

FSBA COVID-19 Correspondence

(Last updated March 20, 2020)

ALERT: Executive Order Issued COVID-19 Update 9



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A L E R T

March 20, 2020

Board Members,

On behalf of President Tim Weisheyer and the Executive committee, I am pleased to announce that Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-69, regarding local government public meetings. Because it is not yet on the [Governor's website](#), a pdf is attached.

Thank you, again, for all that you are doing to ensure educational continuity with your students during this difficult time.

Andrea Messina, Executive Director

[Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Order 2020-69](#)

ALERT: Valuable checklist for district COVID-19 Update 8



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Board Members,

We continue to receive very helpful and pertinent information from our friends and partners.

We just received word that we can share with all our members an EXTREMELY HELPFUL checklist for your district that was prepared by School Leaders Risk Management Association, SLRMA. The Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) maintains a membership in SLRMA and our access to this information is with much thanks to FSBIT. You can access the [check list here](#).

Also, several of our legal friends have provided legal guides for your assistance that you can access on our [Resource Page here](#).

Please continue to check your emails for additional information as it becomes available to us.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Andrea Messina

ALERT: Covid-19 UPDATE 7 WITH ATTACHMENT



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March 19, 2020

Board Members,

The FLDOE has issued updated guidance which is attached. There is additional limited guidance on holding meetings (see question # 18). We are still seeking more specific guidance, as many of you have requested and we believe is necessary.

Our office phone lines seem to be malfunctioning so until we can get it repaired, if you need assistance, please contact us by email ([click here for email addresses of staff](#)) or call us on our cells:

- Andrea Messina 850-566-1860
- BillieAnne Gay 850-528-9104
- Tina Pinkoson 352-870-8484

Also, as a reminder,

You are invited to join FSBA Executive Officers and Executive Director Andrea Messina on one of three conference calls scheduled for this Friday, March 20, to get the most up-to-the-minute information and have an opportunity to ask questions. Calls are scheduled for one hour and will be held at 8:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please plan to join us for one of the sessions, which we have scheduled throughout the day in an effort to accommodate people's schedules. We may not have all the answers, but we are certainly working diligently to get as many of them answered as possible. We hope that you can join for one of the three calls (call in information below).

Feel free to reach out to FSBA staff by email to let us know how we can assist you in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you.

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[Click to Access Attachment](#)

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<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/998389365>

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(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2073

- One-touch: <tel:+18773092073,,998389365#>

United States: +1 (312) 757-3129

- One-touch: <tel:+13127573129,,998389365#>

Access Code: 998-389-365

Join from a video-conferencing room or system.

Dial in or type: 67.217.95.2 or inroomlink.goto.com

Meeting ID: 998 389 365

Or dial directly: [998389365@67.217.95.2](tel:998389365@67.217.95.2) or 67.217.95.2##998389365

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We are still awaiting Florida Department of Education additional guidance (especially on school board meetings) which we expect later today.

However, we do have a number of NEW resources on FSBA's Covid-19: [click here](#) which will be posted today, including some legal guidance that FSBA's of Counsel Attorney, Leonard Dietzen, has already provided to your school board attorney:

Coronavirus Q&A A legal Resource Guide for Employers
COVID-19 Navigating a Pandemic--A Practical Guide for Businesses
COVID-19 Understanding Contract Rights and Obligations, and
ED Dept offers more Special Education Guidance amid COVID-19 (Updated Mar. 16) and
March Special Alert Federal Coronavirus Bill (a summary of the bill Congress passed yesterday, awaiting the President's signature, provided by Sniffen and Spellman)

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ALERT: Covid-19 UPDATE 5 Spring Break Extensions



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March 13, 2020

Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner Richard Corcoran held a conference call with district superintendents this afternoon during which several announcements were made regarding spring breaks, extracurriculars, and testing. Please see attached guidance issued later this afternoon.

As updates on COVID-19 are time-sensitive, we will continue to send updates as they become available which will result in a larger number of communications than is typical from our office. Additional resources on the COVID-19 Coronavirus may be accessed via links below:

COVID-19: Preparing for Widespread Illness in Your School Community [A Legal Guide for School Leaders](https://www.nsba.org/Resources/coronavirus/legal-guide): <https://www.nsba.org/Resources/coronavirus/legal-guide>

Florida Preparedness for COVID-10 (Coronavirus, memo sent to superintendents Feb. 28 from FLDOE): <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8848/dps-2020-36.pdf>

NSBA Resource page: <https://www.nsba.org/resources/coronavirus>

Governor Ron DeSantis [Executive Order COVID-19 Response Protocol](#).

Please consult with your Superintendent on your district's response to this warning. Most districts are working closely with their local Department of Health to follow CDC recommended guidelines and specific steps for school staff, parents, and students.

For further information, visit the [Florida Department of Health website](#) or [CDC.gov](#).

Thank you.

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March 13, 2020

Please see the attached memo that was sent to superintendents this morning providing additional assistance, specifically on persons returning from foreign travel or cruise ships, and mass gatherings.

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ALERT: Covid-19 UPDATE



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March 12, 2020

Please see the attached information from FLDOE that was shared with Superintendents last night regarding guidance for districts on Covid-19 Coronavirus.

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Click to access: [Attachment 1](#) [Attachment 2](#)

ALERT: Coronavirus UPDATED information



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March 2, 2020

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis declared a public health emergency and through [Executive Order established COVID-19 Response Protocol](#). Also, additional resources on the COVID-19 Coronavirus have become available since our ALERT issued last week:

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Also, attached is School District Crisis and Emergency Management for a Potential Pandemic FAQ, including a template for district communication to families regarding mitigating the risk of and planning for a potential of a pandemic.

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FW: ALERT: Coronavirus Disease



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Feb. 26, 2020

In a news conference yesterday, Feb. 25, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warned that Americans should get ready for a possible disruption due to the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Please consult with your Superintendent on your district's response to this warning. Most districts are working closely with their local Department of Health to follow CDC recommended guidelines and specific steps for school staff, parents, and students.

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