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**Setting the Record Straight
About COVID-19:
Dr. Scott Rivkees**

May 8, 2020

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With Florida's Surgeon General



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Dr. Scott Rivkees
Surgeon General
State of Florida

- Purpose of today's Florida Chamber Webinar
- What to expect today
 - What you told us
 - Guidance from federal and state levels
 - May 13 EPA / CDC Guidelines Webinar
 - COVID-19 Scorecard Tracker
 - Framework for Local Leadership
- Q & A with Surgeon General Scott Rivkees, M.D.
 - How to ask questions

COVID-19 Scorecard Tracker

View County Data... ▼

NUMBER OF COVID
CASES

38,828
(Increasing)

14-Day Average New Cases

655.7
(Decreasing)

DAYS SINCE 1ST
CONFIRMED COVID-19
CASE

67

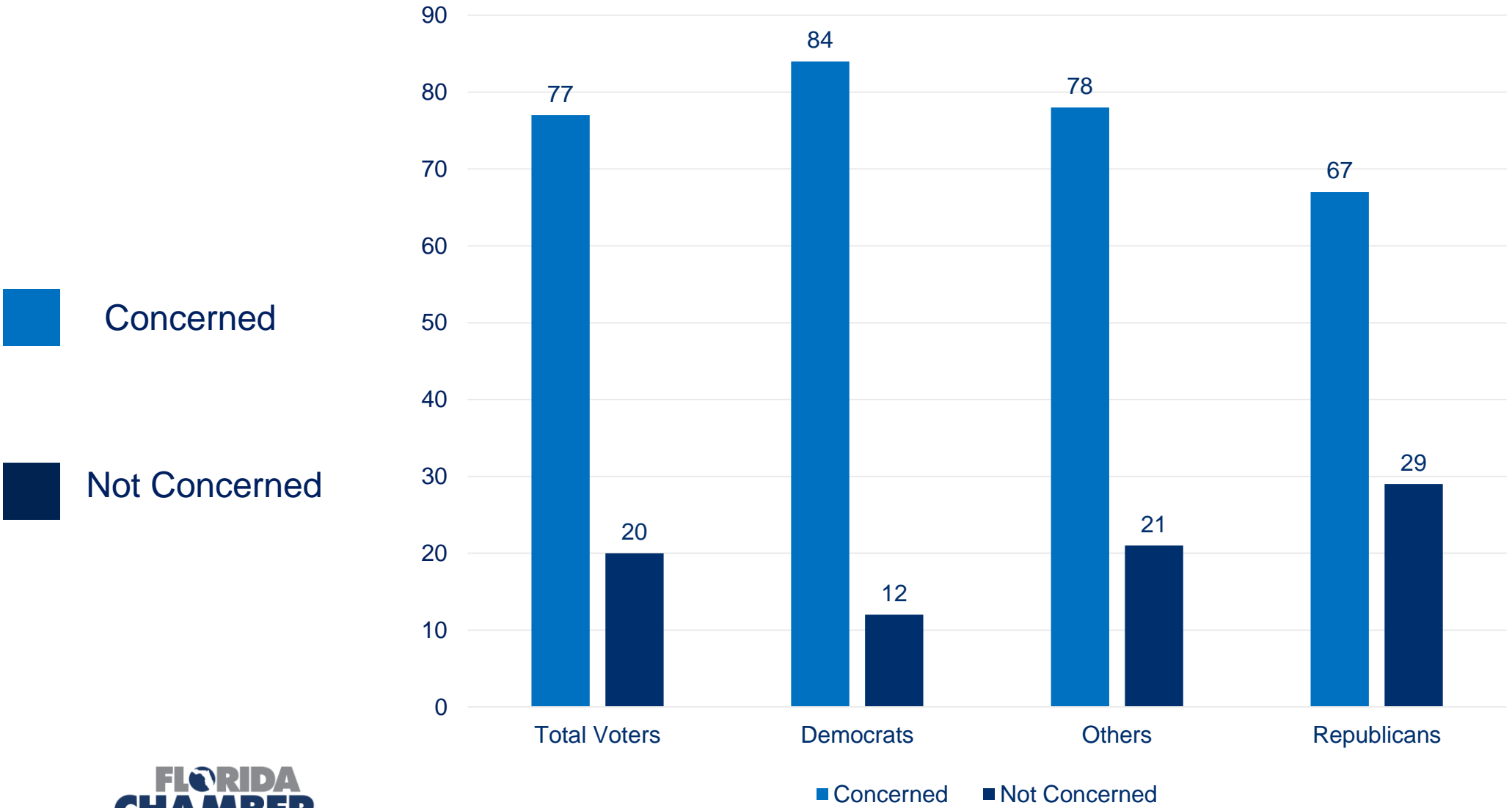
WEEKLY INITIAL
UNEMPLOYMENT
CLAIMS

173,191
(Decreasing)

Jobs Year Over Year Change
126,000

TheFloridaScorecard.org

How concerned are you about the possibility of you or someone from your immediate family being infected with COVID-19?



As you begin to restart your business, what will be your biggest challenge?

Retaining customers	31%
Liquidity/cash flow	20%
Bringing back employees	8%
My business is doing fine	8%
Vendors/supply chain	4%
Ramping up production to meet demand	4%
Other	25%

Survey Results

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Do you know if your business is considered a high, medium or low risk by OSHA?

Yes	31%
No	6%
Unsure	46%
N/A	17%

To find out which risk level your business fall into, email Diego Sanchez, Senior Safety Manager, with the Florida Chamber Safety Council at dsanchez@flchamber.com

Is your business taking the temperature of employees each time they enter your premise?

Yes	17%
No	43%
Unsure	11%
N/A	29%

Is your business taking the temperature of customers each time they enter your premise?

Yes	11%
No	36%
Unsure	10%
N/A	43%

Is your business closing common areas such as kitchens and coffee areas to employees?

Yes	24%
No	35%
Unsure	12%
N/A	29%

Do you believe you have access to the right cleaning and/or disinfectants for your type of business?

Yes	70%
No	7%
Unsure	11%
N/A	12%

Does your company have enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on hand to sustain your company for two weeks?

Yes	47%
No	16%
Unsure	19%
N/A	18%

Do you believe your business meets the minimum safety protocols to reopen or continue your business under the CDC, OSHA and EPA guidelines?

Yes	59%
No	4%
Unsure	21%
N/A	16%

Lifeline = Diego Sanchez / Dsanchez@flchamber.com

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees, is regularly advising Governor DeSantis on health and safety protocols. If you could ask Dr. Rivkees one question, what would it be?

Top Responses:

- How do we get more widespread testing?
- What are we to do proactively if this virus could potentially come around again in the fall? How will we gauge its status?
- How are businesses expected to open and operate safely when necessary supplies (masks, wipes, cleaning products) are in short supply?

Chamber Restart and Recovery Task Force

Framework for Local Leadership



Uniting Business for Good

Aligning Implementation

Aligning local, state and national guidelines for reopening Florida in a strategic way that ensures the safety of all Floridians.

**White House
guidelines to
reopening America
(3 phases)**

**Gov. DeSantis /
State Level**

**Local
Framework**

The Local Framework Must Expect a “New Normal”

Until a vaccine and/or treatment becomes widely available, expect a number of social and economic changes

- Social distancing continues
- Remote work continues for many
- Employees are tested for fever before entering office
- Masks utilized when needed (CDC guidelines)
- Large gatherings of non-family groups will require health/safety precautions
- Health “metrics” and “gating criteria” matter

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April 27, 2020

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
PL 05 Capitol
400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee,
FL 32399-0001

RE: Safely Restarting Florida's Economy

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Florida's business community is grateful for your leadership during this difficult time. Throughout this crisis you've been deliberate and provided meaningful and thoughtful guidance to Florida's business community, including emphasizing the safety of all Floridians while not totally shutting down the world's 17th largest economy. On behalf of the Florida Chamber's Board of Directors, we say thank you for your steady hand and measured approach. I know you share our goal that when the COVID-19 global pandemic is successfully brought to an end, others will look back from around the world and once again have reason to say Florida got it right and continues to be a model worth following.

Now that your Re-Open Florida Task Force and the various Industry Working Groups have met and concluded their initial work, and your request for public input was extended Saturday morning, I am writing to share some thoughts based on input we're getting from businesses of all sizes from all regions of Florida.

It appears Florida is successfully flattening the curve. As we pivot to a plan to reopen and restart Florida's economy, it's imperative that we continue with a deliberate approach that mitigates the possibility of a Singapore-like resurgence in coronavirus cases which could lead to a second partial shutdown of our economy and needlessly risk the public health and safety of more Floridians. Therefore, Florida's re-opening should be based on a phased-in approach based on clear metrics.

As you know, Governor, the Florida Chamber has engaged some of the brightest minds to provide recommendations on how to successfully restart our state. We have also been in constant contact with business leaders, local chambers, economic development organizations, our business association partners, national peer groups such as a joint task force with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others. I also have the honor of being the national chair of the Council of State Chambers this year, and will have the advantage of learning from the real time successes and missteps of other states' efforts to reopen their economies.

The primary goal for a re-opening strategy will be balancing containment of COVID-19 while prioritizing a safe return to work. In addition, we want to ensure our healthcare institutions are able to treat patients and have the necessary Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for their own safety. Our healthcare heroes have been relentless and their continued safety should remain a top priority. Furthermore, the maintenance of public confidence in their own safety must remain paramount as these decisions are implemented.

As Florida re-opens our economy and allows individuals to return to work, certain measures should be put in place to protect Floridians. While there is no playbook for this unprecedented crisis, what we can do is follow the data. What the data is telling us so far is each community has its own unique set of circumstances and a restart should: consider the level of the local threat and availability of healthcare resources; create special considerations for small business; include a community assessment of local resources as well as a single, clear and implementable set of safety guidelines employers should follow.

Mark Wilson



Key Recommendations

1- We suggest that local, state and federal agencies coordinate so that employers have clear, concise and consistent guidelines.

2- Liability protections must be considered for all frontline and essential (and non-essential) businesses who have provided a continuity of service throughout this crisis.

3- Small businesses need special considerations

4- Childcare and transportation for essential workers should be a priority.

5- Certainty and consistency in the application of any rules around reopening should be prioritized to the greatest extent possible...State guidance should supersede local guidance to maximize clarity.

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one of the worst legal climates in America and re-
poses great uncertainty for businesses of all sizes
for all frontline and essential businesses who have
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nd frivolous lawsuits for businesses and individuals
laws and Executive Orders may be enacted as it
kplace requirements pertaining to PPE, exposure

available, but to also have testing that can verify
their jobs without constraint. Please keep in mind,
any large companies that are already operating on
resources for regular testing or the expertise to
be in the role of policing their customers.

or many employees to return to work. With already
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costs of these necessary but expanded services
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able to return to normal capacity under anticipated
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for any future guidelines that are proposed,
around reopening should be prioritized to
tspot areas, state guidance should

general office cleaning including, if possible,
s many of these products are in short

recommendations. We appreciate your continued
times. Florida's business community stands ready
our state's economy.

Upcoming Florida Chamber Webinars

Register at FloridaChamber.com/Events

- **Weekly Chamber Specific Webinar – Every Tuesday**
 - *10:00 a.m. EDT*
- **Health and Safety First: New EPA and CDC Guidelines**
 - *May 13, 3:15-4:15 p.m. EDT*
- **Chamber Member/Foundation Trustee Webinars**
 - *May 15, 11:00 a.m. EDT*
- **Florida Chamber Safety Council Webinars**
 - Emergency Preparedness
May 14, 2020
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May 20-21, 2020
 - OSHA 10hr Construction
May 27-28, 2020
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