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**New analysis: Florida receives even worse marks for   
COVID-19 containment measures**

*FCAN provides updated fact sheet based on metrics from coronavirus watchdog*

St. Petersburg, Fla. --With the number of COVID-19 cases continuing to rise, Florida Consumer Action Network (FCAN) [released a new fact sheet today](https://mitymo-pages-4.s3.amazonaws.com/fcan.org/documents/107/original/Open_Safe_FL_7-8.pdf?2020) showing that Florida is “trending poorly” on meeting COVID-19 containment criteria. The number of COVID-19 cases in Florida has increased rapidly since Gov. DeSantis ordered the second phase of reopening to begin on June 3.   
   
As a result, FCAN is calling on Gov. DeSantis to implement additional containment measures quickly. According to [Florida's Community Coronavirus Dashboard](https://arcg.is/1Tmu1i), only 880 ICU beds remain in the state’s 307 hospitals. DeSantis has made no suggestions about what we should do next.  
   
“From week-to-week, the clear message from public health experts has remained the same: Take this pandemic very seriously or suffer dire consequences,” said Susan McGrath, FCAN Executive Director. “Simply put, right now, Gov. DeSantis and his team are not doing what is vitally necessary to combat this virus and protect the health and welfare of our citizens.”  
   
This finding is based on an evaluation by [CovidExitStrategy.org](https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/) a nonpartisan group of public health and crisis experts. They ranked Florida based on an analysis of Florida’s performance on four Centers for Disease Control-recommended benchmarks:  14-day decline in influenza-like illness; declining COVID positive cases; a diminishing percentage of COVID positive cases; and appropriate hospital capacity.  
   
The fact sheet provides data in the three of four key categories and shows that Florida is heading in a disastrous direction. Trend lines go off the charts.  Florida does not report the number of influenza-like illnesses to the CDC, however, DOH does show [steadily increasing numbers](https://arcg.is/0Hfi5O) in its most recent data.  
   
As of July 9th, Florida was meeting none of the benchmarks and the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are going up at an alarming rate.  
   
“Every situation is different, but it’s clear Florida is failing on every benchmark. said McGrath, the FCAN director. “Florida is not doing enough to combat COVID-19 and now our hospitals are being swamped with cases. We’re going exactly the wrong way.”

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