



Governor Ron DeSantis, Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz, State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees and Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew held a press conference in the Cabinet Room this afternoon, April 13th.

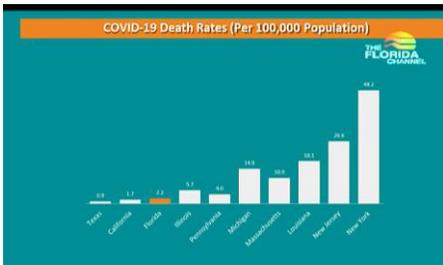
Governor Ron DeSantis:

- Since this began, we have focused on testing, protecting seniors and healthcare workers
- Seniors
 - Directed Director Moskowitz to have strict screening requirements at all long-term care facilities at the beginning including prohibiting those who were symptomatic, those who traveled internationally or on a cruise, or someone from a community that had infections
 - Directed Director Moskowitz to halt all visitation
 - We messaged anyone who was 65+ to stay home
 - Our approach falls into three main areas
 - Long-term care facility assessments
 - Have 120 ambulatory assessment teams
 - Conducted 4000 teams to work with facilities to identify areas for improvement
 - AHCA staff has done 1000 in person visits and 5000 calls
 - DOH rapid emergency response teams
 - Deployed upon a positive identification
 - Train clinical staff on how to best respond to positive patients
 - Infection preventionist, CDC team, advance life support ambulance
 - Testing
 - Important to identify outbreak early
 - DOH has conducted inspections
 - Directing Florida National Guard to create more strike teams in long-term care facilities
 - Expanding to have ten teams of four and they will begin their mission in counties most impacted
 - Taking samples from all willing staff and residents
 - We have learned that people are carrying who are asymptomatic
 - We learned that spread is more prevalent among staff
 - Important additional step
- Testing
 - We have set-up and run a number of testing sites around the state
 - So far the CB Smith site has conducted over 11,000 tests in partnership with Memorial Healthcare
 - Four Star General has come to see how the model site

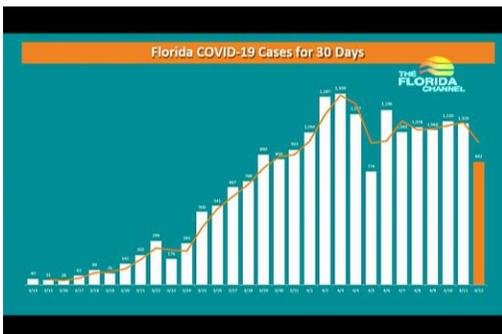
- Case rates
 - Per 1,000 population we're a little behind Texas and California but we have tested more



- Death rates
 - Also behind Texas and California



- Cases
 - April 2nd was highest
 - We watch everyday



- Trends
 - Testing way up in the last three weeks
 - Death by age is mostly 65-75
 - Death rate per 100,000 by age much higher in the older of the senior population



- Hospitalizations
 - Have been flat over the last seven days
 - Net reduction of seven people day over day
 - Dade Broward and Palm Beach account for 65% of hospitalizations
 - 42.5% of licensed beds available
- Testing
 - Looking at test per person in Florida
 - Looking at tri-county area, we have tested 1 out of 85 residents

Director Jared Moskowitz

- This disaster is unique, first time all 50 states are under a state of emergency in US history
- Sent out
 - 6 million masks
 - 515,000 face shields
 - 286,000 gowns
 - 47,000 goggles
- We will continue to move forward with all PPE orders because this will not change
- Prepared with field hospitals, staffed at minimal capacity
- Will look at surging staff into hospitals to support their surge plans
- The model changes regularly, now looking at an April 26th peak date.
- Third in the country in testing
 - Looking to do more testing in disadvantaged communities
- 30 days to stop the spread is through April 30th
- These protections are working, stay the course
- Governor- can you give an update on the supply chain, there will be a good announcement coming tomorrow?
 - We've seen a change in the marketplace in the last week and a half, two weeks. The White House has leaned in to change a lot of this
 - Gowns are at a significantly higher burn rate, some hospitals are throwing away gowns after one day or one use
 - We're doing much better than we were a couple of weeks ago, vendors are delivering
 - It is going in the right direction, even N-95 masks we're seeing changes



Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees

- Thoughts are with the families who have lost
- Five Point Plan
 - Social Distancing
 - Testing
 - Protecting Elderly
 - Prepare hospitals and staff
 - Stop introduction of virus into our staff
- Essentially at a plateau, just a slight increase
- Stable in hospitalizations and ICU admissions and releases
- Elderly account for 30% of hospitalizations but 60% of deaths
- Preparing for the worse hoping for the best
- Emphasize social distancing
- Don't work when sick
- Elderly need to avoid going out in public
- At a plateau situation, but we cannot let our guard down until we get a vaccine this will be our new normal

Secretary Mary Mayhew

- What may not be appreciated looking at the agency heads is the hundreds and hundreds of workers who are implementing this multi-agency team response under the Governor's leadership
- Grateful to the thousands of healthcare workers who have been on the frontlines for many weeks
- Hospitals have been pulling together regionally to develop assessment of regional capacity
- Long-term care facilities have been our focus to get those facilities prioritized for getting them masks and gowns
- While we are focusing on the physical health of patients and staff, we are also working on addressing their mental health and wellness
- Deployed teams on-site day and night for anyone who needs assistance
- Governor- what is the attitude now of the hospitals now vs. a month ago?
 - Have spoken with all the hospitals and now with hospital executive leadership, there is a level of confidence in the preparedness they have and the belief that they are capable of handling any level of surge coming into the hospital



Press Questions

- Data
 - Generally, Florida's data and website is more accessible than any other state.
 - Surgeon General- our website has the total information about how it is impacting county by county
- Facilities
 - Rivkees- we are including all deaths at facilities at the county level roll-ups
- Notification of Others Potentially Impacted
 - Rivkees- we have contact tracing in place to identify other individuals who may have been in contact
- Data
 - Rivkees- We track hospitalizations and loss of life through the existing county roll-up system, but the two systems are closely related
 - CDC includes death of an out-of-state resident where they reside not if they passed in Florida
- Expansion of testing sites
 - Its important for tracking to fully roll-out expanded testing. CDC originally said only China, but in Florida, we saw Dominican Republic and Egypt origins.
 - This allows for greater identification of asymptomatic spreaders
 - Ordered the FDA approved anti-bodies test
 - We have closer to 600,000 positive cases, clearly not everyone who has been affected, we don't know if its 2x that, 3x that more, the anti-bodies test will help us understand it more.
 - Data has shown that it is southeast Florida, but not impacting the rest of the state equally
- Rent forbearance
 - That's something I will have to look at and clarify
- Unemployment
 - We have 100's of thousands of submitted.
 - Exceeded all last year in three weeks.
 - The verification will greenlight the
 - Expanded the call center, directed to keep beefing up to have more human call takers
- Claims paid
 - There have been claims paid and they are escalating
 - We tell the Departments we want numbers and we want them more quickly
- Rural communities
 - Mayhew- we need to be working more aggressively with the rural hospitals
 - Mayhew- Taking more regional approach to be able to surge resources



- Testing
 - Mayhew- Doing more aggressive testing with staff and residents in nursing homes

Surgeon General Press Questions

- Ventilators
 - Rivkees- 7,000 ventilators available, stable for the past week
- Capabilities of Hospitals
 - Rivkees- there have been a lot of regional coordination to rely on sister hospitals to help hospitals who may not have the capability to serve
- Timeline
 - When we have a vaccine, we can stop spread of Covid from person to person, without that we have social distancing measures. As long as we have Covid in the environment we will have to practice these measures
 - Year if not longer for the development of a vaccine