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The “OneNassau” Joint Information System (JIS) is monitoring the rapidly changing situation in order to provide timely, accurate, unified messaging to our residents. Updates will be provided each afternoon; more frequently only if warranted.

Current Situation in Nassau County:

- See www.facebook.com/NassauEM/videos/139787367440428/ for our latest PSA
- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at **Level 2** with enhanced staffing between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to take calls from the public and continue processing emergency requests for resource assistance
- Nassau still has only one positive case of Coronavirus – he is recovering in isolation
- The FDOH website floridahealthcovid19.gov should have all you need to know about COVID-19 in Florida, but anyone with general questions about the pandemic can call the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at **904-548-0900**
- Residents who believe they have been a “close contact” to a positive case of Coronavirus should call DOH-Nassau at **904-875-6100** for guidance
- **Nassau County Schools** are now scheduled to remain closed until April 15th – meals will be available for students beginning Monday, March 23rd – see <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/> for more info
- **Public Safety** responders are working under normal operations – *Call 9-1-1 for all public safety and medical emergencies.*
- Businesses have been asked to complete the **Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)** impact survey at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>; businesses experiencing economic injury may use the form on www.FloridaDisasterLoan.org
- **Nassau P3** (public-private partnership) has compiled information about local resources and social services available to residents during the pandemic response; updates are posted on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nassaup3/>
- **City of Fernandina Beach** – City Council declared a Local State of Emergency to streamline their administrative processes

Continue to take everyday precautions to reduce disease transmission:

- If you are at risk or have underlying health conditions, avoid crowds and maintain social distancing practices
- 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 – door handles, ATM buttons, handrails, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something; avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces to remove germs every day (e.g., tables and counters, doorknobs, light switches, steering wheels, keyboards and mice, faucets, remotes, and 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 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.

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