



## **Florida Department of Health Announces New Positive COVID-19 Case in Florida**

*Florida Department of Health Issues Advisory for Individuals who have Recently Travelled Through Port Everglades in Broward County*

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 10, 2020

#### **Contact:**

Communications Office

[NewsMedia@flhealth.gov](mailto:NewsMedia@flhealth.gov)

(850) 245-4111

**TALLAHASSEE** — The Florida Department of Health has announced a new positive case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Florida. To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the virus, the Department is issuing regular updates as information becomes available.

#### **New Positive Case**

- A 69-year old female in Broward County has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is isolated and will remain isolated until cleared by public health officials.

#### **Advisory on Port Everglades**

- The Department, through an extensive epidemiological investigation, identified this new case as the third positive case of COVID-19 associated with Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. Further, all three cases are connected to or employed by Metro Cruise Services – a company that operates at Port Everglades.
- The Florida Department of Health recommends all individuals experiencing symptoms who have recently travelled through Port Everglades to immediately contact their County Health Department or health care provider and self-isolate for 14 Days.
- The Department also recommends employees of Metro Cruise Services at Port Everglades with any association to these cases self-isolate at home.
- The Department is working to connect with all employees at Metro Cruise Services who may have come into contact with the three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to provide the employees with the appropriate guidance and monitoring.

- The department is working in close consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this investigation.
- The CDC recommends that individuals with recent travel history on a cruise to monitor their health for 14 days and, if they develop symptoms, to immediately self-isolate and contact their County Health Department or health care provider.
- Please call the state of Florida's 24/7 hotline for COVID-19 at **1 (866) 779-6121** for assistance in connecting with your County Health Department or health care provider.

### **COVID-19 Resources**

- Please visit the Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at [www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19). This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.
- For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-(866) 779-6121** or emailing [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov). **The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**
- In addition, please visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/all-county-locations.html> to locate and obtain contact information for your local CHD.
- The CDC also has a website with information related to COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

### **About the Florida Department of Health**

The Department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on Twitter at [@HealthyFla](#) and on [Facebook](#). For more information about the Florida Department of Health please visit [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov).

###