



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.

Holiday Traditions

Holiday traditions are important for families and children. There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible. Here are safer ways to celebrate Thanksgiving:

Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination such as young children by getting yourself and other eligible people around them vaccinated.

- Wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
- Get [tested](#) if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- If you will be traveling in a group or family with unvaccinated people, choose safer travel options.
- If you are considering traveling, visit CDC's [Travel](#) page to help you decide what is best for you and your family. CDC still recommends delaying travel until you are [fully vaccinated](#).

By working together, we can enjoy safer holidays, travel, and protect our own health as well as the health of our family and friends. Learn more [here](#).

Patient Safety for COVID-19 Comes First, Six Suncoast Health Care Facilities Receive an "A" Grade

When deciding which HealthCare Facility to seek care from (if one must make such a decision), knowing your safety comes first should be a top priority especially during COVID-19. [Doctors Hospital of Sarasota](#), [Lakewood Ranch Medical Center](#), DeSoto Memorial Hospital, [Sarasota Memorial Hospital](#), [Venice Regional Bayfront Health](#), and [Englewood Community Hospital](#) were recently awarded a hospital safety grade of "A" in the 2021 report from [The Leapfrog Group](#).

The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. Leapfrog rates hospitals using The Hospital Safety Grade, which evaluates how well hospitals protect patients from errors, injuries, infections, and their overall levels of safety.

Getting care as early as possible during COVID-19, if you are experiencing any medical symptoms could mean the difference between life and death. Knowing these six hospitals are in our region and are focused on patient safety should ease your fears of accessing hospital care. With these "A" grades during COVID-19 you know safety is their number one priority.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk. Learn more [here](#).

Graphic: You can find this graphic [here](#).



Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of November 22, 2021

COUNTY	7 Day Rolling Ave. of Daily New Cases	*A Population 5+ with at Least One Vaccination Dose
Charlotte	13	last wk: 11 71%
DeSoto	2	last wk: 3 54%
Manatee	22	last wk: 24 65%
Sarasota	26	last wk: 22 73%

*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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