



Statewide Email

DATE SENT: May 12, 2020
FROM: Chancellor Kathy Hebda
TO: FCS Presidents
Via: Kathy.hebda@fldoe.org
SUBJECT: StrongerThanC19

I wanted to be sure that you received the information below from Surgeon General Rivkees about the new mobile app for Florida, StrongerThanC19.

Sincerely,

Kathy

From: Rivkees, Scott A <Scott.Rivkees@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:33 PM
To:
Subject: StrongerThanC19

Attention Agency Heads:

As cases of COVID-19 top 39,000 in Florida, the state continues to work to fight the spread of the virus across Florida. Today, the Department of Health (Department) launched a new mobile app, *StrongerThanC19*. This free app complements the community action survey [website](#) of the same name that launched on April 3. The participation from the website has been very promising so far, and we're hopeful that this app will help to build on the submissions and data that has already been gathered. The Department will use the information collected from the website and the app to help further inform and improve the state's response to COVID-19.

This app will also fill a critical role as our state begins to reopen. In the same way that information collected through the StrongerThanC19 community survey will help the Florida Department of Health identify our most heavily impacted communities, it will also show which areas of the state are recovering. This knowledge will prove critical as a part of Florida's data-driven, thoughtful approach to reopening.

Even if you have already submitted a survey via the website, please feel free to download the app and update your answers.

We are asking all agencies to assist in the initiative to rally Florida residents to unite in the fight to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida by:

- Sharing the Department of Health's social media posts relating to the *StrongerThanC19* app.
- Sending an agency-wide email to your employees informing them of this latest COVID-19 response initiative and encouraging them to share it with their family, friends, and colleagues.

An email template is attached for you to share with your agencies.

For the latest updates on COVID-19 in Florida, please visit the Florida Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage [here](#).

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-(866) 779-6121 or emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov. **The Call Center is available 24 hours per day.**

Thank you for your support of this initiative. Together, we can flatten the curve.

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