



Governor DeSantis:

- Opened new testing site in Southern Palm Beach County
- Partnering with UF Shands - collection swabs
 - Clinic support in public housing areas to test
 - Research on broader spectrum - test asymptomatic
 - Did same in Villages. Tested 600-1200 asymptomatic ppl - all were negative
 - This will shed even more light in Jax area
- Now have rapid tests - We have worked to get all the hospitals, if a hospital doesn't have access let us know will allow them to rule out COVID
- DOH has Abbot Tests for mostly SE Florida and vulnerable population such as nursing homes
 - Currently have to wait 5 days for a test, doctors may want to send them home but now they will know if they should or not
- Travel restrictions: Have screened 15,000 ppl by air and car
- Capacity:
 - Miami-Dade 43% available beds, 59 new hospitalizations
 - Broward 46% available beds, 1 new hospitalization
 - PBC 49% available beds, 7 new hospitalizations

- We were able to get Hydroxychloroquine plus Z packs
 - Originally Teva could not get out of India, spoke to Trump who spoke to President of India
- Also Million doses (of ?) to Tallahassee tomorrow that will be immediately sent out

Dr. Sunil Kumar, Critical Care Pulmonary Medicine at Broward Health

Gov: Can you speak to Hydroxychloroquine

Dr. Kumar: Using Hydroxychloroquine in steps. Initial stages we used hydroxy and zpack, some in combo with other medicine. Decided to treat all patients with this, but want to stress that this is not only treatment out there

Also using Regulators, Chroni (?)

Gov: Can you explain that?

Dr. Kumar: 6 hours lie on back, then rest of day lie on stomach and it seems to be helping COVID behaves differently than other diseases

Governor: Do you think Hydrox is important to have as an option?

Dr. Kumar: Absolutely. They are very sick and we need every option that helps

Patient testimonial from Broward Health (Video)

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When got here I couldn't breathe, everyone has treated me... you guys saved my life I know you did and I am lucky that you tried

Governor: Younger demographics does not typically require hospitalizations but for those that do they can go downhill very fast so its very important to have options. How are patients responding to variety of treatments? What would you like to learn or see more of?

Dr. Kumar: Definitely Hydroxy won't work for everyone, we are trying nitric oxide treatment Every day we are learning something new we are applying. We are not shying away from trying everything we can.

Gov: We appreciate you we know that it is not easy and won't be easy

Dr. Kumar: Thank you for your leadership. I want to thank health care workers all across the country.

Carlos Campos, Tallahassee Memorial Intensive Care Unit

Governor: Can you speak about hydroxy

Dr. Campos: Been around sometime for conditions like Lupus

When combined with Z-pack can prolong certain heart irregularities so must be monitored with EKG. Should not just try on everyone.

Governor: so good option but physicians who use should closely monitor patients

Dr. Campos: also using Statens for cholesterol. Vitamin C, D, Zinc may reduce viral

Looking at everything available to manage patients

Governor: Bed availability -- we suspended elective surgeries but now we are hearing health care workers are being laid off. Now that we know we currently have capacity with beds - is there a way to mitigate problems with suspending non-essential?

Dr. Campos: Volume is down. Emergent are being done but not elective. We are partnering with TMH and using alot of telemedicine. CMS approved mechanisms to treat at home where people do not have to come in and be exposed

Gov: Do you think we can allow elective surgeries?

Dr. Campos: Above my paygrade. Could be surges in some areas and hard to predict.

Governor: Thank you to both doctors for participating
DEO - 250 new call takers in place yesterday

Questions - Social Distancing