



The Governor held a Press Conference at Hard Rock Stadium today, March 30, 2020, in it he shared:

Governor's Remarks

- Governor will sign an Executive Order codifying a uniform Safer at Home Order for Monroe, Dade, Broward and Palm Beach
 - 60% of the State's cases are in Southeast Florida
 - Some of the safeguards especially in Broward have been effective
 - Thanked the local counties and the federal government
- There is concern about manpower
 - Executive order to allow recently retired law enforcement and healthcare workers to return to service
- We have procured Hydroxychloroquine from Teva pharmaceuticals
 - Yesterday FDA approved for using on Covid-19
- Have deployed 45 minute test throughout Florida
 - 1750 to Memorial Healthcare
 - We have requested the 5-minute test from Abbott labs and hope to receive soon
- Testing site to open in Palm Beach County with National Guard to flood
 - Distant third in number of infections, but hope to flood the zone
- CDC travel advisory
 - We have our checkpoints on I-10 and I-95
- Monitoring cruise ship
 - We think it's a mistake to put people in southern Florida
 - Hope to have medical personnel dispatched to ship
 - We need our beds available for Florida residents
 - 30% of beds are available in Florida
 - 32.5% of beds available in Dade
 - We have field hospitals and additional beds if need be
- We will do these stay at home orders until the middle of May

Mayor Carlos Gimenez (Dade)

- Thank you to the Governor for providing uniformity in the shut down
- He said the reason that we are not operating at the highest level of activation is because a total shutdown for months would cripple supply lines
- A curfew is not necessary at this point
- If businesses are not adhering to social distancing, we will shut them down
- Each county may vary in what essential businesses are but the uniform theme from the four counties is that you are safer at home

Mayor Dale Holness (Broward)

- Facing unprecedented times, but this extraordinary effort has been ongoing for some time
- We're working with great uniformity



- Thanked the federal government for signing \$2 trillion package which helps small businesses and low wage workers who are taking the brunt of this crisis
- Mentioned the SBA loans, bridge loans and the unemployment website of Floridajobs.org to get help
- Re-iterated importance of washing hands

Mayor Dave Kerner (Palm Beach)

- Comforting to be here with the Governor, county mayors and county administrators working together
- These testing sites are testaments to our commitments to protecting first responders and our residents
- Remember to think every time you abide by the guidelines, its not just an investment in your family, but also in our first responders
- Our community should take comfort in our working together with each other and the State

Mayor Heather Carruthers

- Thank you to the administrators for working together with this
- Important to travel up here for this to highlight that this virus knows no boundaries
- Thrilled to have these four counties working together
- While each county will be different, the goal is to be safer at home
- Marinas and hotels are closed
- Have a checkpoint that if you don't live and work in the keys, it's a reminder to be safer at home
- When you do go out, stay six feet away and be mindful of surfaces
- Thank the other mayors and governor for their leadership

Governor Ron DeSantis

- Everyday we combat this virus it is crucial
- Private sector has responded to this extraordinarily over the last month
- Have to believe it was here during the Super Bowl
- We learn more everyday

Press Questions

- Why the focus on South Florida?
 - We view the Southeast Florida region as the epicenter of this because of the international travel and we have issued orders previously
- How long does it take to order PPE to get it into the hands of providers?
 - That's the million dollar question, its really cut throat to get the supplies. We're looking into the FDA approval process for cleaning the PPE. This 45 minute test will be game changing for the workforce
- Conserving PPE?

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- We suspended non-essential medical procedures to have hospital beds, conserving PPE is most important. Governor wasn't in the room for his baby's delivery to conserve PPE
- Testing in other parts of the County?
 - We're looking at ramping up the Marlins Park area for the Southern part of the county. We understand that it's a large county that has had a dearth of testing. If we had unlimited PPE and rapid testing it would be a huge gamechanger for us.
- Cruise ship
 - I don't support the ship. We met with cruise ships weeks ago and the Vice President said we won't totally shut you down, but you need to make it safe. We don't want to take away resources from Floridians. The White House should give an answer sometime today and try to divert it.
 - Holness- we have yet to receive the request to berth. What the priority is to safeguard the people of Florida. The possibility of treating people on the ship is one that has to be seriously considered. We will be meeting as a commission tomorrow at 10 to discuss. We have a unified command at the Port with coast guard, CDC and others. The determination will be made tomorrow.
- Senior living facilities
 - When we get the Abbott labs test, the first thing we're doing is going to our senior living facilities to test residents and staff. When we get the rapid tests, we can liberalize visitation restrictions. With the Broward and Jacksonville centers, its important to know we are spot checking with the Agency for Healthcare Administration but there are a few that are not up to the standard they should be
- Public reporting
 - We are posting as soon as we get the information, while someone may have tested four days ago, we are posting as soon as possible. More important is identifying trends and seeing how its impacting the hospitals and healthcare system and individuals.
- Access to press conference
 - You have to ask staff I'm doing everything I can to make myself accessible
- Testing
 - When we got involved and worked with the locals we were able to test much more rapidly than when the CDC did it. The manufacturers are looking to the White House on how to distribute, he asked the President personally to let them come to Florida. We're in much better shape than we were just a month ago.
- Having the baby
 - The Governor talked about how surreal it was to be in the hospital with all this going on. But the baby is sleeping well and healthy.
- Testing
 - Jacksonville has so few people that they opened up to anyone who has symptoms. We're working with the CDC to do spot sentinel testing in the same way that they do flu testing to see trends and how it spreads. This will be more of a federal deal. Realizing you can't do this shutdown indefinitely, and while things may look different, this sentinel testing will go a long way.