



SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: The Southern Manatee Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Bobby Thayer – Training Chief
Through: Robert Bounds – Fire Chief
RE: **COVID-19 Report**
DATE: July 12, 2022

2 nd Quarter 2022 positive cases:	6
Return to full duty:	6
Total number of Covid-19 Test Employees:	11
Number of Covid Vaccinations Received:	0

Currently our district has no active cases of Covid-19. We have test kits available thru training if needed to test any employees, as most all public test sites have shut. The best public site to use at this time would be located at the old Dog Track. This month Four of our employees did test positive, however all have recovered and returned to full duty.

At the time of this report, Manatee County has had a decline in its weekly positivity rate to 20.3%. This rate is down approximately 5.9% since last month, which means our cases have begun the expected summer decline. The total hospitalizations have also decreased this month, and deaths are also stabilized at this time which is good news. Crews are remaining to be vigilant with PPE while on suspected Covid related calls.

Currently we will continue to monitor as we again expected this decrease with the home test kits being readily available. Citizens who use these kits do not post results to Manatee County, which means Covid-19 is still a factor on daily responses. Finally, we have drafted new guidelines to allow employees to return to work. Our guidelines will continue to be drafted based on best practices as well as CDC guidelines.