

“In Bonita Springs and Lee County we’ve overcome a lot together. During Hurricane Irma, we were put to the test and I witnessed firsthand just how strong our community is. During this difficult time, I want to share important resource information and send some encouragement. We all must do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19. While these are difficult times, I encourage you to stay calm and get informed. If we take reasonable, proactive steps, we will overcome.” **Mayor Peter Simmons.**

Residents can find a dedicated City of Bonita Springs webpage with the most recent information regarding COVID-19 at this link: [City of Bonita Springs COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

Here you will find helpful documents about COVID-19 and what to do if you suspect you have been exposed. You will also find City of Bonita Springs Advisories informing you what steps the City is taking, with the safety and health of our community as the first consideration, as they are released. Social media feeds for the Centers for Disease Control and Lee Department of Health are also available on this page. There are resources to help us understand symptoms and self-screening as well as where to go for testing.

The Florida Department of Health updates their website twice daily at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm with new information pertaining to COVID-19 cases in Florida. The latest information obtained at 11:00 am today shows the following:

	State of Florida	Lee County
Total tests administered	15,547	305
Positive Cases	1,412	32
Negative Cases	13,127	245
Pending Cases	1,008	28



This link will take you to the Department of Health website where information is available in English

and Spanish <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>.

Here is a link to more information on how to access a daily detailed report that shows information by city, county and state <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>.

Scroll down to “Review case, monitoring and PUI Information on the latest COVID-19 Daily Report” and then click on “See the Report”. A PDF file will open with the detailed report.

The Florida Health Covid-19 Call Center is available 24/7 at 1-866-779-6121 or at COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Drive up Coronavirus Testing Site Available

A mobile collection site to test for coronavirus is open and the tent is up at the Lee Convenient Care facility near Page field. Patients must have an order from their physician or provider and make an appointment before showing up to the collection site. These requirements are necessary to maintain an orderly collection process. Patients who are experiencing symptoms and don't have a test order should call their primary care physician.

The Page Field Lee Convenient Care office is located at 4771 S Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. It's open from Noon until 4 p.m. The site will initially have the capacity to collect up to 32 specimens per day. Lee Health has plans in place to expand the hours and open additional collection sites due to demand.

The mobile site is for collection of COVID-19 samples only. The specimens will be sent to a lab for testing, which takes 3-4 days to return. The patient's provider will give the results when they are ready.

This is not the only mobile testing site open in Southwest Florida. NCH is also collecting samples. You don't need an appointment at NCH, but you still need a doctor's order. Health officials tell us not only is this convenient, but it's also safer.

Large retailers have adjusted their hours to help seniors and those most vulnerable to COVID-19. Please note and share the following special shopping hours to help seniors and those who may have compromised immune systems so they can shop during these hours. Please contact your local store for more information.



United Way 211 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. English and Spanish languages are readily available.

United Way 211 is a free 24-hour non-emergency helpline that exists to help people navigate their way through the maze of human and social service agencies in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties by providing the most adequate resources for the client's situation. For more information visit.

https://www.unitedwaylee.org/?utm_source=social&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=COVID-19

Governor Ron DeSantis Activates Emergency Business Damage Assessment Survey for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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The Business Damage Assessment Survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin.

“Gathering information about the impact COVID-19 has on Florida businesses and industries will be invaluable to the state's efforts in coordinating our response,” said Governor DeSantis. “It is important that we understand the total impact COVID-19 has on businesses to ensure that we access the resources that may be available.”

The Business Damage Assessment Survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>. Results from this survey will be shared with state agencies and local partners. Surveys submitted by small businesses can be used to access the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan,

made available for COVID-19 through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. For inquiries or assistance with the survey, businesses can contact Emergency Support Function 18 at ESF18@em.myflorida.com.

“Under Governor DeSantis’ direction, the state of Florida has maintained contact with our business partners throughout the state in order to develop a proactive response for COVID-19 business impacts,” said Florida DEO Executive Director Ken Lawson. “We need feedback from all Florida businesses to provide comprehensive information about the impacts of COVID-19 to our partners at the federal level.”

Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19 and directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Level II, to coordinate the state’s response to COVID-19. Last week, the governor issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency. For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 in Florida, please visit the Florida Department of Health’s dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the state’s dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

A message from the Bonita Springs Assistance Office:

In an ongoing effort to safeguard the health of the community, the BSAO is re-evaluating services at our agency. Our goal is to comply with the CDC protocols to stop the advance of the COVID-19.

At this time, all BSAO employees will continue to report to work as scheduled. Our agency is open, however the front door will remain locked & the lobby is closed. We are operating our food distribution only via the back door and asking the public to remain in their vehicle, present their photo ID and open their trunk in order to receive pre-bagged food and hygiene items.

We also have adult incontinence products, feminine hygiene products, and baby/infant diapers available as requested.

Our assistance is open to everyone in need - we are here to serve our community.

Our hours are 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM. Monday thru Friday. Main phone # is 239-992-3034.

We are not providing social services such as Medicaid applications, SNAP applications, or Financial Assistance.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will re-evaluate our days/hours of operations on a daily basis. We will also update our voice mail system at the end of each day with current hours/days of operations. Any further questions please call our agency or email us at info@bonitaassistance.org

To access information about Florida Bridge Loans & Small Business Administration Disaster loans for businesses impacted by COVID-19 please go to <https://leecountybusiness.com/covid-19-resources>.