



MARTIN COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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Martin County recommends self-isolation for multiple Martin County firefighters

In an abundance of caution, Martin County Fire Rescue recommended self-isolation for multiple firefighters after possible exposure to COVID-19. The firefighters have been asked to provide regular updates to the department until test results are returned.

“With the responsibility of serving our residents and visitors on a daily basis, we want to ensure we are leading by example and following the necessary guidance from public health officials, such as maintaining adequate supplies and actively practicing social distancing in our fire stations,” said Chief Bill Schobel, Martin County Fire Rescue.

With just under 400 Martin County Fire Rescue employees and 315 on the street, current staffing protocols require a minimum of two per rescue and three per suppression apparatus. In planning for the pandemic, leadership reviewed staffing strengths, and with the number sent home for self-isolation, MCFR is adequately staffed to respond to the community’s needs.

For all health-related questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Florida Department of Health’s COVID-19 call center, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (866) 779-6121 or covid-19@flhealth.gov.

To contact the Florida Department of Health in Martin County, please call (772) 221-4000, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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