

# RELAUNCH FLORIDA



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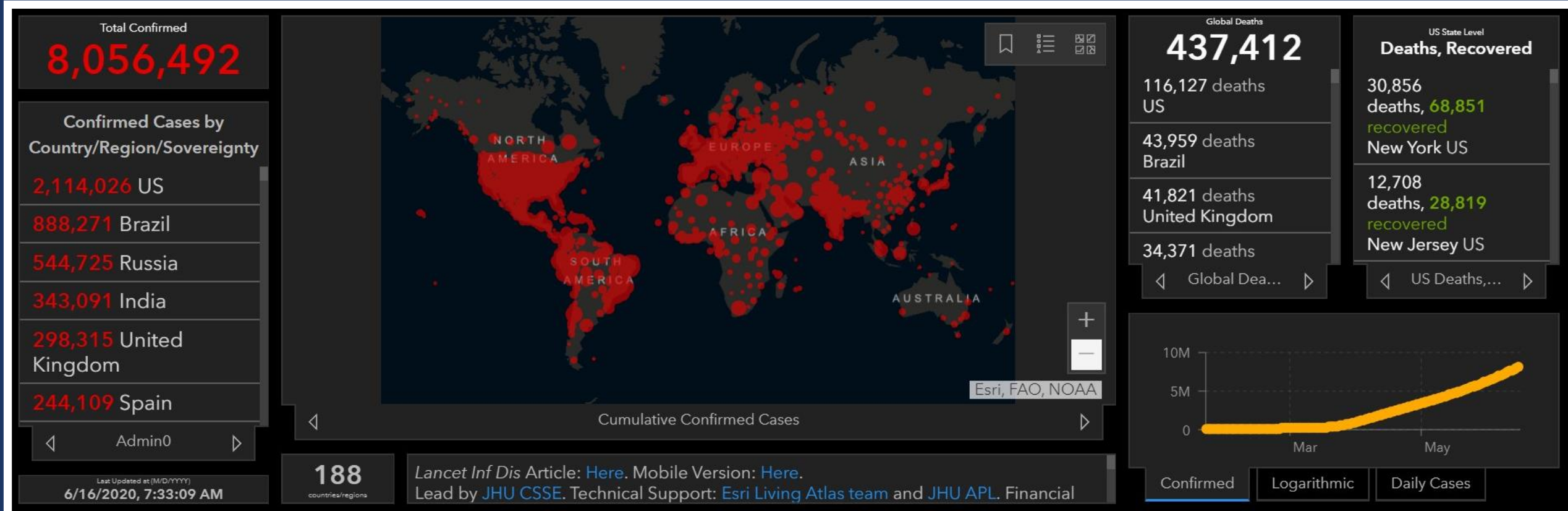
# Today's "Relaunch Florida" Agenda

- I. Welcome and What to Expect Today
  - a) COVID-19 Global Tracking and Trends
- II. Local Chamber Survey Results
- III. [www.FIChamberSafety.com](http://www.FIChamberSafety.com)
- IV. Elections Matter
- V. #ChamberStrong
- VI. Relaunch Florida Task Force
- VII. Florida Prosperity Initiative
- VIII. Federal Update
- IX. State Updates
- X. Health and Economic Data and Analysis
  - Dr. Jerry Parrish**
- XI. Open Discussion and Q&A

# The Environment for Leadership 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
- Hurricane Season

# 188 Nations / Territories – 14 Million Visitors





# Local Chamber Distribution of Masks



## Do Your Part: Help Stop the Spread

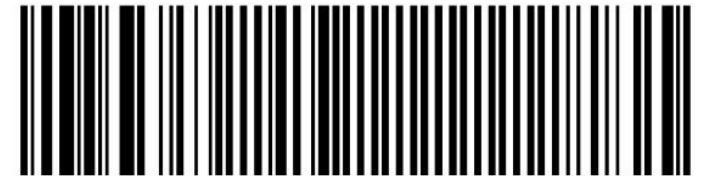
- Anyone could be a carrier of COVID-19 and not know it.
- You play a role in protecting the community against COVID-19.
- This mask will help reduce the likelihood of you spreading the virus to others.
- This mask does not replace the N95 used in healthcare settings and should not be used when caring for those with COVID-19.
- This mask is one way to combat the virus. Social distancing, handwashing and other CDC recommendations should also be followed.
- Fabric touching skin: 100% cotton. Mask contains silver and copper.
- If skin irritation occurs, immediately stop using the mask. If irritation persists, consult your primary care provider.
- Be mindful when wearing this product if you have lung disease, like emphysema, or chronic heart disease. Stop using this product if you notice difficulty breathing while wearing it.
- Machine wash warm up to 15 times before discarding. Tumble dry high. Do not use bleach, chemicals or disinfectant to wash this product.

### WARNING

To avoid suffocation, keep this plastic bag away from babies and children.  
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[www.PHE.gov/facemask](http://www.PHE.gov/facemask)

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# 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

Register at  
**[FLChamber.com/WhatsNext](https://FLChamber.com/WhatsNext)**



## A Moral and Economic Imperative to End Racism

By Raphael Bostic, President and CEO

As I have observed the protests against police brutality over the past few weeks, I have shared in the outrage of the truly horrific events that brought us to this point. I know many of you are feeling shocked and outraged. My first thoughts are for those who lost their lives and those suffering through these events in very real ways, and I stand with all those peacefully protesting for change.

# II. Local Chamber Survey Results Week #12





From your perspective, what is the overall economic health of your community now that most of Florida is in Phase 2 of reopening?

Very good	4%
Good	31%
Struggling a Bit	55%
I'm Concerned	10%

# What about the economic health of your Chamber?

Very good	10%
Good	29%
Struggling a Bit	53%
I'm Concerned	8%

In your community, do you believe the coronavirus is:

Spreading rapidly	6%
Spreading slowly	57%
Largely contained	22%
On the decline	6%
Other	9%

Regarding Chamber events, when do you plan to resume having face-to-face meetings with your members in groups less than 50?

We already have	14%
During the summer	57%
During the fall	18%
Not until next year	0%
Other	11%



Will you require your participants to wear a mask during live  
face-to-face events?

Yes	22%
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No	24%
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Unsure	54%
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# Regarding the \$15 per hour minimum wage amendment, does your chamber:

Oppose putting the \$15 mandate in the constitution	41%
Support putting the \$15 mandate in the constitution	0%
We are undecided	45%
Other	14%

Given the national interest in equality of opportunity, would you be interested in information on participating in the Florida Chamber Foundation's Zip Code Level Prosperity Initiative which aims to cut childhood poverty by 50% before 2030?

Yes	37%
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No	4%
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Maybe, please get me more info	33%
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Unsure	26%
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III. [www.FLChamberSafety.com](http://www.FLChamberSafety.com)







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**FLORIDA CHAMBER LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO MAKE FLORIDA SAFEST STATE IN AMERICA**

Florida Chamber Safety Council unifies state's job creators for safety, health and sustainability

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 15, 2020** — The Florida Chamber of Commerce announced today the creation of a new statewide Safety Council that will unify businesses in making Florida the safest state in the country.

An incubator for research, leadership and education, the Florida Chamber Safety Council is the first organization of its kind to serve as the statewide resource for fostering safety, health and sustainability among Florida businesses.

The council's Leadership Advisory Board brings together top safety professionals from companies and institutions such as ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, AdventHealth, Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, Fisher Phillips, Florida Blue, NextEra Energy Inc., University of Central Florida and Walt Disney Parks and Resorts to create a statewide culture where on-the-job-safety is the top priority.

[www.flchambersafety.com](http://www.flchambersafety.com)

For information on hosting workplace safety training,  
contact Ana Hamil at [ahamil@flchamber.com](mailto:ahamil@flchamber.com)



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At the Florida Chamber Safety Council, our members know their workforce is their most precious asset. The Florida Chamber Safety Council is making Florida the safest state in America by highlighting our members safety successes, through being an incubator of safety initiatives, best practices, and the go-to resource for safety, health and sustainability and is becoming the national standard for safety leadership.

[COVID-19 RESOURCES](#) [LEARN ABOUT TRAININGS](#)

PROMOTING SAFETY	ADVOCATING HEALTH	LEADING SUSTAINABILITY
Training curriculum promotes tactical safety strategies, employee-based awareness and behavior change that drive an organization's day-to-day safety culture.	Addressing systemic issues such as mental health, opioid and marijuana use that lead to prevention strategy and long-term wellness initiatives.	Protecting Florida's natural resources is a priority of Florida's business community and it creates a long-term balance where businesses can flourish.

# IV. Elections Matter

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# Legislative Members Termed in 2020 & Open Seats

27 House Members  
13 Democrats  
14 Republicans

Member	Party	District
Bruce Antone	D	HD 46
Loranne Ausley *	D	HD 9
John Cortes *	D	HD 43
Travis Cummings	R	HD 18
Byron Donalds	R	HD 81
Dane Eagle	R	HD 77
Javier Fernandez*	D	HD 114
Heather Fitzenhagen	R	HD 78
Margaret Good *	D	HD 72
Adam Hattersley *	D	HD 59
Shevrin Jones	D	HD 101
Mike LaRosa	R	HD 42
MaryLynn Magar	R	HD 82

Member	Party	District
Kionne McGhee	D	HD 117
Wengay Newton*	D	HD 70
Jose Oliva	R	HD 110
Cary Pigman	R	HD 55
Mel Ponder *	R	HD 4
Sharon Pritchett	D	HD 102
Holly Raschein	R	HD 120
Ray Rodrigues	R	HD 76
Ana Maria Rodriguez *	R	HD 105
David Santiago	R	HD 27
Richard Stark	D	HD 104
Charlie Stone	R	HD 22
Barbara Watson	D	HD 107
Clovis Watson, Jr.	D	HD 20

9 Senators  
3 Democrats  
6 Republicans

Member	Party	District
Lizbeth Benacquisto	R	SD 27
Rob Bradley	R	SD 5
Oscar Braynon, II	D	SD 35
Anitere Flores	R	SD 39
Bill Galvano	R	SD 21
Tom Lee*	R	SD 20
Bill Montford	D	SD 3
Kevin Rader*	D	SD 29
David Simmons	R	SD 9

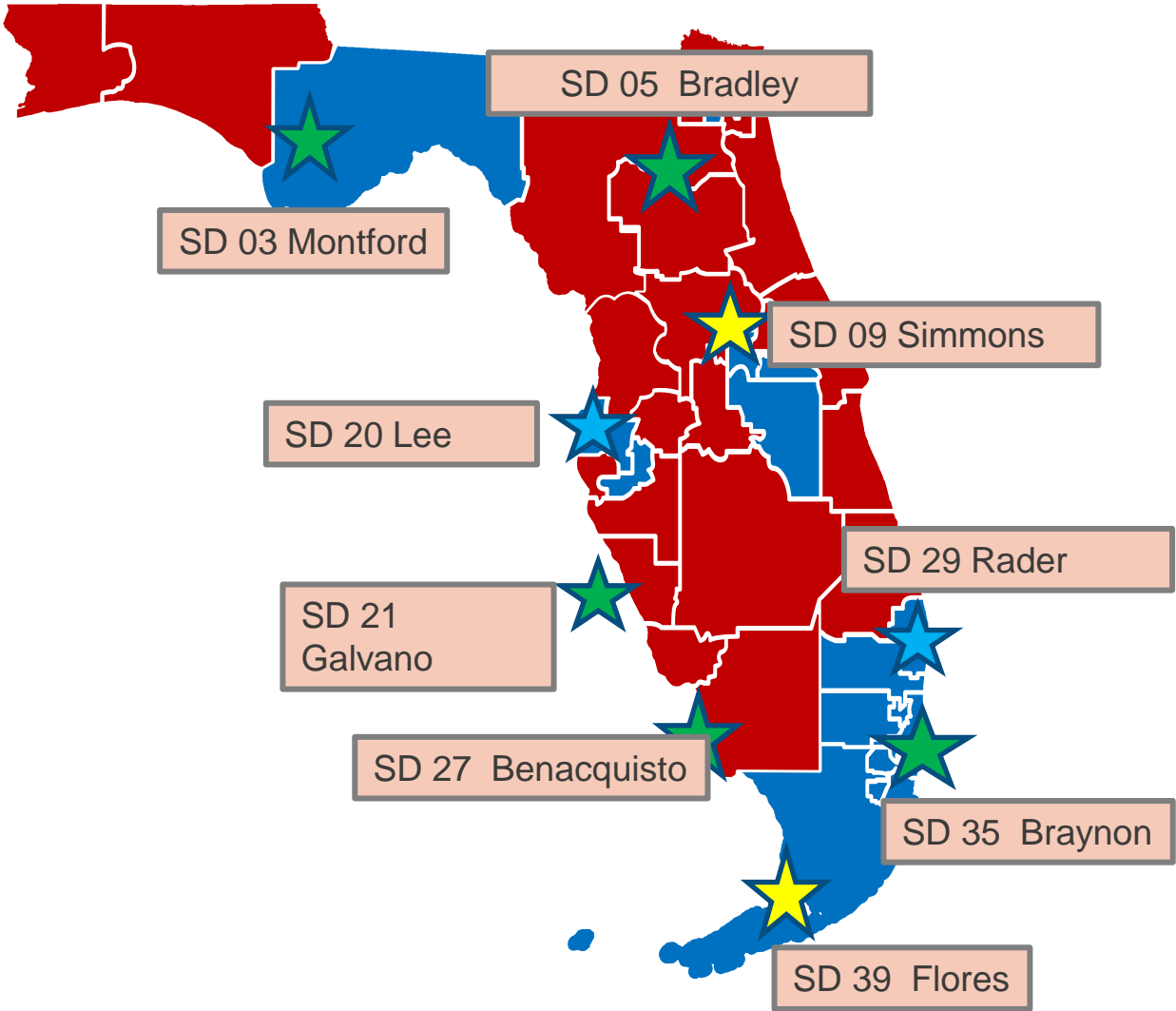
\* Open Seat



# Senate Members Termed or Open in 2020

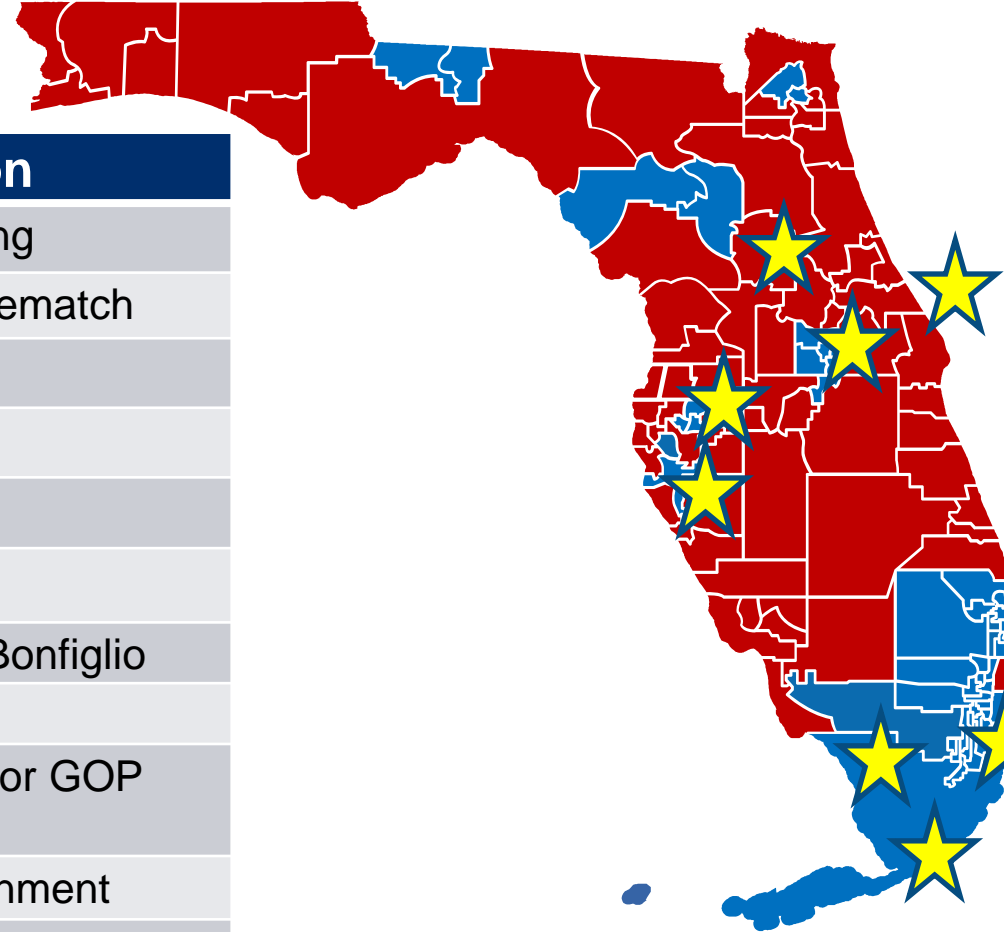
Member	Party	City	District
Lizbeth Benacquisto	R	Fort Myers	SD 27
Rob Bradley	R	Orange Park	SD 05
Oscar Braynon, II	D	Miami	SD 35
Anitere Flores	R	Miami	SD 39
Bill Galvano	R	Bradenton	SD 21
Tom Lee	R	Brandon	SD 20
Bill Montford	D	Tallahassee	SD 03
Kevin Rader	D	Boca Raton	SD 29
David Simmons	R	Altamonte Springs	SD 09

- ★
Termed Out
- ★
Senate Battleground
- ★
Open Seat



Republicans hold a 23-17 majority

## House Battlegrounds 2020



Incumbent	Party	City	HD - Reason
Chuck Clemons	R	Gainesville	HD 21 – Kayser Enneking
Elizabeth Fetterhoff	R	Daytona Beach	HD 26 – Patrick Henry rematch
Mike LaRosa (Open)	R	St. Cloud	HD 42 – Swing seat
Geraldine Thompson	D	Orlando	HD 44 – Trump turnout
Adam Hattersley (Open)	D	Tampa	HD 59 – Open Seat
Margaret Good (Open)	D	Sarasota	HD 72 – Open Seat
Michael Caruso	R	West Palm Beach	HD 89 – Rematch with Bonfiglio
Cindy Polo	D	Miramar	HD 103 – Swing Seat
Ana Maria Rodriguez (Open)	R	Doral	HD 105 – Environment for GOP
Vance Aloupis	R	Miami	HD 115 – Trump Environment
Holly Raschein (Open)	R	Florida Keys	HD 120 – True Swing seat

# Florida Chamber Political Institute 2020 Candidate Interviews

Dates	Location
May 13-14	Via Zoom - COMPLETED
June 9-11	Via Zoom - COMPLETED
June 23-24	Via Zoom
July 7-8	Via Zoom

44 Candidates Interviewed during first 2 sessions  
26 Candidates Scheduled to Interview next week  
Average 86 members of Political Institute per day



# Local Campaign Training Updates

- Qualifying week for all Election 2020 Florida candidates ended Friday at noon.
- FIPL is starting to offer one-hour candidate assessments and one-on-one training through local chambers.
- If chambers do not need a full campaign school you can offer candidate assessments and training to business friendly candidates for the 2020 Primary or General Election by signing up online.
- Campaign schools currently being scheduled for mid-July 2020 onwards.



# Confirmed Campaign Schools: June 2020

## Volusia 17 sign-ups



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An initiative by CHAMBER

### CAMPAIGN SCHOOL & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

3-PART ONLINE TRAINING SCHOOL.

OPEN TO EVERYONE. FREE TO ATTEND. NON-PARTISAN.

**WED**  
JUNE 17

5:00pm - 7:30pm  
Preparing to run

&

**THURS**  
JUNE 18

5:00pm - 7:30pm  
Organizing your  
campaign

&

**FRI**  
JUNE 19

5:00pm - 7:30pm  
Running your  
campaign

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## Citrus/Marion/Alachua 24 sign-ups



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JUNE 23

9:30am - 12:00pm  
Preparing to run

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**WED**  
JUNE 24

9:30am - 12:00pm  
Organizing your  
campaign

&

**THURS**  
JUNE 25

9:30am - 12:00pm  
Running your  
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## Broward 11 sign-ups



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JUNE 22

5:00pm - 7:30pm  
Preparing to run

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**TUES**  
JUNE 23

5:00pm - 7:30pm  
Organizing your  
campaign

&

**WED**  
JUNE 24

5:00pm - 7:30pm  
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  - rick@fipl.org
  - 561-719-2117
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## Tomorrow's leaders start here.

The Florida Institute for Political Leadership is a non-partisan program created by the Florida Chamber of Commerce to help recruit, support and provide campaign training to business-friendly candidates across the State of Florida. Whether you are interested in running for office now, next year, or in the future, this is the program for you.

Are you ready to take the next step in your political future?  
[Learn more.](#)

1	67	4,502
STATE	COUNTIES	ELECTABLE POSITIONS

City and County races across the State of Florida make up 96% of all the elected offices in the state. Are you ready to make a difference in your community?  
[Let's get started.](#)

# 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

# V. #ChamberStrong

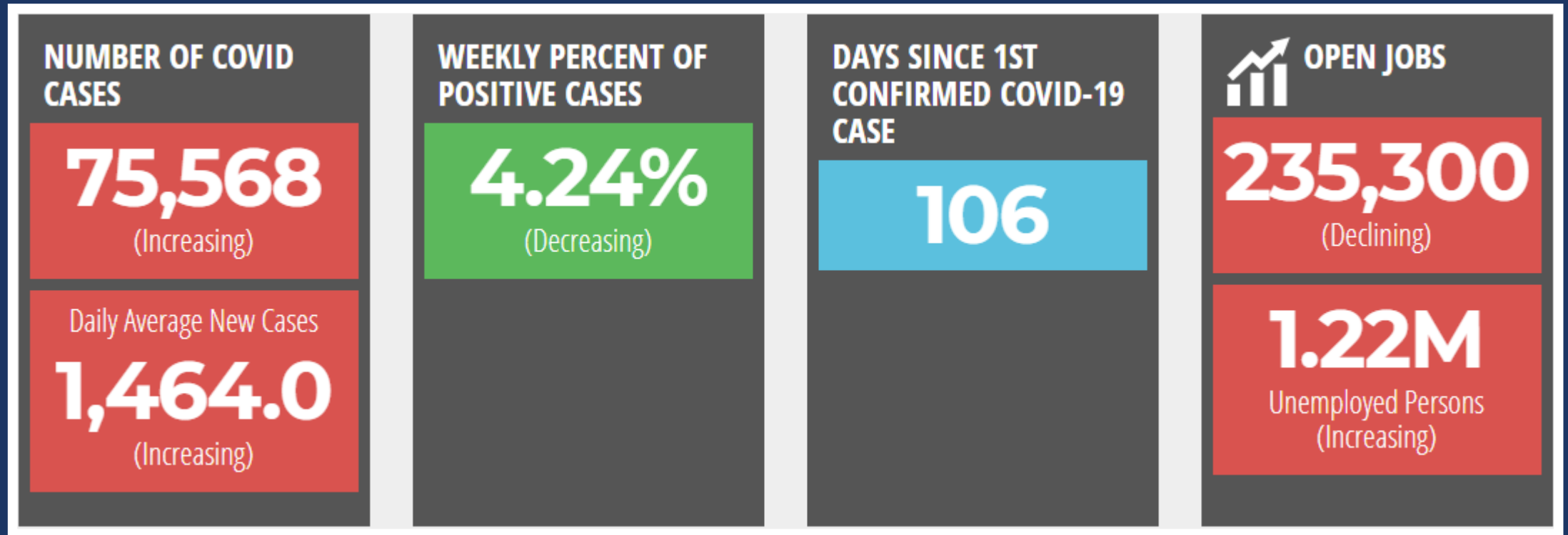


# Thank you to All of You Who Are #ChamberStrong

- Amplify Clearwater
- Apopka Area Chamber
- Bay County Chamber
- Boca Raton Chamber
- Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce
- 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 Seminole Chamber
- Greater Tallahassee Chamber
- Greater Winter Haven Chamber
- Indian River County Chamber
- Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber
- Lake Eustis Area Chamber
- Lake Wales Area Chamber
- Lakeland Chamber
- Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce
- Longboat Key Chamber
- Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Nassau County Chamber
- Navarre Beach Chamber
- Niceville Valparaiso Chamber
- North Port Area Chamber
- Northeast Polk Chamber
- Palm Beach North Chamber
- Palm Harbor Chamber
- Port Orange/South Daytona Chamber
- St. Johns County Chamber
- St. Petersburg Chamber
- South Tampa 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...



# #ChamberStrong Scorecard Data

To embed your county's COVID-19 Scorecard data on your homepage, contact Dr. Jerry Parrish directly at  
**[jparrish@flfoundation.org](mailto:jparrish@flfoundation.org)**.



# VI. Relaunch Florida Task Force

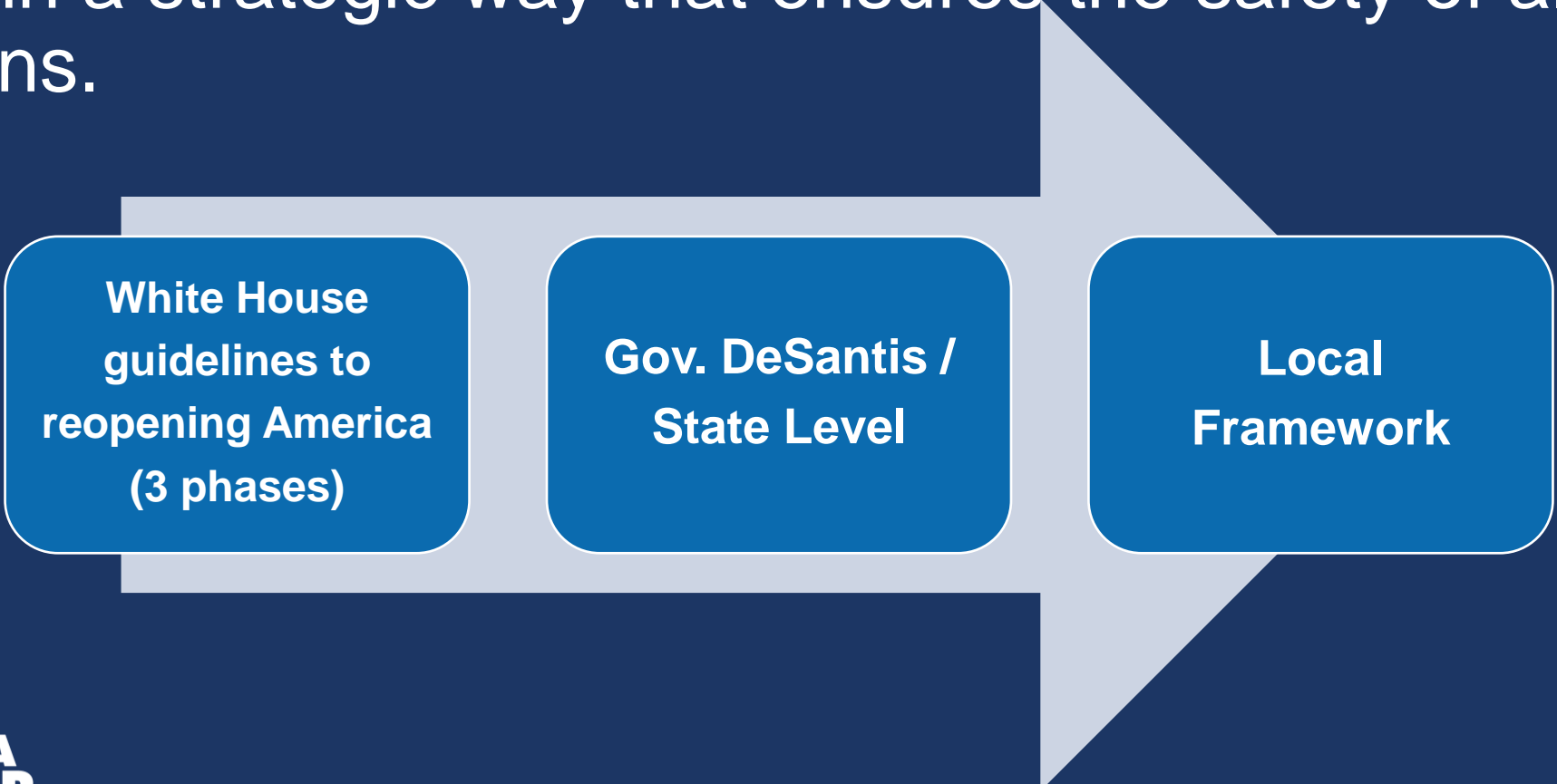
Framework for Local Leadership



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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**

## Proposed Monroe County Mask Mandate

- Mandatory through 6/1/2021 (if passed)
- Misdemeanor (Up to 60 days in jail and \$500 fine)



# 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.

# VII. Florida Prosperity Initiative



# Creating a Path to Prosperity for All Zip Codes in Florida

[JOIN THE PROSPERITY INITIATIVE](#)[REGISTER FOR THE PROSPERITY SUMMIT](#)[READ UPDATES FROM OUR NEWSLETTER](#)[VIEW PROMISING PRACTICES](#)[DOWNLOAD COUNTY ZIP CODE MAP](#)

In many ways, Florida is moving in the right direction. If Florida was an independent country, Florida would have the 17th largest economy in the world. Over the past few years, Florida has been creating one of out 11 jobs in the United States. Florida is the third-most populous state in the nation and welcomes 900 net new residents each day. For many, this is the Florida they live in- one that is prosperous, creates jobs and economic opportunity. Yet, there is a very different reality many Floridians live in. Florida has led the way in economic growth and opportunity. We can and must do more to break the cycle of generational poverty by focusing on creating opportunities for all Floridians, especially those born into poverty. Businesses can, and are, leading the way in addressing this crisis and they are doing it through our Florida Prosperity Initiative.



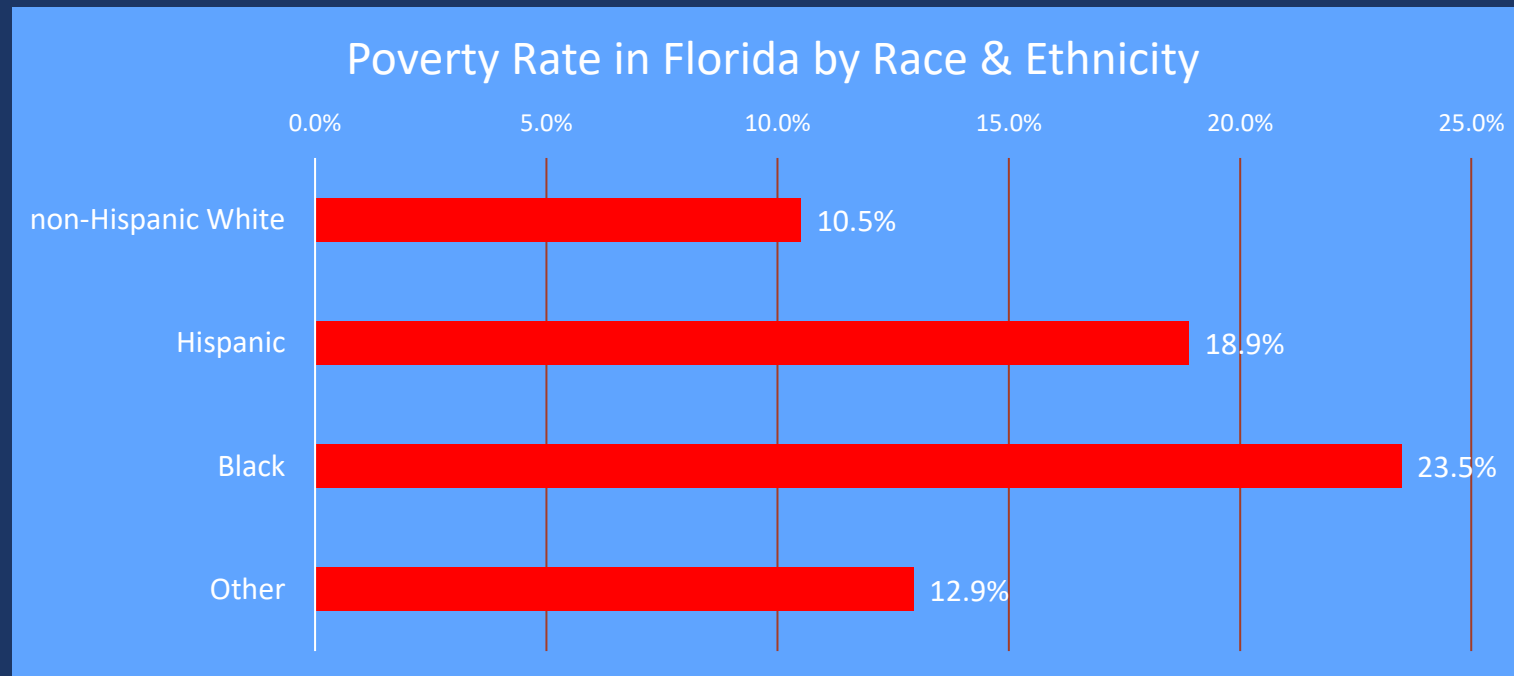
## Michael Williams Director of the Florida Prosperity Initiative

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# Race/Ethnicity & Poverty Rates in Florida

- Florida's poverty rates differ greatly along racial/ethnic lines, with minority groups noticeably more likely to fall below the poverty level.
- This is particularly true for Florida's Black and Hispanic citizens. Black Floridians are more than twice as likely to live below poverty level than White Floridians.

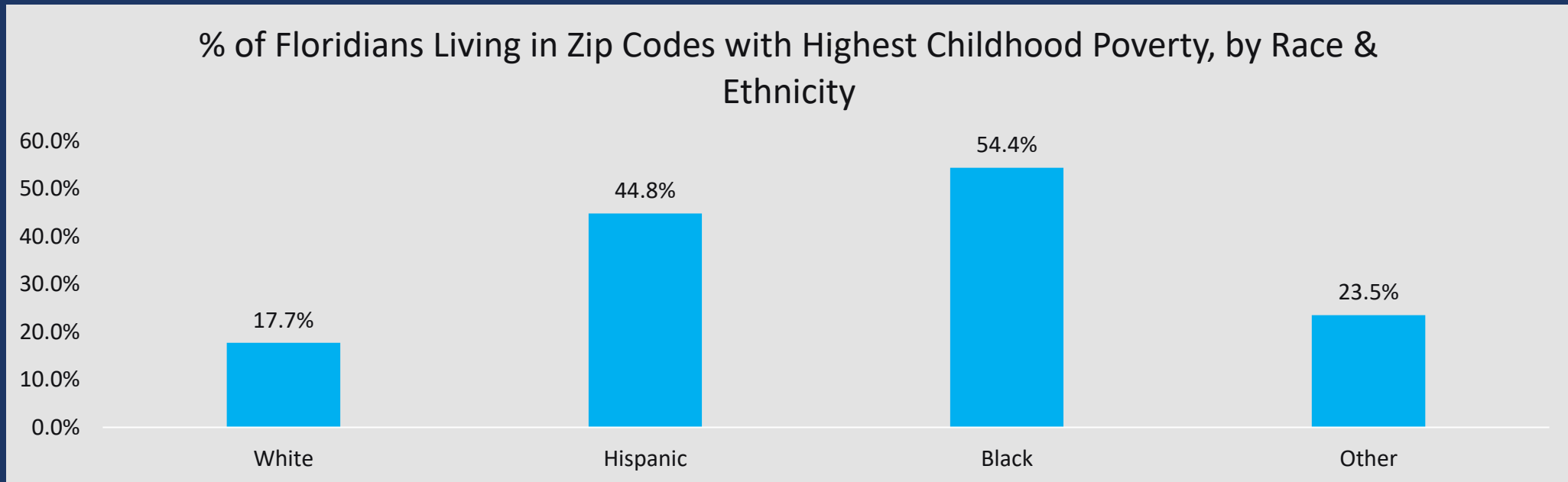


Data Source: American Community Survey, US Census Bureau



# Impact on Equality of Opportunity for Floridians

Even for those above the poverty level in these 150 zip codes, the impact of heightened levels of childhood poverty in these communities inhibits the opportunities afforded to the next generation of Floridians growing up there. The impact of this is most harshly felt by Black and Hispanic Floridians. A majority of Florida's 3.2 million Black residents live in these zip codes where childhood poverty is most prevalent, and a Black Floridian is three times more likely than a White Floridian to live in one of these 150 zip codes.



# VIII. Federal Updates

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# 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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	355,985	\$ 30.8 billion
EIDL	130,780	\$ 7.9 billion
EIDL advances	320,186	\$ 975 million



# 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,

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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

# More Local Business Lawsuits... You Know They're Coming

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,

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  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Bartow Chamber of Commerce

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## Join Other Chambers and Sign Onto the Letter

# Supreme Court Rules on *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*

AP

## Justices rule LGBT people protected from job discrimination

By MARK SHERMAN yesterday

The New York Times

## *Civil Rights Law Protects Gay and Transgender Workers, Supreme Court Rules*

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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U.S.

## Supreme Court Rules for Gay and Transgender Rights in the Workplace

Justices rule federal civil-rights law prohibits workplace discrimination against LGBT workers

# IX. State Updates

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# The Republican National Convention Is Coming to Florida

Tampa Bay  
**Times**

FLORIDA POLITICS / THE BUZZ

## Get ready Florida: RNC Convention is coming to Jacksonville

Ronna McDaniel, the chairwoman of the Republican National Convention, announced the news Thursday night.



Governor DeSantis has until July 1 to  
act on state budget



# Governor DeSantis' School Reopening and CARES Act Plan

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## Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act

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Closing Achievement Gaps and  
Creating Safe Spaces for Learning



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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

# 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)



1-833-352-7759

Employer portal for the CONNECT site:

<https://connect.myflorida.com/Employer/Core/Login.ASPX>

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> – DEO/DOR begin setting state unemployment tax rates and length of benefits for 2021.

## 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

# Florida's Infrastructure Update

- \$10 billion year
- Governor DeSantis' expedited road construction and improvements during COVID-19
- M-CORES task force meetings and preparing for Florida's future growth – Christopher Emmanuel is monitoring closely
- FDOT Florida Transportation Plan Committee
  - Hurricanes
  - ACES vehicles
  - Planning for the future



# Governor DeSantis Unveiling New State Budget Soon

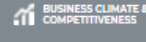
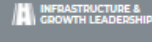
- \$93.2 billion budget will likely be altered
- Florida's tax revenues were down 29.4 percent less than anticipated during April
- Total \$598.2 billion lost were due to COVID's impact on sales tax collections

A man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark blue pinstripe suit, white shirt, and a red and blue striped tie, is speaking at a podium. He is holding a small black object in his right hand. The background features a large banner with the text "FLORIDA CHAMBER of Commerce" and the Great Seal of the State of Florida. An American flag is visible on the left side of the frame.

**FLORIDA  
CHAMBER**  
*of Commerce*

# X. Health and Economic Data and Analysis

## Dr. Jerry Parrish



## State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information! (what is this?)

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 06/16/2020

**21,990,868**

### COVID-19

NUMBER OF COVID  
CASES

**75,568**  
(Increasing)

Daily Average New Cases  
**1,464.0**  
(Increasing)

WEEKLY PERCENT OF  
POSITIVE CASES

**4.24%**  
(Decreasing)

DAYS SINCE 1ST  
CONFIRMED COVID-19  
CASE

**106**

OPEN JOBS

**235,300**  
(Declining)

**1.22M**  
Unemployed Persons  
(Increasing)

UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATE

**12.9%**  
(Increasing)

View Statewide Heat Map

Jobs Year Over Year Change  
**-1,010,500**

View Statewide Heat Map

3RD GRADE  
READING SCORES

**58%**  
(Improving)

View Statewide Heat Map

**100%**  
2030 Goal

STATE OF FLORIDA  
VISITORS

**\$94.0**  
Billion Visitor Spending

**131.4**  
Million Visitors

STATE HOUSING  
STARTS & SALES

**8,135**  
Starts (Declining)

**21,403**  
Sales (Declining)

INCOME  
MIGRATION

**\$1.19M**  
Per Hour

POVERTY RATE

**14.8%**  
(Better)

View Statewide Heat Map

CONSUMER  
SENTIMENT

**76.4**  
(Improving)

HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION RATE

**86.9%**  
(Improving)

View Statewide Heat Map

SALES TAX  
REVENUE

**\$2.385**  
Billion per Month (Declining)

VOTER  
PARTICIPATION

**62%**  
(Declining)

RIGHT / WRONG  
DIRECTION

**63%/24%**

LAND IN  
CONSERVATION

**28%**

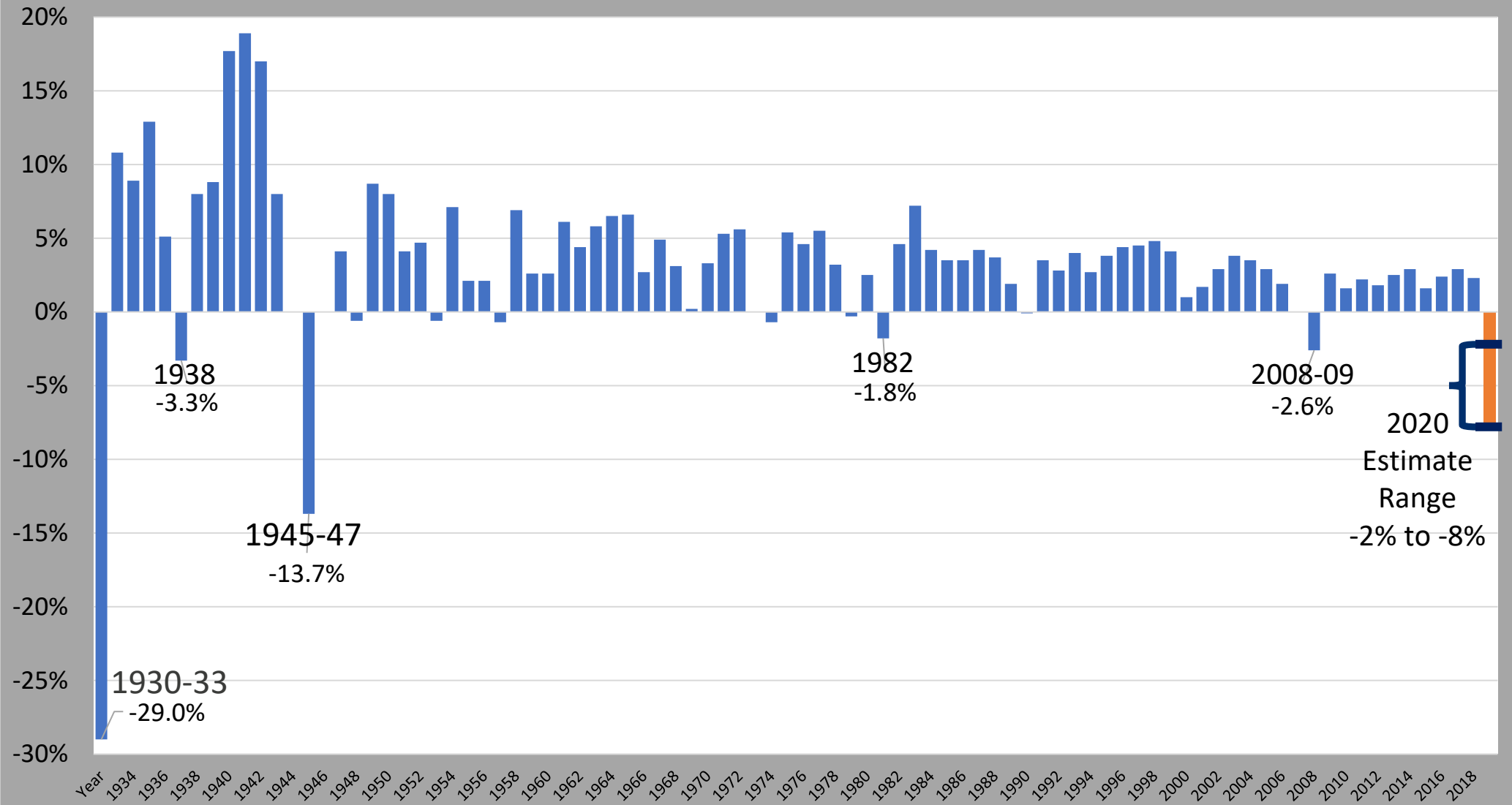
**COVID-19**  
**Increase:**  
**May 15, 2020**

Florida Cases: 77,326  
Increase in Cases: 1,758  
Avg. Daily New Cases: 1,464.0  
Hospitalized: 12,015  
Total People Tested: 1,431,164  
Increase in Tests: 21,242  
Percent Positive: 5.4%  
Florida Deaths: 2,938  
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Source: Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard

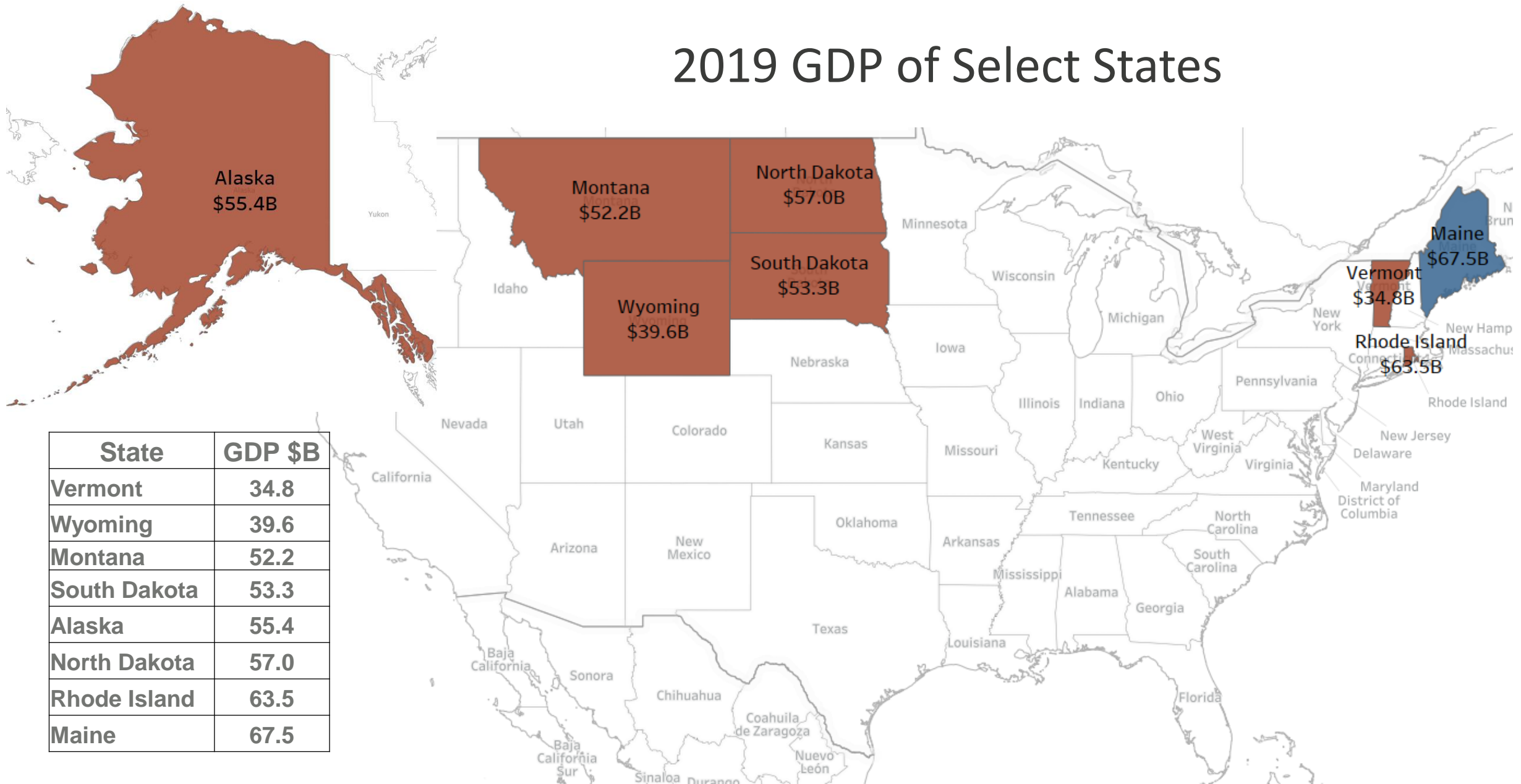
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# GDP Yearly Growth Rate



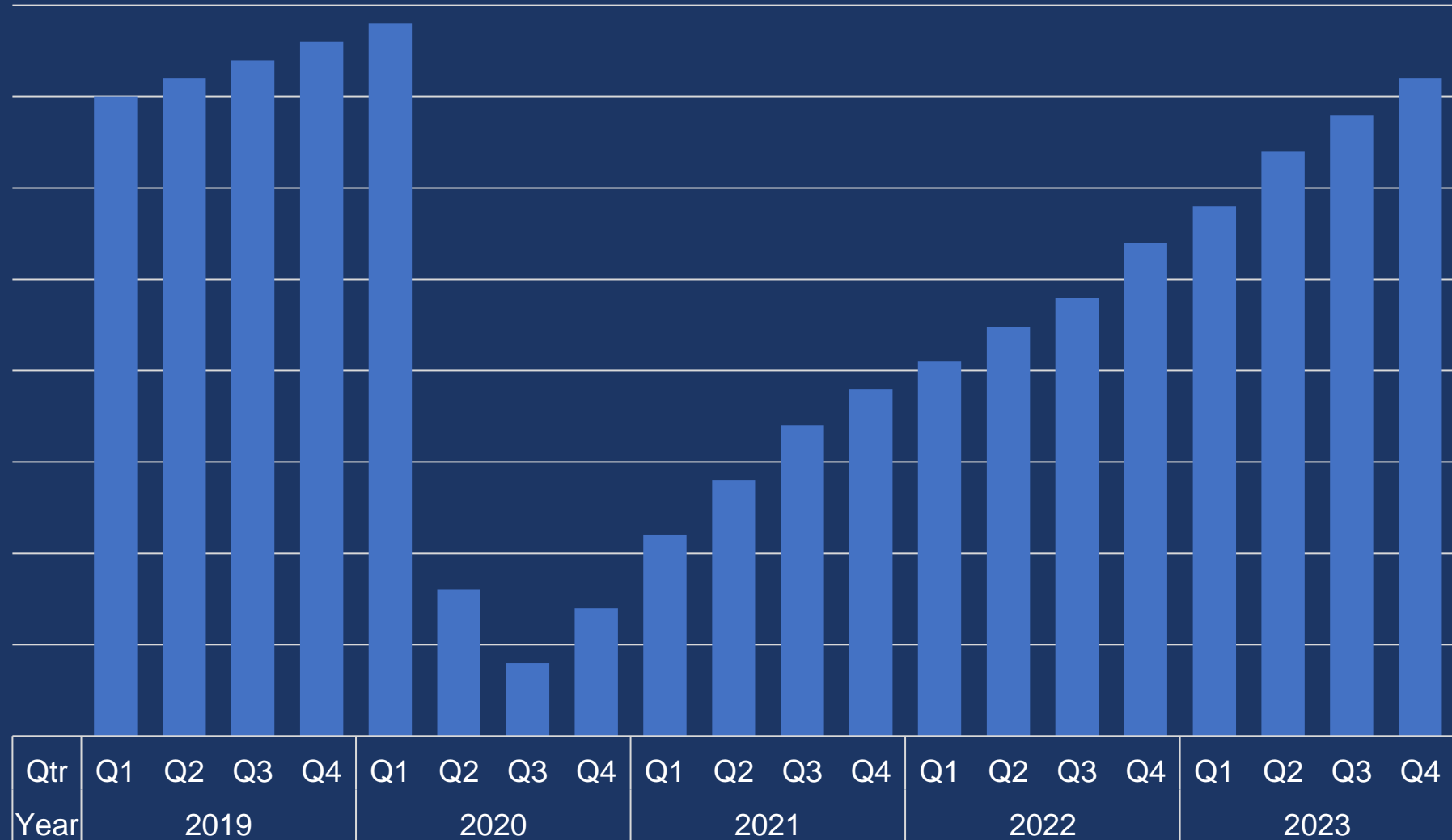


# 2019 GDP of Select States



State	GDP \$B
Vermont	34.8
Wyoming	39.6
Montana	52.2
South Dakota	53.3
Alaska	55.4
North Dakota	57.0
Rhode Island	63.5
Maine	67.5

# Jobs by Quarter – 2019 and Q1 2020, and Forecast



Source: Dr. Rajeev Dhawan, Economic Forecasting Center, Georgia State University



# XI. Open Discussion and Q&A

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# 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

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