduction trend in COVID-19 daily death rate (14 day)	6.14 (avg. ³) COVID-91-related deaths/day	4.14 (avg. ³) COVID-91-related deaths/day	3.14 (avg. ³) COVID-91-related deaths/day	Positive (increase) trend in the COVID-19 daily death rate	1.8 (avg. ³) COVID-91-related deaths/day	3.0 (avg. ³) COVID-91-related deaths/day	1.7 (avg. ³) COVID-91-related deaths/day††
4	Ability of hospitals in Palm Beach County to safely treat all patients requiring hospitalization without resorting to crisis standards of care	Sustained reduction in hospital COVID-19 ICU bed utilization	78.0 (avg.‡) COVID-19 ICU patients/day	70.0 (avg.‡) COVID-19 ICU patients/day	68.6 (avg.‡) COVID-19 ICU patients/day	Positive (increase) trend in hospital COVID-19 ICU bed utilization over a five-day period	121.0 (avg.‡) COVID-19 ICU patients/day	101.0 (avg.‡) COVID-19 ICU patients/day	82.0 (avg.‡) COVID-19 ICU patients/day
	Daily Med Alert patients transported by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue. Note: While ≈50% of all EMS transports, PBCFR transports are likely a representative sampling of county-wide transports.	Sustained reduction in patients transported by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue as “Med-Alerts”	14 (avg.‡) Med Alert patients per day	14.6 (avg.‡) Med Alert patients/day	13.7 (avg.‡) Med Alert patients/day	Positive (increase) trend in daily Med Alert patients transported by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue	13.8 (avg.‡) Med Alert patients/day	11.7 (avg.‡) Med Alert patients/day	9.7 (avg.‡) Med Alert patients/day
	Weekly counts of Emergency Department visits presenting with COVID-like illnesses (CLI) in Palm Beach County	Sustained reduction in weekly counts of ED visits presenting with CLI in PBC	274 ED visits presenting with CLI	231 ED visits presenting with CLI	252 ED visits presenting with CLI	Positive (increase) trend in weekly counts of ED visits presenting with CLI in PBC	289 ED visits presenting with CLI	213 ED visits presenting with CLI	180 ED visits presenting with CLI
5	Access to COVID-19 testing	Easy access to various types of COVID-19 testing	3 public drive-thru sites established; ≈22,700 people tested	6 public drive-thru sites & 17 commercial sites; 38,000 people tested	8 public, 2 non-profit, 40 commercial testing sites; 51,549 people tested	Marked reported or observed increase in challenges to access to various types of COVID-19 testing	16 public, 4 non-profit, 98 commercial testing sites; 295,656 people tested	16 public, 4 non-profit, 99 commercial testing sites; 309,689 people tested	16 public, 4 non-profit, 99 commercial testing sites; 323,337 people tested

Moved to CPR Phase 2 May 11, 2020



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#	Benchmark or indicator	Desired outcome or trend	April 28 th or before	May 8, 2020	May 18, 2020	Trigger/indicator of resurgence	August 16, 2020	August 24, 2020	August 31, 2020
6	Ability to monitor confirmed cases and contacts	Capacity to adequately monitor cases and contacts	DoH-PBC Epidemiology has been performing contact tracing throughout the incident, and has adequate capacity at this time				DoH-PBC Epi staff reduced from 96 to 80; contact tracing up-to-date ⁴	DoH-PBC Epi staff increased from 80 to 91; contact tracing up-to-date	DoH-PBC Epi staff increased from 91 to 94; contact tracing up-to-date
7	Level of compliance with Phase 1 related executive orders	High level of compliance with Phase 1 related executive orders	Not applicable	N/A	N/A	Not applicable.	CECT assigned 3,736 cases; conducted over 1,560 site visits; shut down 27 operations	CECT assigned 4,114 cases; conducted over 1,763 site visits; shut down 27 operations	CECT assigned 4,495 cases; conducted over 2,190 site visits; shut down 27 operations

benchmark or indicator as identified in the PBC EOC's COVID-19 Phased Restart (CPR) Program

‡ prior 7-day average


³ prior 14-day average

⁴ Sixteen (16) Epi contract staff demobilized this week; anticipate ≈20 new staff arriving next week.

† data from August 18 – August 25, 2020.

†† data from August 11 – August 25, 2020.

 = benchmark desired outcome or trend met

 = benchmark desired outcome or trend not met

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Incremental Phase 2 Re-opening for Palm Beach County

The County Administrator will provide the Board of County Commissioners a plan to be submitted to Governor DeSantis via letter requesting to move Palm Beach County to an incremental or phased Phase 2 re-opening. Anticipated movement would occur after Labor Day weekend, in a step-by-step fashion (below), consistent with Governor DeSantis' direction and authorization.

The schedule below is approximate and assumes that local health metrics as outlined in the COVID-19 Phased Restart (CPR) Program continue to move in a desirable direction, and that resurgence is not a factor. Additionally, the schedule below is subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners and Governor DeSantis.

The schedule and associated strategies outlined in this plan are based on Florida Department of Health (FDoH) and CDC guidelines and recommendationsⁱ based on growing evidence that the more a person interacts with others in an enclosed and crowded area and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreadⁱⁱ. The strategies listed herein work to either limit indoor capacity, reduce opportunities for close contact, and/or decrease the amount of prolonged periods (>15 minutes) of interaction with others. Limiting close face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of the diseaseⁱⁱⁱ.

- Facial coverings are required in all businesses permitted to operate under Phase 2 subject to the restrictions and limitations included in County Emergency Order 20-012, *Additional Directive on Wearing of Facial Coverings*.
- Social or physical distancing in accordance with CDC Guidelines shall be adhered to in all businesses.
- Sanitation procedures shall be implemented in all businesses in accordance with CDC *Re-opening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes*^{iv}.
- Questions regarding Phase 2 openings should be directed to the Division of Emergency Management, telephone (561) 712-6400 or e-mailed to ComplianceReopening@pbcgov.org

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Approximate date: September 8, 2020

Step 1 – Re-open certain indoor entertainment venues and other businesses. Re-open entertainment venues that have moderate-to-high risk of community spread at reduced capacity. Entertainment venues will be permitted to re-open with facial coverings, physical distancing, and enhanced cleaning protocols, but must operate temporarily at reduced functional capacity as indicated below:

- Bowling alleys^v:
 - Limit to 50% of total lanes operational;
 - 4 players/lane maximum;
 - Restricted access to house balls^{vi}; and
 - Spectators must sit 6-feet apart (no standing or congregating);
- Escape rooms^{vii}:
 - No mixed-player games; only private parties;
 - Staggered reservations or start times;
 - Maximum 6 persons per room;
- Movie theaters (up to a maximum of 50% total seating capacity^{viii});
- Playhouses (33% total seating capacity^{ix});
- Skating centers^x:
 - Maximum of 25 skaters per standard rink^{xi};
 - Spectators must sit 6-feet apart (no standing or congregating);
- Trampoline centers^{xii}:
 - Limit to 50% of equipment/venue capacity^{xiii};
 - Only one (1) person per trampoline, battle beam, tumble mat, ninja pit, or other attraction/piece of equipment;
 - All shared equipment must be sanitized between patrons;
 - No shared equipment where cleaning between patron contact is not feasible (e.g., dodge ball);
 - No groups/parties/activities >10 people; and
 - Spectators must sit 6-feet apart (no standing or congregating);
- Other indoor entertainment venues offering, either for participation or observation, recreational opportunities or games of skill in an enclosed building^{xiv}:
 - 50% equipment/venue capacity;
 - No shared equipment or high contact equipment among patrons where cleaning between patrons is not feasible;
 - No groups/parties/activities >10 people; and
 - Spectators must sit 6-feet apart (no standing or congregating);

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- Restaurants and food establishments^{xv}:
 - Continue indoor service at up to 50% seating capacity^{xvi};
 - Continue operating hour restrictions from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.^{xvii};
 - Full capacity outdoor seating is permissible with appropriate physical distancing; and
 - Bar top meal service permissible with appropriate physical distancing.
- The following may operate at full capacity^{xviii} with appropriate physical distancing and with enhanced sanitization protocols^{xix} implemented:
 - In-store retail sales establishments;
 - Museums and libraries;
 - Personal services establishments not opened by prior orders; and
 - Gyms and fitness centers.

After an evaluation period whereby Palm Beach County will gather and analyze sufficient local health metrics data that demonstrates little or no significant resurgence or negative public health impact of opening Step 1, the County may advance to the next step.

Approximate date: School District to determine

Step 2 – Re-open public schools (in classroom). Palm Beach County is recommending that the School District of Palm Beach County consider re-opening brick & mortar schools to conduct in-person/in-classroom instruction at all public schools 3-4 weeks following Phase 2, Step 1. The School District and the Department of Health-Palm Beach County should gather and analyze health metrics data to determine any public health impact of this step of re-opening. Palm Beach County will continue to gather and analyze countywide health metrics data to monitor for significant resurgence or any negative public health impacts of steps 1 and 2.

The School District of Palm Beach County and the Department of Health-Palm Beach County will collaboratively gather and analyze districtwide health metrics data to assess and monitor for any significant resurgence or negative public health impacts associated with the re-opening of [in-classroom] public schools. The County will consider this data, along with other countywide health metrics data, in its analysis, determination, and timing to advance to Step 3.

Approximate date: October 19, 2020

Step 3 – Re-open other entertainment venues. Re-open other entertainment venues that have higher risk^{xx} of community spread due to exposure to congregation of larger numbers of people in close proximity for extended periods of time. These venues will be initially opened at a reduced capacity of 50%.

- The following entertainment venues/establishments will be permitted to re-open at 50% capacity:

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- Auditoriums;
- Bingo parlors;
- Comedy clubs; and
- Concert houses^{xxi}.

After an evaluation period whereby Palm Beach County will gather and analyze sufficient local health metrics data that demonstrates little or no significant resurgence or negative public health impact of opening Step 3, the County may advance to Step 4.

Approximate date: November 2, 2020

Step 4 – Further reduce restrictions on entertainment venues. Further re-open entertainment venues by reducing some operational and capacity restrictions:

- All businesses opened in Step 1 (above) may operate at expanded occupancy:
 - Bowling alleys^{xxii}:
 - All lanes may be operational, 4 players/lane maximum;
 - Escape rooms:
 - No mixed-player games; only private parties;
 - Staggered reservations or start times.
 - Movie theaters (75% total seating capacity);
 - Playhouses (66% total seating capacity);
 - Skating centers:
 - Maximum of 50 skaters per standard rink;
 - Trampoline centers:
 - Limit to 75% of equipment/venue capacity^{xxiii};
 - No groups/parties/activities >15 people.
 - Other indoor entertainment venues offering, either for participation or observation, recreational opportunities or games of skill in an enclosed building:
 - 75% equipment/venue capacity;
 - No group activities >15 people.

After an evaluation period whereby Palm Beach County will gather and analyze sufficient local health metrics data that demonstrates little or no significant resurgence or negative public health impact of opening Step 4, the County may advance to Step 5.

Approximate date: TBD - pending specific authorization of the Governor

Step 5 – Further reduce restrictions on entertainment venues and other businesses. Further re-open businesses and entertainment venues by adding business categories and reducing capacity restrictions:

- All businesses opened in Step 1, 3, and 4 (above) may operate at further expanded occupancy;

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- Pending specific authorization of the Governor, the following may be re-opened with capacity restrictions:
 - Arcades;
 - Bars;
 - Billiard halls^{xxiv};
 - Hookah, cigar, and other smoking bars and lounges;
 - Nightclubs, establishments offering adult entertainment, strip clubs.

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ⁱ *Prevent Getting Sick* (CDC website) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html>

ⁱⁱ “Florida Department of Health expanded statewide Public Service Announcement Campaign, which encourages Floridians to avoid the Three Cs” (July 24, 2020). FDOH encourages Floridians to avoid the Three Cs: 1) Closed Spaces. Avoid closed spaces with poor ventilation that could allow contagious droplets to linger in the air; 2) Crowded Places. Avoid crowded places with many people nearby; the greater the number of individuals in an area, the greater the chances of COVID-19 spreading from person-to-person and 3) Close-Contact Settings. Avoid close-range conversations and stay at least six-feet from others. See FDOH website: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2020/07/072420-1446-covid19.pr.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ *Prevent Getting Sick* (CDC website) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

^{iv} CDC re-opening guidance found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

Businesses should ensure that patrons wear masks as outlined in Palm Beach County [Emergency Order 20-15](#), maintain physical distancing (i.e., work to eliminate traffic choke points or areas for congregation) and provide ample hand sanitizing stations throughout their venue.

^v Recommendation by the Palm Beach County Bowling Association. Venues must ensure 6-foot physical distancing between non-cohort groups.

^{vi} Patrons do not have free access to house balls; once they choose or are assigned a house ball, they use it for the entire play – it is not shared with other patrons; all house balls are thoroughly cleaned after each use.

^{vii} We were unable to locate any re-opening guidelines or industry standards for escape rooms, including the Association for Room Escapes of North America. <https://escapegamesamerica.org/> Each room must be disinfected after each game. To reduce the risk of contact spread, all patrons should be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to entering the room.

^{viii} Venues must ensure 6-foot physical distancing between non-cohort groups.

^{ix} Venues must ensure 6-foot physical distancing between non-cohort groups; 33% total seating capacity, in general, allows for seating in every third seat, thereby supporting an approximate 6-foot physical distancing.

^x The United States Ice Rink Association does not identify specific criteria to re-open. The USIRA states the criteria should be prescribed by the local government. *Returning to the Rinks: Preparing Your Ice Rink to Reopen*. (May 2020). <https://www.usicerinks.com/resources/COVID-19>

^{xi} Standard rink is 80’X200’ or ≈16,000 ft²; larger rinks may have a proportionately larger occupancy (i.e., 1 skater/≈640 ft² ice space).

^{xii} The International Association of Trampoline Parks (IATP) does not identify specific criteria to re-open; the IATP states the criteria should be prescribed by the local government. <https://www.indoortrampolineparks.org/>

^{xiii} Equipment capacity, not building occupancy. The IATP suggests that occupancy should be calculated based on actual area that guests can utilize. As such, limit occupancy to half of the venue’s maximum capacity for total patrons physically using all equipment/machines at one time + the maximum # of patrons that can physically distance (i.e., 6-feet apart) in the spectator seating/viewing area(s). For example, if a venue has 10 rock climbing walls with maximum capacity of 3 total climbers physically using each one at the same time under normal conditions X 10 walls = 30 total patrons @ 50% = 15 patrons + the maximum # of patrons that can physically distance (i.e., 6-feet apart) in the spectator seating/viewing area(s).

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- ^{xiv} Examples include billiard halls not licensed as bars, indoor soccer, laser tag, and paintball.
- ^{xv} Restaurants and food establishments may operate existing billiard tables at 50% capacity (i.e., only half of all tables operational at all times).
- ^{xvi} Pursuant to Governor DeSantis' [Executive Order 20-139](#)
- ^{xvii} Pursuant to Palm Beach County [Emergency Order 20-15](#)
- ^{xviii} Pursuant to Governor DeSantis' [Executive Order 20-139](#)
- ^{xix} CDC re-opening guidance found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>
- ^{xx} Several sources rank activities by risk level. See [Texas Medical Association](#), [Hartford HealthCare](#), [State of Colorado](#), and the [CDC](#).
- ^{xxi} Indoor and outdoor concert venues.
- ^{xxii} Venues must ensure 6-feet physical distancing between non-cohort groups.
- ^{xxiii} Equipment capacity, not building occupancy. The IATP suggests that occupancy should be calculated based on actual area that guests can utilize. As such, limit occupancy to half of the venue's maximum capacity for total patrons physically using all equipment/machines at one time + the maximum # of patrons that can physically distance (i.e., 6-feet apart) in the spectator seating/viewing area(s). For example, if a venue has 10 rock climbing walls with maximum capacity of 3 total climbers physically using each one at the same time under normal conditions X 10 walls = 30 total patrons @ 75% = 23 patrons + the maximum # of patrons that can physically distance (i.e., 6-feet apart) in the spectator seating/viewing area(s).
- ^{xxiv} Billiard halls licensed as a bar.

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