



Governor DeSantis:

- Testing
 - Set up 7 new testing sites
 - Working with hospitals on getting testing machines sent around to areas that are in need
 - Directed DOH to develop strike teams to go to assisted living facilities
- Healthcare workers
 - Pleased with Director Moskowitz, this has been the largest logistical operation in state's history
 - Distributed 3 million masks
 - 4.2 million gloves
 - Over 400,000 gowns
- Masks
 - Smart to wear masks in grocery stores
- Convention Center
 - Working with Army Corps of Engineers in the last fifteen days
 - We looked around the state to spread hospital capacity strategically
 - This facility will open with 400 hospital beds with an additional 50 ICU beds
 - Capability to expand up to 1000 beds depending on need
 - Staffed by 184 members of National Guard Medical including
 - 10 physicians
 - 10 PAs
 - 25 EMTs
 - 5 case managers
 - 5 social workers
 - This will be a facility to accept COVID overflow
 - Thanks to General Seminole and the entire Army Corps for stepping up
 - In addition setting up 200 beds at Old Pan American hospital and another 250 beds in a field hospital
 - This is to supplement what is already there
- Field hospitals
 - Four field hospitals
 - One set up in Broward
 - Another ready in Palm Beach
 - Two field hospitals ready to be deployed in the northeast or southwest of Florida
 - 4300 hospital beds
 - 150 ICU
 - 451 nurses
 - 15 NP's

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- 14 doctors under contract
- Hospital Capacity
 - Availability statewide is 43%
 - Dade 43%
 - Broward 46%
 - Palm Beach 49%
 - We have capacity, but we have to prepare for a surge without knowing what it may look like

Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Army Corps of Engineers

- Have been working in Florida for almost a hundred years doing beach nourishment, everglades restoration and other projects
- Nothing more noble than what we are doing now
- Today, the Army Corps works for the Governor in partnership with the Mayors and communities
- Developed a few weeks ago a standard plan for what a facility would look like
- Building 17 facilities, putting 15,000 beds in the ground
- Just finished Detroit, New York and Chicago
- Learned best way to do nurse's station, patient discharge, etc. and implementing
- How do we bring in oxygen or showers? All lessons learned
- Very excited to work with this great team
- Colonel Jackson is focused on getting this done who is the Jacksonville leader
- This is a three week build, but we need this up in running by the night of April 20th
- Need to get ready for the first patient
- Understand while this will be Florida specific, we are activating the entire nationwide network of Army Corps members to get this done

Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Miami-Dade County

- Thank you to the Corps and the Governor
- The goal is to be ready if and when this is needed
- The Corps asked if they had a 500,000 square facility and this was the top one identified
- The hope is that this is never needed but it will be ready
- We believe we have enough ventilators and capacity, but this facility provides a great backstop

Mayor Dan Gelber, City of Miami Beach

- Thank you to everyone for their assistance
- If you had any city of America not built for social distancing, it is Miami Beach
- We are built in a way to have celebrations and social interaction

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- We have adopted every CDC guideline as it has happened
- We are resourceful and will do anything we can do to help
- This is Pride Week and we expected to have 10's of thousands of people visiting our community so we made pride masks to show our support
- We are preparing for the worst and praying for the best
- Everyone needs to lean into these countermeasures

Press Questions

- Lines at places for people to get paper unemployment application
 - Gov DeSantis-Social distancing is important. We are trying to beef up online, but for places that are handing out paper applications, we need to adhere to social distancing guidelines whether it is people in their cars getting applications. We have 2000 employees we are surging in from other agencies. Recognizing so many people lost their jobs due to no fault of their own, we need to do everything, but we need to adhere to social distancing.
 - Mayor Gimenez- Miami Dade opened 26 libraries for the purpose of assisting people to fill out application
- Retroactive
 - Gov DeSantis-The law says it is when people filed, but Director Lawson is looking at ways to make it from when an individual applies
- Face Masks
 - Mayor Gimenez-Something we will be discussing in our staff meetings, we are looking at ways to do facial covering when they are in a confined space
- Hospital Capacity
 - Gov DeSantis- Our capacity is there, but since numbers are changing regularly, we are just trying to be ready. We have a field hospital up and running now.
- Unemployment Benefits
 - Gov DeSantis- We know the federal funding may not be available in the near future. The fed's share is more significant than what we have in federal law but we are trying to do what we can to get the money to people.
- Life after the virus?
 - Gov DeSantis- have been talking to the White House and others about what this looks like moving forward after the worst of the virus is over. With the advent of testing, it will be important to embed the testing in international travel and other aspects of life. We are going to want to have people function in society, but we will need to build in protections, particularly for travel.
- FL DOH
 - Gov DeSantis- I challenge you to find another state that is providing the numbers as transparent as we are. We now break out data by race and ethnicity. Our work

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with UF Shands, we are supporting with our supplies, to allow investigate the public housing communities. We have drive-thru testing centers open for everyone. While that information may not be getting to lower socioeconomic individuals, it is important to know they are open to everyone.

- Models
 - Mayor Gimenez- this is not exponential; it is growing linear. The linear growth we can handle, but an exponential growth would be difficult. The delta between those leaving and entering the hospital.
 - Gov DeSantis- while there are other states with more positives, they have way fewer negatives. We are looking at the models every day as the data comes in. Overall in hospital admissions, we have a negative delta of 44 statewide, Broward negative two, Dade negative 30. It is important not only for hospital capacity but also for trends. Since 60% of our cases are in the tri-county area, we are diverting most of our resources here.
- PPE
 - Gov DeSantis- biggest problem is the N95 masks, we ordered at the beginning of March, but have not had the deliveries we anticipated. The suspension of elective services really went a long way to preserving PPE.
 - Director Moskowitz- state operations warehouse operating 24 hours a day. Federal guidelines will allow KN95s in certain circumstances. 3M will make 55 million masks a month available to the US. We are competing against everyone but Antarctica for masks.
 - Gov DeSantis- I am in contact with the White House daily and what the President has said is that if you can buy it, buy it and we will reimburse.