

Governor Desantis issued a press release at 10 am this morning regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). Currently, there are no known cases in Florida. Information specific to Florida is available at www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus also has information available.

The best way to help avoid the spread of respiratory illnesses (like the flu and Coronavirus) is to practice the following simple steps:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow, not your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact, kissing, hugging, and sharing cups, food, or eating utensils with others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, handrails, and keyboards.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- If you have asthma, follow your asthma care plan, and call your doctor if you are sick.
- Get a flu vaccine.

District staff have already been in contact and are working with the health department, emergency management, and others at the state level. If anything changes, I will be sure to pass the information along to you. Mr. Juarez from the health department also wanted me to assure everyone that they have planned, prepared, and practiced for any epidemic that may arise. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thanks,
Danny