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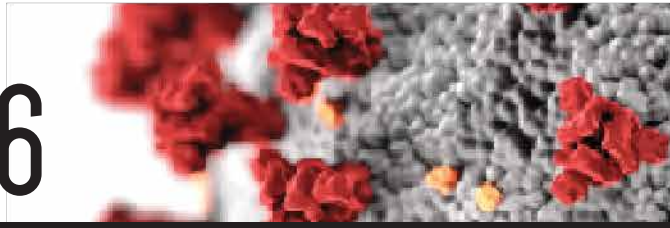

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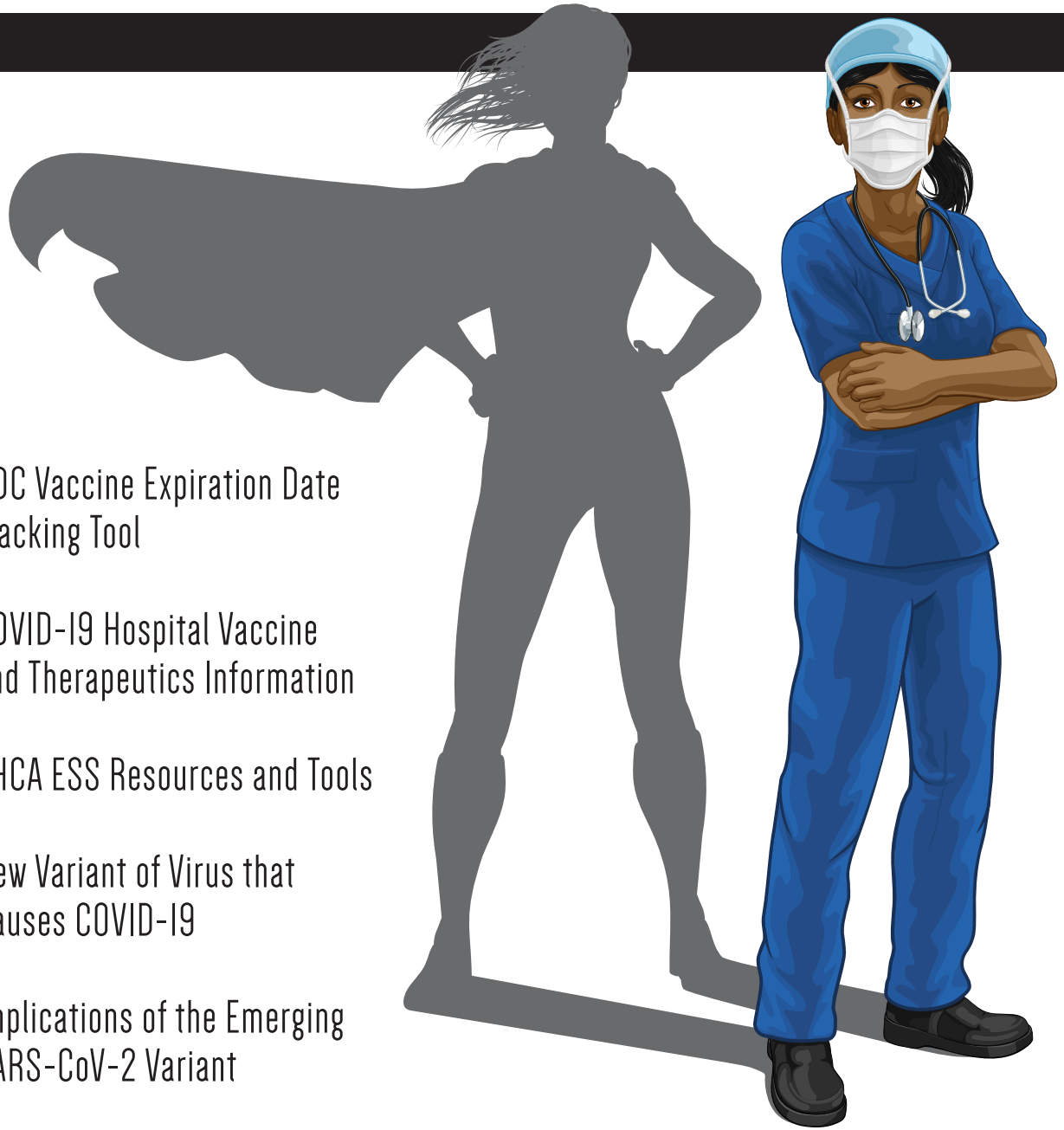

CDC Vaccine Expiration Date Tracking Tool

COVID-19 Hospital Vaccine and Therapeutics Information

AHCA ESS Resources and Tools

New Variant of Virus that Causes COVID-19

Implications of the Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variant

## CURRENT* COVID-19 CASES IN BIG BEND REGION

*updated as of 12.29.2020 at 11:00am

| COUNTY | New cases past 7 days | Current COVID Hospitalizations | Total COVID Fatalities |
|---|---|---|---|
| Calhoun | 103 | 0 | 28 |
| Franklin | 19 | 0 | 4 |
| Gadsden | 176 | 0 | 59 |
| Gulf | 56 | 3 | 27 |
| Jackson | 139 | 10 | 115 |
| Jefferson | 67 | 0 | 16 |
| Leon | 892 | 91 | 173 |
| Liberty | 40 | 0 | 14 |
| Madison | 46 | 1 | 33 |
| Taylor | 87 | 0 | 25 |
| Wakulla | 111 | 0 | 21 |

One Blood is asking for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma. For more information, click here.

## GOVERNOR DESANTIS' EXECUTIVE ORDERS

For resource requests in your county please contact your local emergency management office.

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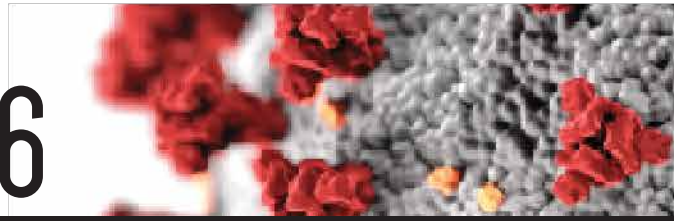

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## Statewide Conference Call Summary

State Emergency Operations Center is currently 300 days into a level 1 activation in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Currents trends in the State are showing RT values under 1. which means the rate of spread has stabilized. However. there is still a lot of COVID in the state and we must continue to focus on mitigation measures such as: mask wearing. social distancing. providing good ventilation in enclosed spaces. and hand washing. If you are experiencing symptoms it is important to get tested ASAP.

There is new info out of the United Kingdom on a new variant of COVID-19 that has been increasingly reported. Thoughts are that this new virus can be 40-70% more transmissible. It is unsure at this time if the current vaccine will target this new strain. but it is looking positive that it will. There is new information on CDC website at this time related to this new strain. Currently. this variant has not been seen in the U.S. at this time.

Preventative therapeutics are still available within 100 hospitals in the state and they continue to prove effective.

We are now in week 3 of vaccine distribution in the state. week one started on December 14th. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are available throughout the state and the current priority is front line healthcare workers and LTC residents and staff. Highly encouraged to use the vaccine allocations that you have and to not hold on to them. Other vaccines will become available and more allocations will be distributed in the future. so use what you have.

Currently 146.000 individuals have been vaccinated within the State of Florida. All vaccines need to be reported within a 24-hour period within Florida shots. Please also report these numbers in ESS.

## ESS INFORMATION FOR REPORTING FACILITIES

- ESS is critically important for the State to anticipate demand in the hospital & sub-acute care setting. This data influences decisions on the need for additional support and equipment requests from federal government.
- Facilities MUST verify and update data once daily.
- ESS is adding more fields daily. Instructions on these new fields available on the AHCA ESS website.
- Hospitals should estimate the number of med surge beds that can be converted to ICU beds. Do not duplicate bed numbers in different categories. Start with highest acuity beds.
- Corporate Representatives can be established to monitor data entry at individual facilities. Contact AHCA for assistance

Did you get this report second-hand? If you'd like to be added to our COVID-19 Situation Report distribution list. please email your contact info to Zach Annett at zannett@arpc.org

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