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**New analysis: Florida receives “trending poorly” marks for
COVID-19 containment measures**

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

St. Petersburg, Fla. -- With America [continuing to struggle](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/with-trump-leading-the-way-americas-coronavirus-failures-exposed-by-record-surge-in-new-infections/2020/06/27/bd15aea2-b7c4-11ea-a8da-693df3d7674a_story.html) in containing the COVID-19 virus, Florida Consumer Action Network (FCAN) released a new fact sheet today calling on Florida to maintain all current restrictions related to COVID-19, and take additional measures to improve containment.

This finding is based on analysis by [CovidExitStrategy.org](https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/) a nonpartisan group of public health and crisis experts, which ranked Florida , as “trending poorly” based on its analysis of Florida’s performance on four Centers for Disease Control-recommended benchmarks.

“From early on in this pandemic, it’s been clear that we must listen to public health experts or suffer dire consequences,” said Susan McGrath, FCAN Executive Director. “What we are seeing right now in our state is our leaders failing to act in a way that protects the health and welfare of our citizens.”

The fact sheet provides data in the four key categories: 14-day decline in influenza-like illness; declining COVID positive cases; diminishing percentage of COVID positive cases; and appropriate hospital capacity.

As of June 26, Florida was meeting only one of four benchmarks, and failed to provide data on another. Specifically, Florida is currently falling short of CDC standards on test result trends with trajectories pointing dramatically upwards, but still does have enough hospital capacity. Florida does not provide data on hospital and outpatient visits with “influenza like illness” or “ILI” which is a CDC benchmark.

Nationally, only 6 states are meeting the standards in all four categories as of June 26. As of Sunday, June 28, the number had dropped to three.

“Every situation is different, so there’s no formula that all states to follow to the letter,” said McGrath, the FCAN director. “But Florida is simply not doing enough to combat COVID-19 when it comes to improving test results the 7 day trend of new cases. We’re going exactly the wrong way.”

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*Florida Consumer Action Network i*s a grassroots organization which empowers citizens to influence public policy by organizing and educating in areas where consumer voices are underrepresented.