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About

The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC), in conjunction with Florida Department of Health (DOH) and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), are closely monitoring developments associated with COVID-19. FDC is prepared to handle any potential cases of COVID-19 within the state-operated correctional institutions in Florida.

FDC is closely aligned with the CDC Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/community-correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html).

FDC is committed to providing accurate data regarding the number of positive COVID-19 cases within the inmate population in the correctional institutions and within the employee sector that has contact with the inmate or offender population. These numbers are updated frequently on our website.

Press Releases

- FDC Responds to COVID-19 at Sumter Correctional Institution (press/Main/04-19-Sumter.html) April 19, 2020
- UPDATE - FDC Responds to COVID-19 at Tampa Correctional Institution (press/Main/04-19-Tampa.html) April 19, 2020
- FDC and PRIDE Begin Production of Cloth Face Coverings (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-19-Pride.html) April 11, 2020
- A Second Response to Families (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-19-Second.html) April 10, 2020
- FDC Schedules Visitation Suspension at Correctional Institutions Statewide (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-09-Visit.html) April 10, 2020
- Department of Health Launches New COVID-19 Community Action Survey (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-09-Health.html) April 3, 2020
- FDC Resumes Inmate Intakes, Establishes Protocols to Protect Population (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-03-Intake.html) April 3, 2020
- PRIDE Inmates Receive Production of Non-Needle Supplies (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/03-30-PRIDE.html) March 30, 2020
- Sacramento Hearings to Families (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/03-28-Sacramento.html) March 28, 2020
- UPDATE - FDC Public Announcement: Comprehensive Communication Goals (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/03-10-Covid-Support.html) April 10, 2020

To see more COVID-19 FDC Press Releases and Announcements, please visit our Newsroom (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/comm/index.html).

COVID-19 Statistics

Updated: 4/23/20 10:00 a.m.	COVID-19 Inmate Status Information										Staff Status	
	Facility	Security Quarantine	Medical Quarantine	Medical Isolation	Pending Tests	Negative Tests	Positive Tests	Positive Tests	Positive Tests	Positive Tests		
	Analostee, CI (/civ/01.html)	0	14	0	0	9	0	7				
	Avon Park, CI (/civ/02.html)	1	360	2	2	2	0	0				
	Baker, CI (/civ/03.html)	5	0	0	0	1	0	0				
	Bay, CF (/civ/12.html)	3	62	0	0	1	0	1				
	Operator by The GEO Group Inc. *	0	503	8	8	9	43	10				
	Bidewater, CF (/civ/05.html)											
	Calhoun, CI (/civ/06.html)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Cantata, CI (/civ/08.html)	7	0	1	1	0	0	1				
	CFSC, CI (/civ/20.html)	236	0	0	0	2	0	0				
	Charlotte, CI (/civ/09.html)	2	2	0	0	0	0	1				
	Chula Vista, CI (/civ/20.html)	66	49	0	0	1	0	1				
	Cross, CI (/civ/21.html)	8	0	0	0	3	0	1				
	Dade, CI (/civ/04.html)	14	0	0	0	1	0	1				
	Dade, CI (/civ/04.html)	11	0	0	0	0	0	1				
	Dade, Annex, CI (/civ/04.html)	14	0	0	0	0	0	1				
	Escambia, CI (/civ/09.html)	2	0	0	0	1	0	1				
	Florida State Prison, CI (/civ/02.html)	8	64	1	1	2	0	1				
	FWSC, CI (/civ/08.html)	70	0	0	0	0	0	2				
	Franklin, CI (/civ/13.html)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Gateway, CF (/civ/11.html)	1	60	0	0	1	1	9				
	Operator by The GEO Group Inc. *	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
	Gulf, CI (/civ/10.html)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				
	Hammock, CI (/civ/21.html)	1	0	0	0	0	6	0				
	Hardee, CI (/civ/06.html)	11	0	0	0	1	0	0				
	Hernando, CI (/civ/09.html)	2	0	0	0	2	0	2				
	Holmes, CI (/civ/07.html)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Holmes, CI (/civ/07.html)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0				
	Holmes, CI (/civ/07.html)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0				
	Jackson, CI (/civ/04.html)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4				
	Jackson, CI (/civ/04.html)	2	0	0	0	0	5	0				
	Lake, CI (/civ/12.html)	6	0	0	0	2	0	0				
	Lake, CI (/civ/12.html)	3	0	0	0	2	0	1				
	Operator by Corrections *	1	0	0	0	2	0	0				
	Lancaster, CI (/civ/20.html)	2	0	0	0	0	5	0				
	Lauderdale, CI (/civ/25.html)	2	0	0	0	0	5	0				
	Liberty, CI (/civ/10.html)	1	0	0	0	1	0	1				
	Lewis, CI (/civ/14.html)	9	0	1	1	0	0	0				
	Madison, CI (/civ/21.html)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0				
	Marion, CI (/civ/04.html)	3	0	0	0	0	5	0				
	Marion, CI (/civ/04.html)	28	0	0	0	0	8	1				
	Maya, Annex, CI (/civ/04.html)	2	0	0	0	1	0	0				
	Maya, Annex, CI (/civ/04.html)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Operator by The GEO Group Inc. *	2	49	1	1	1	0	1				
	MEFSC, CI (/civ/10.html)	90	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Okaloosa, CI (/civ/10.html)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1				
	Okaloosa, CI (/civ/10.html)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Polk, CI (/civ/08.html)	9	1	0	0	1	0	1				
	Putnam, CI (/civ/24.html)	1	0	0	0	0	2	0				
	Putnam, CI (/civ/24.html)	7	0	0	0	3	0	0				
	Santa Rosa, CI (/civ/19.html)	5	0	1	1	4	0	2				
	SEFSC, CI (/civ/02.html)	65	144	1	1	13	2	5				
	South Bay, CI (/civ/05.html)	3	802	1	1	3	6	21				
	Operator by The GEO Group Inc. *	4	736	4	4	12	44	4				
	Sumter, CI (/civ/07.html)	14	0	1	1	0	0	0				
	Swansee, CI (/civ/20.html)	2	0	0	0	0	5	0				
	Taylor, CI (/civ/10.html)	2	0	0	0	0	3	0				
	Tampa, CI (/civ/02.html)	4	1076	55	55	34	47	7				
	Union, CI (/civ/21.html)	4	0	0	0	0	4	0				
	Walke, CI (/civ/11.html)	4	0	0	0	1	0	4				
	Walke, CI (/civ/11.html)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				
	Zephyrhills, CI (/civ/07.html)	3	0	0	0	11	0	4				
	Community Corrections Region 1 (/civ/region1.html)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0				
	Community Corrections Region 2 (/civ/region2.html)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3				
	Community Corrections Region 3 (/civ/region3.html)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3				
	Community Corrections Region 4 (/civ/region4.html)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1				
	Totals	723	3942	77	77	188	144	110				

*For follow up information, please contact the Department of Management Services, who manages private prison contracts.

Phase notes: Inmates move in and out of security quarantine, medical quarantine, and medical isolation on a continual basis, based on direction from FDC health services staff. These statistics are updated every day and are a snapshot of the situation at the time the information was reported. Changes in these statistics that occur later the same day will be reflected in the next daily update.

Security Quarantine column refers to the number of inmates who have been separated because they have been recently transferred to the correctional facility. These inmates are asymptomatic and entering the facility from outside court, a community/work release center, county jail, etc. Security quarantine is a precautionary measure. Medical staff monitor these inmates to ensure no inmates show symptoms of illness. At the conclusion of security quarantine, inmates are moved to the general population.

Medical Quarantine column refers to the number of inmates who have been separated because they have had close contact with a person who has tested positive or exhibited symptoms of an infectious illness, to determine whether they develop symptoms. All inmates in medical quarantine are monitored by health services staff and receive temperature checks twice a day for signs of fever. If an inmate begins experiencing symptoms indicative of COVID-19, FDC will place the inmate in medical isolation and immediately engage the county health department.

Medical Isolation column refers to the number of inmates who have been separated because they are suspected or presenting symptoms of an infectious illness. To prevent contact with others and reduce the risk of transmission, these inmates are placed in medical isolation and are tested for COVID-19.

Pending column refers to the number of inmates who have been administered a COVID-19 test and are waiting for results. These inmates are either in medical isolation or medical quarantine.

Negative column refers to the number of inmates who have been administered a COVID-19 test and have received a negative result. These inmates are placed in an appropriate housing status based on their care and custody requirements.

Positive column refers to the number of inmates who have been administered a COVID-19 test and have received a positive result. These inmates are in medical isolation and are under the care of their treating clinician. All inmates are receiving the appropriate level of care based on their individual treatment needs. This could include inmates who are being treated by an outside medical provider. These inmates will remain in medical isolation until they are recovered. Once recovered, these inmates will be moved into appropriate housing based on their care and custody requirements.

FDC has 145 facilities statewide, including 50 correctional institutions, seven private partner facilities, 17 annexes, 34 work camps, three re-entry centers, 12 FDC-operated work release centers, 18 private work release centers, two road prisons, one forestry camp and one base training camp.

Information on Testing

FDC's testing practices closely align with recommendations from the CDC and current treatment protocols established by the Florida Department of Health.

If an inmate begins experiencing symptoms indicative of COVID-19 they will be placed in medical isolation. All inmates in medical isolation are tested for COVID-19 and are monitored by health services staff.

Sample testing of asymptomatic inmates in medical quarantine that are elderly, have a compromised immune system and/or preexisting medical condition are being conducted.

Information on Inmate COVID-19 Deaths

Updated: 4/23/20 10:00 a.m.

COVID-19 Related Inmate Deaths: 4

FDC is releasing information on deaths of inmates who tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of the cause of death. The Florida Department of Health defines a COVID-19 related death as a person who has died following a positive COVID-19 test. FDC is not releasing information that would lead to the identification of individuals due to privacy concerns. Because of the current availability of records, additional identifying information regarding COVID-19 related deaths is prohibited from release.

The district Medical Examiner is required to determine the cause of death for any person who dies in a prison or penal institution, and that determination is releasable by the Medical Examiner.

Information Regarding Correctional Institution Staff

In order to protect the personal health information of these individuals, FDC will not identify the name or occupation of the employees at these facilities. Staff listed above may be employed by FDC or one of its contractors. Any employee who is symptomatic, or who has tested positive for COVID-19, will not be allowed entry to a correctional institution. The employee will be allowed to return to work until a full recovery is documented by a medical professional and DOH and CDC guidelines are followed. Additional questions regarding these individuals (gender, age, travel status) should be directed to the Florida DOH.

If a staff member presents with any symptoms of illness, they have been instructed not to report to work and contact their health care provider.

Information on Offenders on Probation

Offenders living in the community will not be included in this reporting. If an offender on community supervision tests positive for COVID-19, they will work directly with their probation officer on reporting requirements.

FDC Response to Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Cases

FDC's Office of Health Services, Institutional Medical Staff and Institutional Operations staff work hand-in-hand with the Florida DOH to quickly engage and resolve infectious disease outbreaks as soon as they occur. FDC's primary goal is ensuring the health, safety and security of FDC staff and the inmates in our care and custody.

If an inmate presents to medical with symptoms indicative of COVID-19, medical staff will place the inmate in medical isolation, pending DOH testing.

With every potential and/or positive case of COVID-19, FDC works closely with the local health department to conduct a trace-back contact investigation and determine if additional staff or inmates need to be tested due to close contact risk factors. This investigation will also determine the need to place inmates on varying levels of restricted movement.

Staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will not return to work until a full recovery is documented by a medical professional and DOH and CDC guidelines are followed.

If it is determined that a COVID-19 positive employee has not had contact with the inmate population, the inmate will not be placed in medical quarantine.

Symptomatic inmates will be placed in medical isolation, and FDC will immediately engage with the county health department. The county health department will make a determination on testing.

The inmate will not be allowed to move in and out of their dormitories until they have been medically cleared by an outside medical provider.

Only essential staff will be allowed to enter the institution and no inmates will transfer in or out.

While inmates are in medical quarantine, they still have access to washrooms, showers and medical care. Meals are provided to the inmates within their housing units.

FDC COVID-19 Action Items

- FDC has a plan in place and dedicated staff members trained in the prevention and containment of infectious diseases.
- FDC's Office of Health Services coordinates with the Florida DOH for guidance on any type of outbreak and is closely monitoring new information as it is disseminated from Florida DOH (http://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html).
- FDC initiated a Incident Command System in response to COVID-19.
- FDC Community Corrections officers are working with offenders on supervision to adjust reporting schedules to minimize congregating at probation offices and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Following the State of Emergency issued in response to COVID-19 in Florida, FDC suspended visitation at all correctional institutions statewide. See <https://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-09-Visit.html>.
- FDC has partnered with vendors to provide some complementary phone and video visitation services. See [press release \(https://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/03-12-Covid-Support.html\)](https://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/03-12-Covid-Support.html).
- Anyone entering a correctional institution will be screened in accordance with Federal, State and Department guidelines.
- Program services with social distancing guidelines, as recommended by the CDC, program services have been temporarily adjusted, to include academic education, career and technical education, substance use treatment and inmate chaplaincy services.
- Inmate dining will be adjusted to stagger seating and meal times to maximize social distancing.
- Medical co-pays for inmates who are experiencing flu-like or respiratory symptoms are being waived. Inmates are never denied medical treatment for the ability to pay a co-pay.
- Outside inmate work squads have been restricted. FDC will continue to coordinate efforts with FDOT.
- All non-critical inmate transfers have been suspended.
- New inmate commitments from county jails go through additional screening and 14-day quarantine before placement within general population. More information [here \(http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-03-Intake.html\)](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/commpress/main/04-03-Intake.html).
- Volunteer activities have been suspended statewide.
- All Community Release Centers have suspended furloughs for inmates, in order to limit the inmate population's exposure to the public.
- Education has been provided to staff and inmates to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Precautions are in place at facilities to protect inmates and staff from exposure to flu or any other respiratory illness; preventive measures are being followed per CDC recommendations (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/preparation.html).

Frequently Asked Questions

The well-being of all who live and work in an FDC institution is of the utmost importance to FDC. Many measures are in place to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19.

FDC is closely aligned with CDC Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/community-correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html).

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What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?	-
Isolation separates people who have or are showing potential symptoms of a contagious disease or virus, from people who do not.	
Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease or virus to see if they become sick.	
What is a contact investigation?	+
Will persons be equipped with sanitizing stations for inmates?	+
Will inmates be allowed to use hand sanitizer?	+
Have you tested any inmates?	+
Have there been any COVID-19 infections in the Florida prison system?	+
What is the plan if there is an infection?	+
Are correctional officers being screened?	+
Are correctional officers taking any precautions?	+
Are staff and inmates being given necessary supplies in order to protect themselves?	+
What are Florida correctional institutions doing to prevent the spread of coronavirus?	+
Are inmates being identified who may have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19? What steps have been taken to isolate inmates?	+
What steps are taken to ensure inmates receive testing?	+
Does FDC or DOH have adequate testing capacity?	+
How is the FDC ensuring adequate officer staffing in the event that a large amount of officers fall positive?	+
Are you providing COVID-19 testing?	+
What happens if an inmate tests positive?	+
Will FDC be releasing inmates early?	+