



RELAUNCH FLORIDA



Uniting Business for Good



**Florida's Relaunch
Moves to Phase 2:
June 12th, 2020**

Today's "Relaunch Florida" Agenda

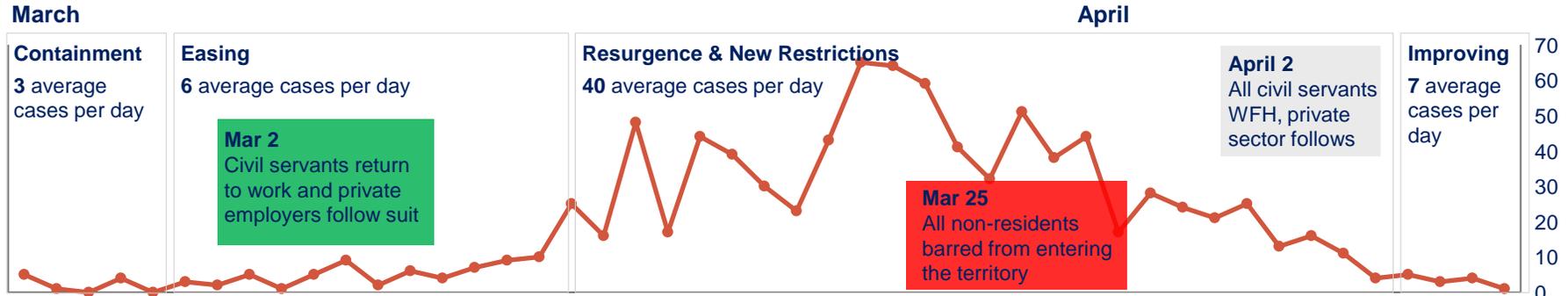
- I. Welcome and What to Expect Today
 - a) COVID-19 Global Tracking and Trends
- II. Florida Chamber Survey Feedback
- III. #ChamberStrong – Local Chambers Uniting the Relaunch Efforts
- IV. Florida Prosperity Initiative Resource to Champion Equality of Opportunity
- V. Relaunch Florida Task Force: Framework for Local Leadership
- VI. Federal Update
- VII. State Update
- VIII. Dr. Jerry Parrish:
 - Health and Economic Data and Analysis
- IX. Open Discussion and Q&A

The Environment for Change is Unprecedented

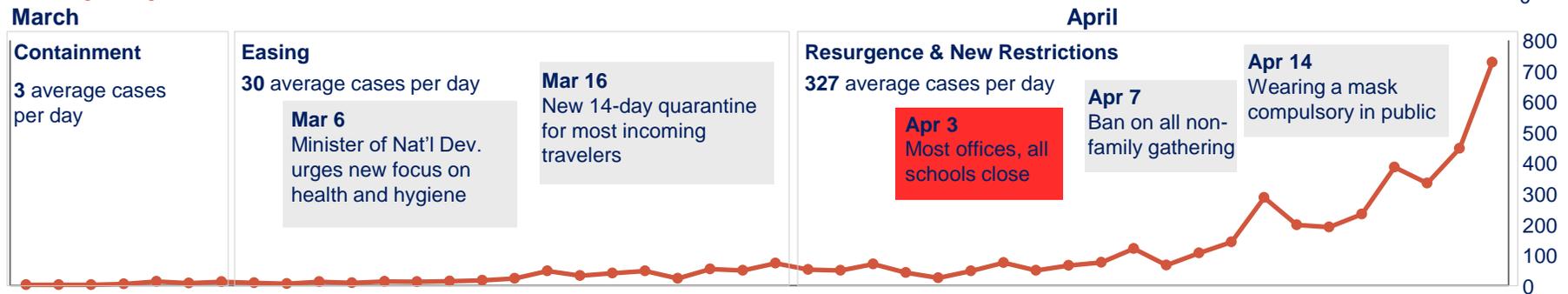
- Ongoing Global Pandemic (COVID-19)
- Overdue Focus on Equality of Opportunity and Social Justice
- Global Recession With Unknown Duration
- Presidential Election – Florida Matters Most

Every Florida Community is Unique We Must Get This Right

**Hong Kong
(uncertain
progress)**



**Singapore
(troubling
resurgence)**



**South Korea
(consistent
improvement)**



Next “Relaunch Florida” Webinar

Save the Date for June 25, 11:00 a.m. EDT



Dr. Raphael W. Bostic
President and CEO
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta



Mark Wilson
President and CEO
Florida Chamber of Commerce



Dr. Jerry Parrish
Chief Economist
Florida Chamber Foundation

**Registration Information in
Today’s Follow-Up Email**

II. Florida Chamber Survey Results



As we transition into Phase 2 of the Governor's Step-by-Step Executive Order, which statement best describes how you believe Florida is doing relative to other states?

I believe Florida is doing a better job than most states	62%
I believe Florida's reopening is comparable to most states	30%
I believe Florida is doing a worse job than other states	2%
Unsure	6%

How do you feel your community has handled the phase-in process of the Governor?

Excellent	17%
Very good	44%
Good	29%
Fair	9%
Poor	1%

How concerned are you about a second wave of the coronavirus affecting Florida?

Very concerned	23%
Concerned	45%
Somewhat concerned	27%
Not concerned	5%

How would you rate your community's continued response to the coronavirus?

Excellent	15%
Very good	43%
Good	33%
Fair	7%
Poor	2%

As an individual, how are you feeling about attending group meetings/events with at least 50?

Comfortable	32%
Not sure	33%
Uncomfortable	20%
Will only do virtual for a while	15%

III. #ChamberStrong

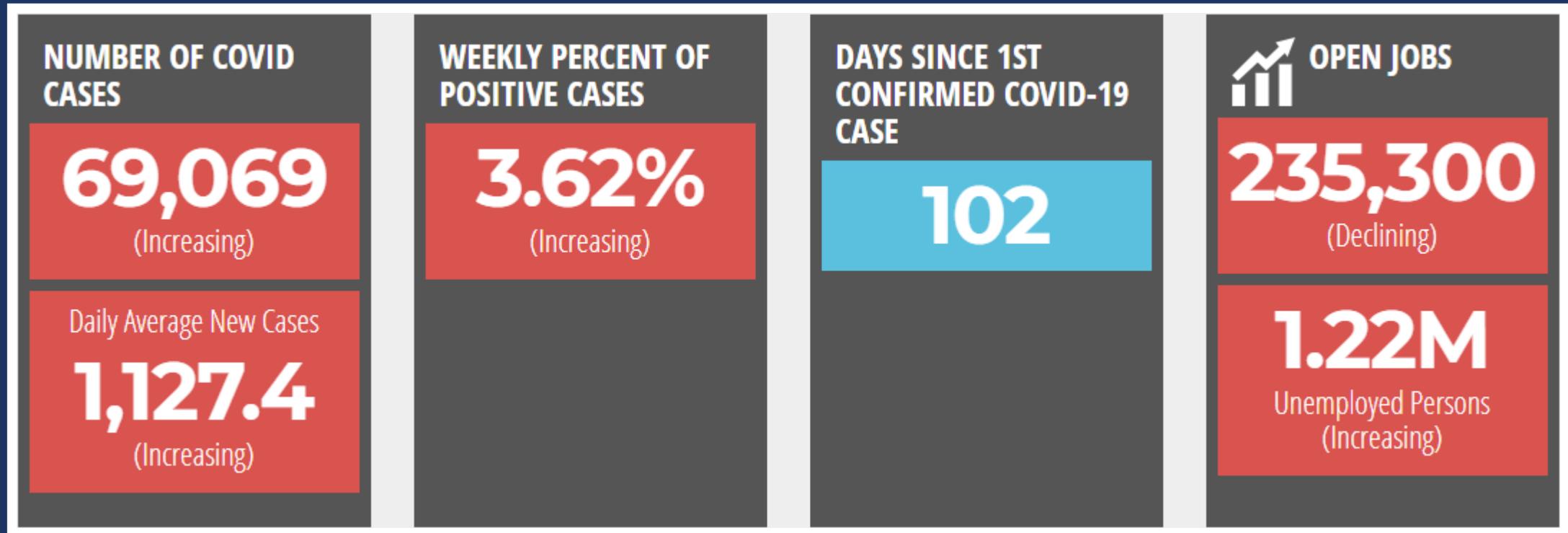


Thank You to All Who Are #ChamberStrong

- Amplify Clearwater
- Apopka Area Chamber
- Bay County Chamber
- Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
- Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral
- Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County
- Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
- Citrus County Chamber
- Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber
- Coral Gables Chamber
- Coral Springs Coconut Creek Regional Chamber
- Daytona Regional Chamber
- Destin Chamber
- East Orlando Chamber
- Greater Bartow Chamber
- Greater Delray Beach Chamber
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber
- Greater Fort Myers Chamber
- Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber
- Greater Gainesville Chamber
- Greater Hernando Chamber
- Greater Naples Chamber
- Greater Palm Bay Chamber
- Greater Pensacola Chamber
- Greater Pompano Beach Chamber
- Greater Seminole Area Chamber
- Greater Tallahassee Chamber
- Greater Winter Haven Chamber
- Hardee County Chamber
- Indian River County Chamber
- Islamorada Chamber
- Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Eustis Area Chamber
- Lake Wales Area Chamber
- Lakeland Chamber
- Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce
- Longboat Key Chamber
- Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber
- Nassau County Chamber
- Navarre Beach Chamber
- Niceville Valparaiso Chamber
- North Port Area Chamber
- Northeast Polk Chamber
- Ormond Beach Chamber
- Palm Beach North Chamber
- Palm Harbor Chamber
- Port Orange/South Daytona Chamber
- Putnam County Chamber
- South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
- St. Johns County Chamber
- St. Petersburg Chamber
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber
- Tavares Chamber
- The Greater Brandon Chamber
- The Greater Sarasota Chamber
- Venice Area Chamber
- Walton Area Chamber
- Winter Park Chamber

COVID-19 Scorecard Tracker

View County Data... ▾



IV. Florida Prosperity Initiative Resources to Champion Equality of Opportunity



"I don't know that there is a way to completely eradicate it, but we should be creating a society where someone born into poverty doesn't have to stay that way."

Will Weatherford, Former Speaker Florida House of Representatives



Florida Prosperity Initiative: Zip Code Maps

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROSPERITY INITIATIVE BE PART OF THE SOLUTION



What is the Under 18 Poverty Rate in Your County?

The Florida Chamber Foundation's Prosperity Initiative is uniting Florida's business community to implement long-term solutions that provide economic opportunity for all Floridians, regardless of what zip code they live in. As we work toward our goal of reducing the number of children in poverty to less than 10% and creating pathways to prosperity for 100%, it's important we know where to best focus our efforts. 870,505 children live in poverty in Florida. How many of these children live in your zip code? The Florida Prosperity Initiative is looking at private sector best practices at the zip code level so we can learn from one another and help plant the same seeds in other zip codes. Choose your county below to download a county map that illustrates the poverty rates broken down by zip code. If you would like to be part of the solution of ending childhood poverty in Florida, join the Prosperity Initiative.

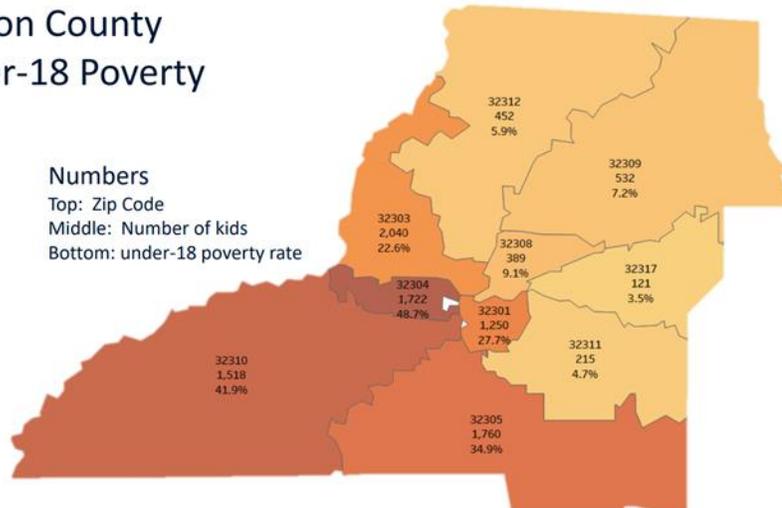
Select Your

- Alachua County
- Baker County
- Bay County

Leon County Under-18 Poverty



Numbers
Top: Zip Code
Middle: Number of kids
Bottom: under-18 poverty rate



Prosperity initiative: Here's how many children live in poverty in these local counties

FLAPOL

Florida Chamber maps reveal childhood poverty rates across the state

[Community] Florida Chamber Foundation's Prosperity Initiative Publishes Zip Code Level Childhood Poverty Maps

Contact Michael Williams at mwilliams@flfoundation.org

V. Relaunch Florida Task Force

Framework for Local Leadership



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Relaunch Florida Alignment

Aligning national, state and local 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**

GUIDELINES

OPENING UP AMERICA AGAIN



Phase 2

- Applies to all counties in Florida except Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach
- Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with appropriate distancing
- Bars and Pubs may operate at 50% inside and full capacity outside with appropriate distancing
- Retail may operate at full capacity with appropriate distancing
- Gyms may operate at full capacity with appropriate distancing and frequent sanitization
- Entertainment businesses may operate at 50% with appropriate distancing
- Personal services (tattoo parlors, acupuncture, etc.) may operate while adhering to guidance from the Florida Department of Health



Phase Three

SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS can resume. Those who interact with residents and patients must be diligent regarding hygiene.

LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.

GYMS can remain open if they adhere to standard sanitation protocols.

BARS may operate with increased standing room occupancy, where applicable.



Phase Three

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VI. Federal Updates



Congressional Response to COVID-19

Phase 1

March 6- Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020- \$8.3 billion spending plan

Phase 3

March 27- Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act- \$2.3 trillion

Expands and extends UI benefits; creation of PPP, EIDL Advance, Main Street Lending; stimulus payments; aid to states and local govt

Amdt 2 to Phase 3

June 5- Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act- Amends loan forgiveness provisions for PPP program

Phase 2

March 18- Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201)- \$192 billion
Free COVID testing, tax credit for paid sick leave, aid to states (UI, Medicaid)

Amdt 1 to Phase 3

April 24- Paycheck Protection Program and Health Enhancement Act- \$484 billion
Replenishes PPP program; funding for virus testing and hospitals

Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

- Passed Senate last week, Signed by President
- SBA and Treasury to Issue:
 - New Rules and Guidance
 - Modified borrower application form
 - Modified loan forgiveness application form
- Key Changes:
 - Extends loan forgiveness covered period from 8 weeks to 24 weeks
 - Requires 60% to be used on payroll costs, down from 75%
 - Increases from 1 year to 5 years the maturity of PPP loans
 - Allows rehiring of individuals until December 31, 2020
 - June 30th is last day on which a PPP loan application can be approved

Small Business Council Presents: Main Street Lending Program

Federal Reserve Expands Program to Allow More SMBs to Participate:

- Key Changes:
 - Lowering minimum loan size from \$500,000 to \$250,000
 - Increasing the maximum loan amount
 - Increasing the term of each loan option to 5 years
 - Principal payments delayed for two years
- Once lenders are registered, they can begin making loans immediately

CARES Act Loans Numbers in Florida

	<u>Loans</u>	<u>Total Dollars</u>
PPP	350,734	\$30,667,101,542
EIDL	109,847	\$ 6,910,745,810
EIDL advances	297,763	\$ 897,753,000

Florida Chamber Litigation and Regulatory Reform Center

Letter to Senate Majority Leader



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April 30, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support Common Sense Liability Shields for Job Creation Packages

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

As the state of Florida and our country continue to grapple with the serious impacts it is causing to our collective health and for your ongoing leadership in this time of crisis.

Having seen the early successes of flattening the curve of COVID-19, the Florida Chamber of Commerce is working closely with Governor DeSantis to relaunch Florida's economy, which if it were a country would be the 17th largest in the world. We move from the "Relief" to the "Reopen and Recovery" phase, which is self-evident for significant and comprehensive liability shields for essential businesses that have responded to this crisis and to their doors for the first time in weeks.

As the leader of the Florida Chamber's Litigation and Regulatory Reform Center, I saw your recent statements about the impact of lawsuits on businesses in the next federal coronavirus relief package:

"Our response must not be slowed, weakened or exploited by lawyer bonanza in history."

We agree that those necessary liability protections must be included in the next bill in order to avoid heaping "an avalanche of lawsuits" on businesses who have already been sent federal relief in the form of tax breaks to a beleaguered economy.

Our members have long been saddled with an otherwise constricted economy down by rampant lawsuit abuse. Despite boasting world renowned education system and top five tax climate, Florida has the fifth highest percentage of bankruptcies according to our partners at the U.S Chamber's Institute for Legal and Policy Matters. Florida's job creators are likely facing an approaching economic crisis stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

LCC Sign-On Letter

June 1, 2020

Dear Florida Congressional Delegation:

As leaders of the business community's efforts to relaunch Florida's economy, the undersigned chambers of commerce in Florida urge Congress to pass timely, temporary and targeted liability relief legislation to provide businesses a safe harbor from unwarranted lawsuits. If left unchecked, the building tsunami of COVID-fueled litigation will endanger the fight against the pandemic and undermine the safe and orderly return to work for millions of Americans.

Businesses have innovated to provide much needed supplies during the pandemic, such as distillers producing hand sanitizer or manufacturers switching their operations to produce personal protective equipment. During the stay-at-home order, essential businesses remained open and were the front lines in providing critical services and supplies. Now millions of other businesses are in the process of reopening, desiring to do so in a safe manner that protects their employees and customers.

This is an unprecedented situation and despite employers' best efforts to comply with all the public health guidance, many are concerned that opening their doors only means they will be forced to defend themselves against an onslaught of frivolous lawsuits. Their concern is driven by the fact that each day brings news of more lawsuits that have already been filed. That is why Congress should provide a safe harbor that holds truly bad actors accountable, but that protects those employers who are working to follow public health and safety guidelines as we relaunch our respective state and local economies. Specifically, temporary protections should remain in place for the duration of the pandemic crisis and response that cover:

- Businesses that work to follow government guidelines against COVID-19 exposure claims.
- Healthcare providers and facilities on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.
- Manufacturers that repurposed production and distribution to provide PPE, sanitizers, and other needed equipment and supplies.
- Companies that have donated their stock of supplies to hospitals and medical professionals.

Thank you for your consideration of these lawsuit abuse reforms that will allow American businesses to reopen safely and without the fear of lawsuits when trying to do the right thing in response to COVID-19. Your bipartisan leadership on this issue is needed to ensure Florida emerges from the pandemic as quickly and strongly as possible.

Sincerely,

Florida Chamber of Commerce
Amplify Clearwater
Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce
Bay County Chamber
Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
Citrus County Chamber of Commerce
Daytona Regional Chamber
Destin Chamber of Commerce



"If we want even an outside shot at the kind of brisk re-hiring that American workers deserve, we have to make sure opportunistic trial lawyers are not lurking on the sidewalk outside every small business in America, waiting to slap them with a lawsuit the instant they turn the lights back on."

"We are not going to stand idly by while a small group of wealthy lawyers vacuum up this relief money and redirect it into their own pockets." Senator McConnell (5.12.20)



[FloridaChamber.com/LitigationCenter](https://www.floridachamber.com/LitigationCenter)

Emergency Assistance for Childcare Providers

June 10, 2020

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

For millions of Americans, returning to work is not just contingent on the lifting of stay-at-home orders and their employer reopening, but on securing care for their children. The existing childcare arrangements for many working parents have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic and the resulting economic fallout. To ensure that more Americans can quickly return to work and to support our nation's overall economic recovery, Congress should provide timely, targeted, and temporary emergency assistance to licensed childcare centers and homes. Similarly, states should continue to implement temporary regulatory actions to help licensed centers and homes quickly and safely adjust to meet operational challenges.

To protect public health, many camps and other facilities that care for large groups of children have cancelled their summer programs. Childcare facilities in many states are operating under reduced capacity and social distancing orders. In addition, the childcare industry is comprised of many small and very small businesses – many run by women and women of color – who are on the brink of collapse and may never reopen. While critical support through the CARES Act was provided to small businesses early on in this crisis, according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) only one-quarter of the childcare market received a Paycheck Protection Loan.

For those that have remained open and that will reopen, decreased capacity and new pandemic-related costs mean operating losses. That will eventually lead to more closures and even less available childcare.

As part of the next COVID-19 response package, we urge Congress to provide temporary emergency assistance targeted to licensed childcare providers to help cover increased expenses and forgone revenue directly tied to maintaining public health. Combined with state efforts to help restore lost capacity, your efforts will help ensure that children have a safe place to go as their parents return to work.

Sincerely,

Alaska Chamber
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/AIA
California Chamber of Commerce
Connecticut Business & Industry Association
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
DC Chamber of Commerce
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry
Illinois Chamber of Commerce

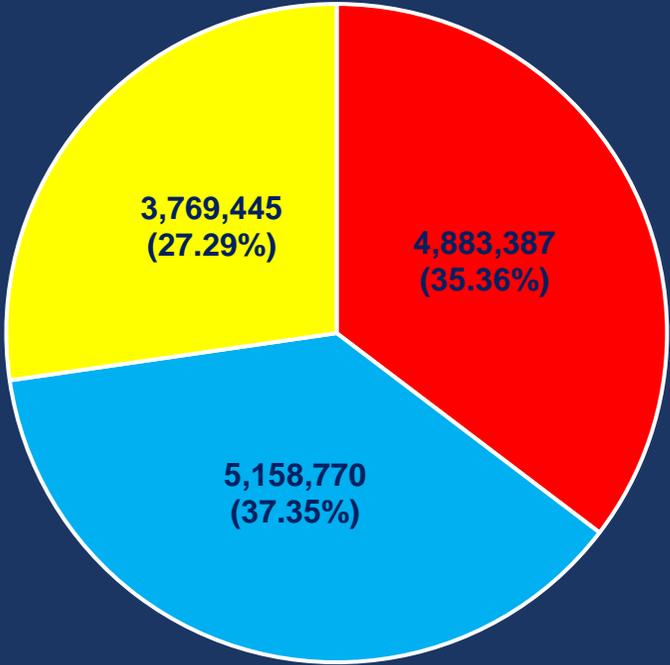
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Mississippi Economic Council
Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce
New Jersey Chamber of Commerce
New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry
The Business Council of New York State
North Carolina Chamber
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Oregon Business and Industry
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Vermont Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Association of Washington Business
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

VII. State Updates



Voter Registration

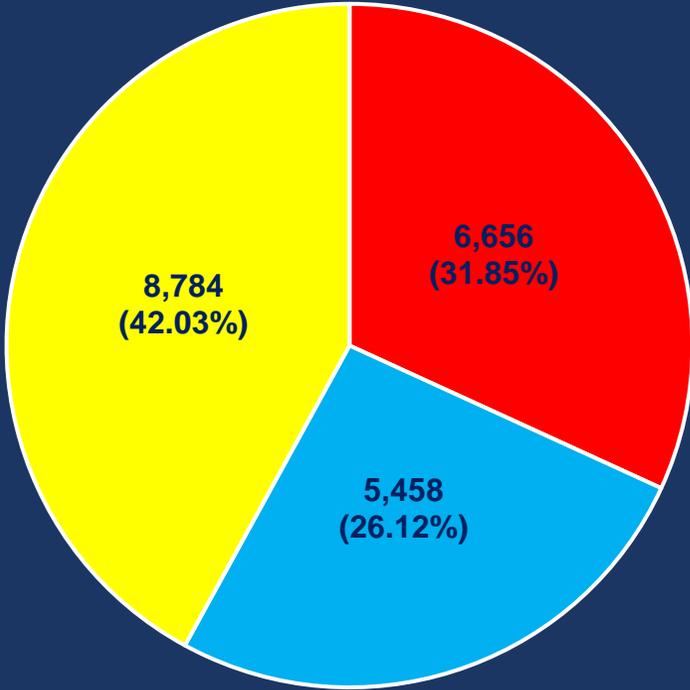
Florida
Registered Voters – as of April
30th, 2020



■ Republican ■ Democratic ■ NPA/Other

Total: 13,811,602

Newly Registered
Voters –
April 2020



■ Republican ■ Democratic ■ NPA/Other

Total: 20,898

Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the 2020 Ballot

Ballot Number	Title of Amendment	Ballot Method	Money Raised
1	Citizenship Requirement to Vote in Florida Elections	Paid	\$2,455,169.00
2	Raising Florida's Minimum Wage*	Paid	\$4,942,616.93
3	All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor and Cabinet	Paid	\$6,975,571.90
4	Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments	Paid	\$165,500.00
5	Limitation on Homestead Exemptions (HJR 369)	Approved by Legislature	-

*can be accomplished by legislation

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For Immediate Release
June 10, 2020

Contact: Governor's Press Office
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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces State of Florida to Begin Disbursement of CARES Act Funds to Counties

Funding will be disbursed to counties with populations below 500,000

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the State of Florida's plan to disburse up to \$1.275 billion in CARES Act funds to counties with a population below 500,000. The United States Treasury previously disbursed over \$2.472 billion in funding to all counties whose populations exceed 500,000 in Florida. Using a phased approach, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) will distribute funds to the remaining counties, beginning with an initial disbursement of 25% of each

Unemployment Compensation Concerns

- FL has spent nearly \$1.4 billion from the state Unemployment Comp. Trust Fund
 - Pre-COVID, the fund was nearly \$4 billion
- If the Trust Fund is depleted, all employers might face an increase in unemployment insurance.
- September 30th – DEO/DOR begin setting state unemployment tax rates and length of benefits for 2021.

State UI & CARES Act

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Comp- \$600
(ends 7/31)

State
Reemployment
Assistance- up
to \$275 (12
weeks)

Pandemic
Emergency
Unemployment
Compensation-
up to \$275 (13
weeks)

Pandemic
Unemployment
Assistance- up
to \$275 (39
weeks total
ending 12/26)

Workers' Compensation with COVID-19

3,807 COVID-related claims

- 83% are in healthcare/protective services
- 1,695 claims were denied
- 2,000 were compensable
- About \$3.4 million has been paid

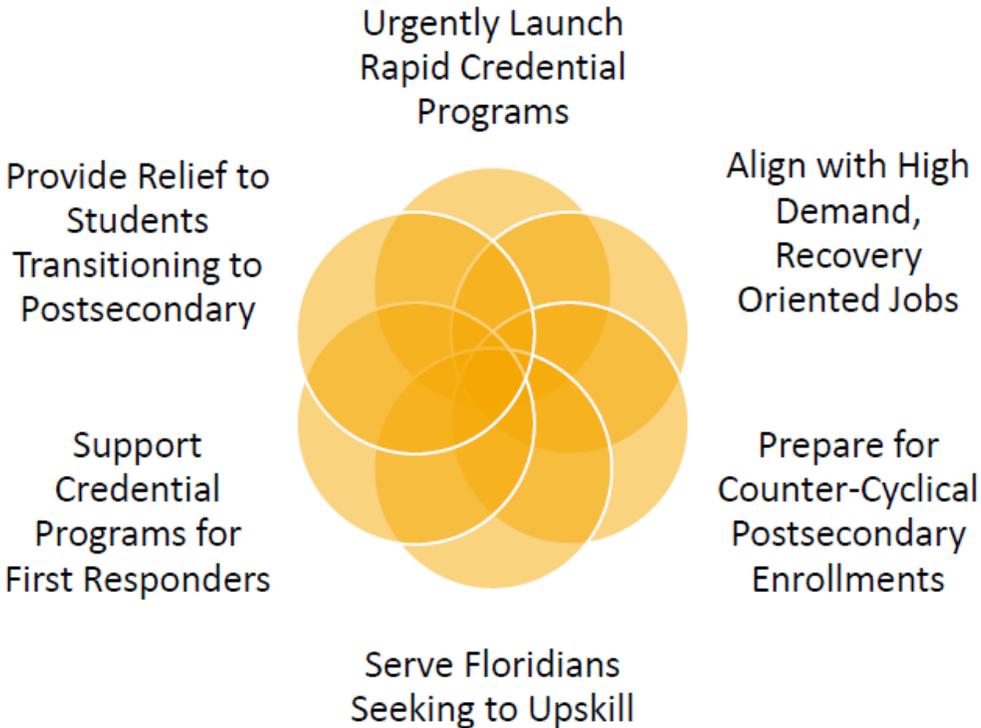
Governor DeSantis' School Reopening and CARES Act Plan

Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act

Closing Achievement Gaps and
Creating Safe Spaces for Learning



Contact **Matthew Choy** for questions at mchoy@flchamber.com



Part 1: Closing Achievement Gaps – Accelerating Economic Growth



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