



Nassau County's Public Health & Medical Officer, Manager, Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Emergency Management Director, Fire Rescue Chief, Sheriff, School Superintendent, and our municipal governments are working together to lead Nassau's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. As "OneNassau" we've established a Joint Information System (JIS) to monitor the rapidly changing situation and provide timely, accurate, unified messaging to our residents.

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) is the lead agency for this pandemic and any infectious disease response. DOH-Nassau is monitoring the health trends in the county daily to identify any possible cases of COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the novel Coronavirus. Their public health professionals are expert resources for health care providers and are available at 875-6110 to speak with anyone who believes they have been exposed to a known positive case of COVID-19 or anyone who has recently traveled to a geographic area with known "community spread" of the virus. If you are over 60 years of age, have underlying health conditions (e.g., heart disease, lung disease, diabetes), or are immunocompromised, keep space between yourself and others, avoid crowds and stay home as much as possible. More details can be found on their website:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/> The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) now recommends postponing or canceling planned events of 50 persons or more for the next eight weeks. This does not apply to normal daily activities like workplaces, schools/colleges, or shopping; just non-essential gatherings. The DOH and CDC message to everyone is "take everyday precautions to reduce disease transmission":

- Stay home, away from others whenever ill
- Cough/sneeze into your elbow, sleeve, or a tissue (and throw the used tissue into the trash)
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place; if soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching common surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces to remove germs every day (e.g., tables and counters, doorknobs, light switches, keyboards and mice, faucets, remotes, and cell phones)

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is the "clearing house" for Nassau County's JIS and posts incident information regularly on the NassauEM Facebook Page and [www.NassauFL-EM.com](http://www.NassauFL-EM.com) website. If you have questions, please call the EOC's information line 904-548-0900 or message the EOC staff through the NassauEM Facebook page.