



SUNCOAST COVID-19 Response

AMPLIFYING WHAT WORKS

Charlotte
DeSoto
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Sarasota

What is this communication, and why am I receiving it?

The Suncoast region has been learning and evolving in step with the COVID-19 global pandemic for a year now. Through the COVID-19 Response initiative at The Patterson Foundation, this weekly Amplify communication aims to weave together what works in each of the counties for a healthier and more thriving Suncoast. You're receiving this message because you've been identified as a community advocate, and we hope you'll share these stories and messages far and wide in your network.

Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of March 15, 2021

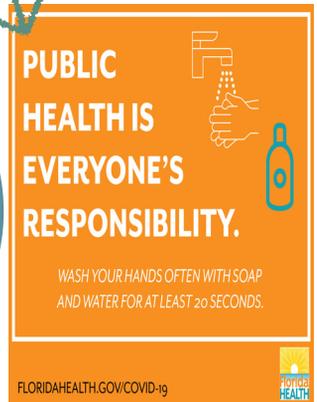
COUNTY	% Pop. Tested Positive	% Pop. Completed Vaccine Treatment
Charlotte	5.58%	12.32%
DeSoto	10.01%	6.54%
Manatee	7.89%	8.72%
Sarasota	6.23%	13.45%

Our goal is to share the bottom line data and why they matter in the Suncoast. The first column is the percentage of the population who have tested positive – according to the CDC, communities should strive for less than 3%. The second column is the percentage of the population in each county who have either received both doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson – signifying a “complete treatment.”

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SPOTLIGHT STORY

Volunteers Help Keep COVID-19 Vaccine Flowing in Sarasota County

About 50 people are required to staff each vaccination clinic the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County holds in the largely empty remnants of the Sarasota Square Mall. Roughly half of those who show up to administer vaccines, check people in, and corral those getting vaccinated are volunteers. More than 160 people have signed up to volunteer through the health department to help Sarasota County residents receive their vaccines. Volunteers have worked more than 5,000 hours since vaccine administration began. “That’s how beautiful our community is,” said Edith Richman, volunteer coordinator for the Sarasota health department. “Every day, I have new volunteer applications, and a current volunteer probably referred them.”

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Please forward this to your network, and when you have stories about overcoming and thriving during COVID-19, please send them to Abby Rolland at:

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