



## SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners  
**FROM:** Bobby Thayer – Training Captain  
**Through:** Robert Bounds – Fire Chief  
**RE:** **COVID-19 Report**  
**DATE:** January 20, 2021

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4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 positive cases:	5
Return to full duty:	5
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 positive cases:	14
Return to full duty (01/13/2021):	9
Total number of Covid-19 Test Employees:	125 - 145
Number of Covid Vaccinations Received:	31

Also, our district has teamed up with Manatee County Emergency Management, where we have assisted with the vaccination of Manatee County residents. To date we have assisted in giving over 5400 vaccination at Tom Bennett Park.

The week of 01/11/2021 was the second round of shots for those personnel that received the Pfizer Vaccine. At this time 20 personnel have their total inoculations completed. The remaining 11 employees will receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> shot the week of 01/25/2021, and this will be the Moderna Vaccine.

We have also received additional quarantine guidance from the CDC. The number of days of quarantine has been reduced to 10 days if a person has no symptoms. Also, a person may now return to work after 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test if their only symptom is a loss of taste or smell. Where this information is useful, we have decided to use a test-based strategy for return to work.

We have also issued some new guidelines to our personnel to slow the spread of a recent uptick in cases within our district. All personnel now must be in mask while on duty in the common areas of the stations, and while traveling in the apparatus.