



SUNCOAST

AMPLIFYING WHAT WORKS
COVID-19 RESPONSE

Charlotte
DeSoto
Manatee
Sarasota

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.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: "DON'T DELAY CARE"

By Tom McDougal
CEO Manatee Memorial Hospital



The safety of our patients, physicians, staff, and community has always been and remains our top priority at Manatee Memorial Hospital. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have implemented extraordinary measures and additional protocols, including mandatory masking in our facilities, to help ensure a safe and clean environment. We continue to actively monitor and respond to all recommendations made by the CDC and our local health agencies.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, my concern has been patients delaying care which puts their health at risk. I would like to encourage anyone that has delayed a physician appointment during this pandemic to please schedule one, today. Your health is important, and you must not delay care. Individuals experiencing serious injuries or medical symptoms such as chest pain, numbness, difficulty breathing, or mental confusion should call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency department. It could save your life. Our Emergency Care Center is here 24/7 to serve those with urgent and emergency medical conditions. Our rooms are private and have Indigo-Clean lights for continuous protection from possible infectious germs. We have an additional layer of protection with the utilization of UV light technology that kills germs once a room is unoccupied. Curtains and doors are kept closed and patients are separated based on symptoms.

Please know that we are here ... safe, trusted, and ready to deliver a superior healthcare experience.

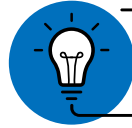
Participating in Outdoor and Indoor Activities

If you want to spend time with people who don't live with you, outdoors is the safer choice! You are less likely to be exposed to COVID-19 during outdoor activities, even without the use of masks. Read why being outside is a safer choice [here](#).

COVID Friendly Events

With the return of more bearable weather across the Suncoast region and the holidays looming close around the corner, many of us are looking to find safe activities to partake in. One group making safe activities known within Sarasota County is #SafeArtsSarasota. Recently, the group announced health and safety protocols participating organizations are uniformly implementing to keep their visitors safe. To review their protocols and to see participating organizations, click [here](#).

In other counties, outdoor events, activities, and celebrations are a great way to safely experience all the Suncoast region has to offer.



DID YOU KNOW?

According to the CDC, COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors. Studies show that people are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 when they are closer than 6 feet apart from others for longer periods of time.

Graphic:
You can download this image [here](#).



Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of November 15, 2021

COUNTY	7 Day Rolling Ave. of Daily New Cases	Trend	last wk:	*A Population 5+ with at Least One Vaccination Dose
Charlotte	11	🔴	10	70%
DeSoto	3	🟡	3	53%
Manatee	24	🔴	22	64%
Sarasota	22	🟡	22	72%

*Please note, the percentage vaccinated column now reflects the percentage of 5+ individuals vaccinated.

- 🟢 Denotes a positive trend
- 🟡 Denotes a trend that remained the same
- 🔴 Denotes a trend heading in the wrong direction

The measures we are continually taking are working! Each of us must continue to do our part to get back to normal. Encourage your family, friends, stakeholders, clients, and others to continue to get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is the best protection against COVID-19. Let's keep our community's numbers heading in the right direction!

CONTACT US

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

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