

Governor Ron DeSantis held an afternoon press conference, April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Cabinet Room to announce the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery.

- Governor highlighted the challenges we have faced in terms of the
- **These steps will exclude Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.**
  - While they are on the mend, they will be ready for Phase 1 soon.
- For the rest of the state Phase 1 will apply with an executive order overviewing the details soon to be released.

## We will be guided by certain guiding principles

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**  
for Re-Opening **LIVE**

- Public Health & Safety**  
The first priority in re-opening is maintaining the health and safety of all Floridians. Every measure taken by state and local governments, businesses, and individuals should consider the general health and safety of the public.
- Health Care System Readiness**  
Health facilities should be able to return to normal operations through a prudent approach that ensures available capacity to treat COVID-19 patients in the event of a medical surge. Health care systems also need to develop models for the sustainability of medical supplies and preservation of medical resources without the need for public augmentation of medical supplies.
- Protection of the Vulnerable**  
Targeted measures should focus on Floridians over the age of 65 and those who have serious underlying medical conditions to prevent exposure to COVID-19.
- Economic Recovery**  
The Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step plan to re-open Florida should support the highest practicable level of business operation while maintaining public health and safety, so that all Floridians can return to work and the economy can recover.

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- Protection of Civil Liberties & Maintaining Individual Rights**  
Measures taken by the government must not impair the fundamental rights of Floridians, and when restrictive measures are imposed they should be the least restrictive measures feasible to accomplish a specific medically necessary objective.
- Public Confidence**  
The Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step plan to re-open Florida must be rooted in sound medical judgement and driven by health metrics so every Floridian feels safe as they return to work and their daily activities. An effective communications strategy is critical to ensuring public confidence in the COVID-19 mitigation strategies.
- Partnership with Local Communities**  
Local communities are partners with the state as the Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step plan to re-open Florida is implemented. Florida is a geographically large and diverse state and each of our local communities has unique insight into their individual circumstances. Local communities will play an important role in the plan to re-open Florida.

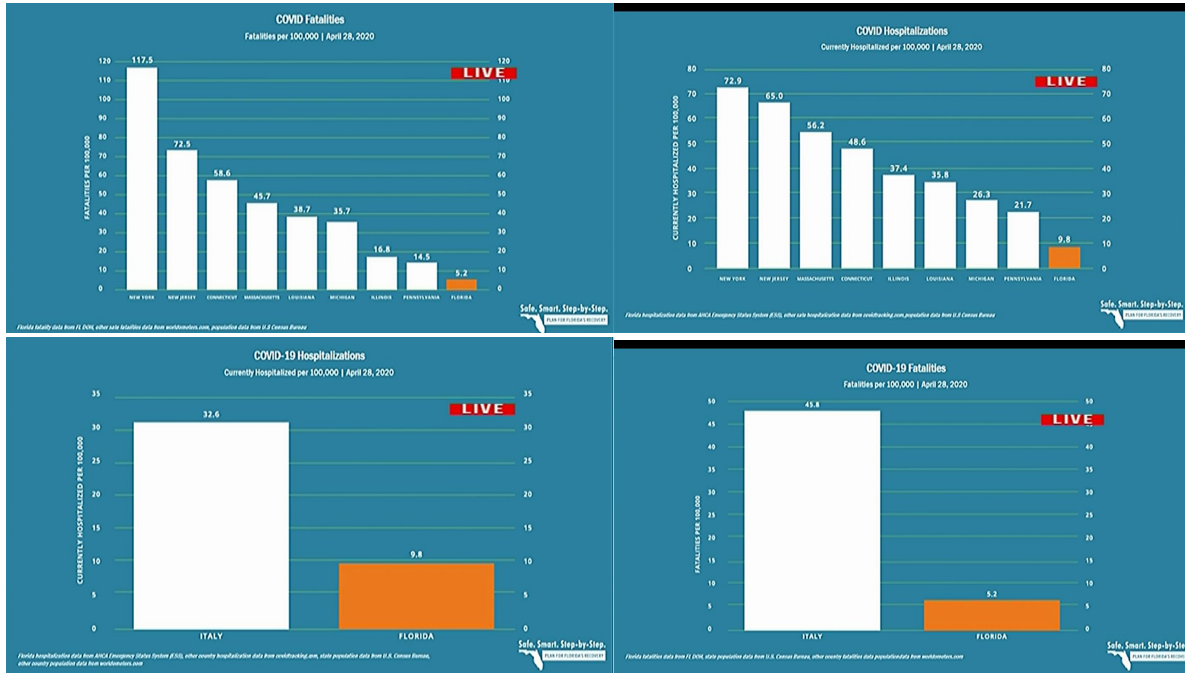
## Florida's Plan Against Covid-19

**FLORIDA'S PLAN AGAINST COVID-19** **LIVE**

1. *Protect the Vulnerable*
2. *Increase Testing*
3. *Promote Social Distancing*
4. *Support Hospitals and Protect Health Care Workers*
5. *Prevent Introduction from Outside of the State*

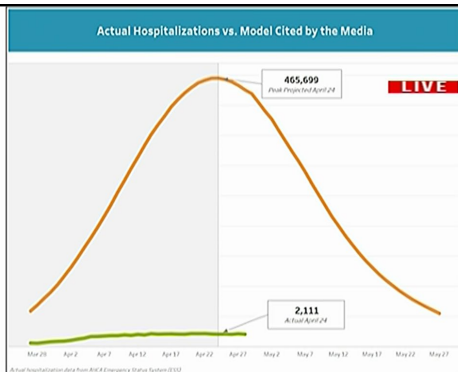
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## Focus on Facts vs. Fear



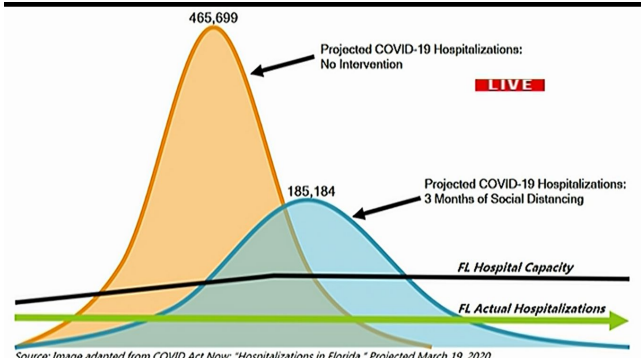
## Hospital Capacity

- Media anticipated 465,699 hospitalizations with only 37,000 beds



- Florida's ICU Bed Availability is 36.5%
- Ventilator availability is 75.5%

## Flattening the Curve

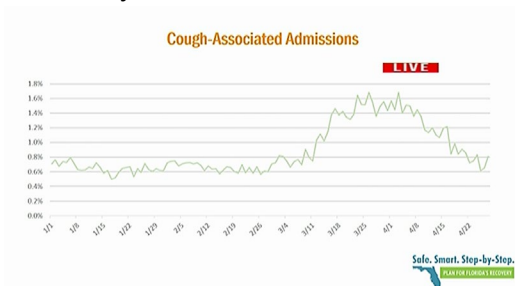


We satisfied our goal of mitigation

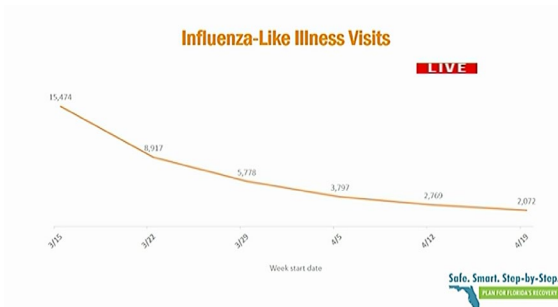
- Facts should be comforting

## State Gating Criteria

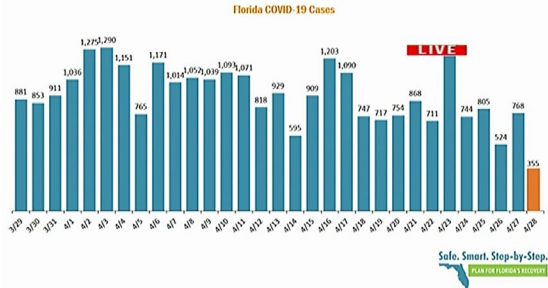
- Syndromatic Data



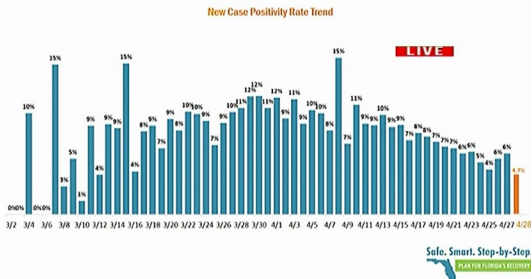
- Influenza-like Admission



- Florida Covid-19 Cases
  - The one spike toward the end was a result of results spike



- New case positivity trend
  - More important than just pure new cases because its
  - New Jersey is at 40-50% of all tests being positive
  - We settled into 10-12%



- Crisis Care
  - More beds available today than we did March 1<sup>st</sup>

ALL HOSPITAL BED AVAILABILITY						
	FLORIDA	MIAMI-DADE	BROWARD	PALM BEACH	HILLSBOROUGH	ORANGE - DUVAL
TOTAL LICENSED BEDS	68,735	9,455	6,816	4,332	4,378	4,751
TOTAL STAFFED BEDS	58,742	8,102	5,403	4,044	3,982	3,794
TOTAL AVAILABLE BEDS	22,860	2,991	1,739	1,815	1,470	1,204
AVAILABLE CAPACITY	37.55%	32.19%	32.19%	44.88%	36.92%	32.17%
HOSPITALIZATION CHANGE IN LAST 24 HRS	30	38	-12	7	4	-1
HOSPITALIZATIONS	2,131	767	324	230	41	52

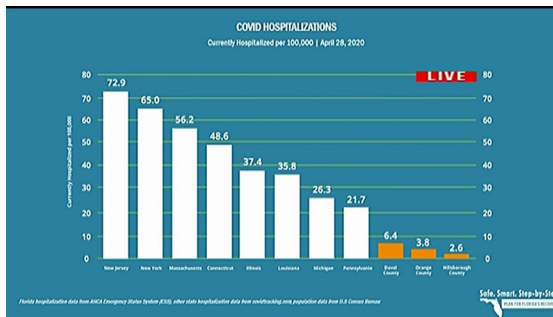
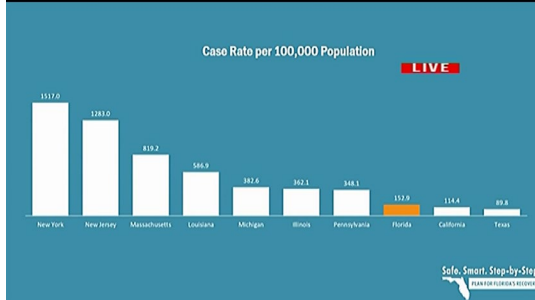
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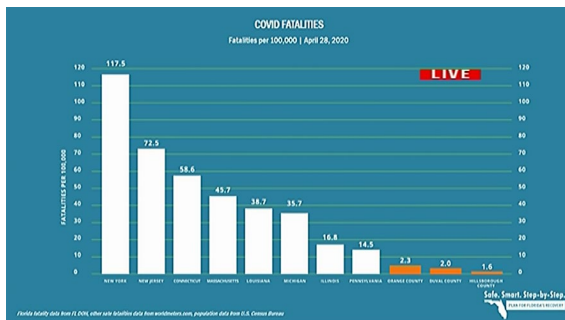
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### General Data



- I think South Florida can get to Phase 1 but if you look at some of the other areas in the state
- If you took out South Florida, we would be incredibly low, but recognized it was seeded from New York



## Long Term Care Facilities

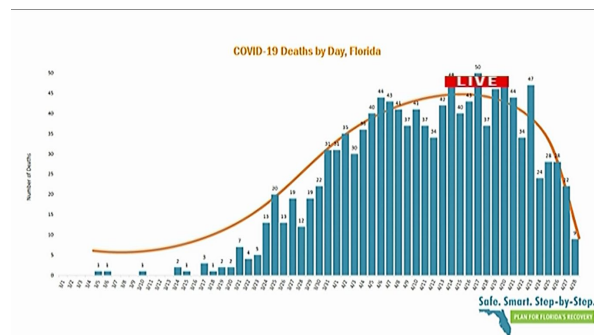
### LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

#### PROTECTING MOST VULNERABLE

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- Suspended visitation, mandated strict staff screening, and directed ALL staff that interact with residents to wear masks in long term care and residential facilities.
- Deployed Rapid Emergency Response Teams to more than 300 long term care facilities to train staff on infection controls and augment clinical patient care.
- Deployed 50 mobile testing teams with the Florida National Guard tested more than 6,000 resident and staff at facilities throughout Florida.
- Deployed 170 ambulatory assessment teams to long term care facilities that visited over 3,800 facilities to complete needs assessments.
- Directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to send PPE to ALL 697 Nursing Homes and 3,098 Assisted Living Facilities.
- To date, the Division of Emergency Management has delivered nearly 7 million masks, nearly 1 million gloves, more than 500,000 face shields, and 160,000 gowns.

- Outside of South Florida almost all of the fight has been on long-term care facilities
  - DOH strike teams
  - DEM pushed out seven million masks, half a million face shields to long-term care facilities
- Will continue to be a priority



## Testing Walk-Up

### WALK-UP TESTING SITES: 6,330 people tested

#### Focus on underserved communities

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#### CURRENTLY OPEN:

- 2 in Broward County
- 1 in Duval County
- 2 in Hillsborough County
- 1 in Leon County
- 1 in Palm Beach County
- Several Sites in Orange County that rotate day-to-day.

#### NEW:

- MIAMI-DADE - Holy Family Catholic Church opened yesterday. Focused on the Haitian community, with Creole speakers.
- PALM BEACH - Site in Riviera Beach is opening early next week.
- COLLIER COUNTY - Site in Immokalee is opening.

\*\*Total of 11 state-supported walk-up sites across the state.

- Pioneers in walk-up sites
  - 6300 tests done at walk-up sites
- Testing will be a cornerstone of Phase 1
- Drive-up sites are good, but these are important to reach underserved communities

## Drive-Thru Sites

**DRIVE THRU TESTING SITES**

**CURRENT STATE SUPPORTED SITES:**

- Miami Hard Rock
- TIAA Bank Stadium Lot J
- Orange County Convention Center
- CB Smith Park In Broward County
- Marlins Stadium
- FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches in Palm Beach County
- South County Civic Center in Delray Beach
- Raymond James Stadium

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**\*\*The state is opening five drive thru testing sites in the coming week, which will bring our total to 13 state supported drive-thrus. To date, these sites have already tested 88,000 individuals.**

**NEW STATE SUPPORTED SITES:**

- BROWARD COUNTY – The War Memorial in Fort Lauderdale is opening a site tomorrow.
- ESCAMBIA COUNTY – UWF is opening a site on Friday.
- LEE COUNTY – Early next week, we will be opening a site at the Minnesota Twins spring training stadium.
- SARASOTA/MANATEE COUNTY – We are opening a site near the University Town Center mall to serve the area. Opening early next week.
- MIAMI-DADE COUNTY – Next week, we are opening a site that can do drive-thru and walk up tests at the Miami Beach Convention Center. One side walk up, one side drive thru.

- Expanded eligibility is crucial
- Each will have capacity for 750 tests per day
- Our contracts with the high throughput labs will ensure we can get tested

**New state supported site opening at War Memorial in Fort Lauderdale tomorrow.**

## Labs

**MOBILE LABS**

- The State has secured a mobile lab that can conduct 3,500 tests per week through a deal **LIVE**
- 3,500 cartridges per week to support rapid testing – 45 minute results.
- This testing will start early next week, and we expect to have the cartridges on Tuesday.
- The State are going to use it to test long-term care facilities and will be able to get results same day.
- As testing continues, it has multiple applications – homeless, homebound, underserved populations, etc.



- 3500 cartridges for the 45 minute tests a week in a mobile testing lab
- This will allow us to target nursing homes and for healthcare workers

## Contact Tracing

**CONTACT TRACING**

- The Florida Department of Health has recruited hundreds of professors and students from universities to assist with the COVID-19 response, including contact tracing. **LIVE**
- The Florida Department of Health has more than 500 epidemiologists dedicated to responding to COVID-19, this includes 223 epidemiologists hired during the response and approximately 300 others not including the HIV, STD, TB programs.
- The schools that are contributing students for contact tracing efforts are the following:
  - FSU, USF, UF, FAMU, UCF, FIU, UM, Columbia, Nova Southeastern University, George Washington University, University of Kentucky, and Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis.



- Florida DOH has been doing this the entire time
- This early adoption has limited spread

## Florida Phase 1

- Incorporated some (not all) of the recommendations from the Task Force
  - Full report will be published today or tomorrow

**FLORIDA PHASE 1** **LIVE**

Received input and advice from prominent positions, health care system executives, small business owners, elected officials, unemployed Floridians, and law enforcement

Convened the Re-Open Florida Task Force, which produced a report with recommendations

**FLORIDA PHASE 1 (Continued)** **LIVE**

- Schools remain distance learning.
- Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited.
- Elective surgeries can resume.
- Restaurants may offer outdoor seating with six foot space between tables and indoor seating at 25% capacity.
- Retail can operate at 25% of indoor capacity.
- No change for bars, gyms, and personal services such as hair dressers.

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- Open to re-evaluate visitors at nursing homes if we have enough rapid tests
- Hospitals must have adequate PPE on hand and can handle surge capacity
  - Must also work with long-term care facilities
- Declined to re-open movie theaters even though permitted
- Outdoor seating with social distancing of tables six feet apart and 25% for indoor capacity
  - Hoping the opening of restaurants will alleviate grocery store crowds
  - Task force recommended 50% but going with 25%
- No change for bars and gyms now but will re-evaluate
- Phase one will not include hair dressers

**FLORIDA PHASE 1 (Continued)** **LIVE**

- Vulnerable individuals should avoid close contact with people outside the home.
- All individuals, when in public, should maximize physical distance from others.
- Avoid socializing in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for physical distancing.
- Face masks are recommended for all those in face-to-face interactions and where you can't social distance.

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- 93% of fatalities are 65 and older
- Most important distancing we can do is to distance from vulnerable populations
- People won't have to



## Looking at Phase 2

**FLORIDA'S NEXT STEPS**

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Key metrics to consider as we move to next steps:

- The state maintains the health benchmarks of the Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Plan
- Maintaining hospital bed capacity
- Monitoring COVID-19 test positivity rate

This does not need to take months. It will be based in our health metrics and guided by medical authorities.

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- Very data-centric to continue to look at testing and particularly the rate of positivity
- On Day 1 next week, we will have the capacity to do 30-40,000 tests a day
- Looking at people coming into hospitals

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- We did not ask to be put in this situation, but
- Goal to build a state that is healthy, safe and prosperous

## Press Questions

- Benchmarks to hit before advancing
  - We'll continue to do things step by step.
- Roadmap?
  - Three phases per White House direction, we deviated with the movie theaters and opened up restaurants more.
- South Florida
  - They wanted an exemption from this, they opened up golf, boating and parks yesterday. As I've traveled and met with medical officials who have all said we are past the peak.
- Re-evaluating steps
  - I would have to know that these steps caused any spike in cases. One of the things people should know is that there are key things with super-spreader

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related events like the funeral in Albany, Georgia. We will have to re-think how we do larger scale events.

- Gray area in businesses closed
  - Anyone under essential framework is good to go to include retail and other things. We are looking at personal services but want to do in a way that is safe.
- South Florida
  - Exempted tri-county area, but locals aren't prohibited from doing other things. Confident that this will be a good roadmap. South Florida's administrators and mayors have been excellent to work with. Believe we can get them there relatively soon in a bottom-up approach. South Florida is so crucial to Florida's future, we want to get them going.