The following is a summary of activities taken by the BOCC in regard to the emerging COVID 19 pandemic as of March 24, 2020.

- December 31, 2019 – World Health Organization (WHO) reports the Wuhan Virus
- February 5, 2020 - the Fire/EMS PSAP began monitoring calls for potential COVID 19 patients, but did not make any changes to dispatch procedures.
- March 4, 2020 – Determined that both fire departments did not have current fit testing for N95 masks for their personnel. In response to this need, escalated the surveillance tool to screen for potential COVID 19 patients and announce to responding staff the risk and to use full personal protective measures as needed. As the fire departments did not have fit testing completed, the response changed to cancel the fire departments and send two ambulances to the call for these instances.
    - Coordinated with AMR to request additional testing supplies and to fit test all fire department staff for N95 masks
    - AMR fit-tested began the weekend of March 13, 2020, with approximately 121 firefighters tested that weekend. Except for a few individuals, all were tested as of March 24, 2020
- March 5, 2020 – Expanded PSAP call screening to trigger mode for certain call types and if the screening tool recommended potential COVID 19 symptoms, began to notify responding staff of potential risk and to use appropriate precautions
- March 5, 2020 – GMR (AMR parent company) provides access to GMR national call line for First Responder consultation for potential COVID 19 exposures (used only for responders with potential exposure to a COVID 19 patient)
- March 9, 2020 – Emergency Management provides Executive Policy Group briefing
- March 10, 2020 – Facilitated local partners meeting for Dr. Zelnick and the Department of Health
- March 10, 2020 – Facilitated local meeting with Dr. Zelnick and local first responders
- March 11, 2020 – Sumter Emergency Management begins daily flash briefings
- March 13, 2020 – Provided clinical guidelines from Medical Director to all staff regarding COVID 19
- March 14, 2020 – Sumter Emergency Management places PPE orders in the State EOC WebEOC
- March 16, 2020 – Sumter Department of Health stands up Incident Management Team
- March 16, 2020 – restricted access to the Fire & EMS communications center to essential communications staff.
- March 16, 2020 – provide internal screening tool to all firefighters, EMS, and shared with
- March 17, 2020 – BOCC declares the Local State of Emergency
- March 18, 2020 – Sumter confirms the first local case
- March 18, 2020 – BOCC cancels library programs from March 19th – April 13th and limits computer use for customers to ever other computer to support the need for social distancing.
- March 19, 2020 - Met with the UF Emergency Medical Services Medical Director to discuss communications planning and the impact of COVID 19

- March 19, 2020 – Sumter Emergency Management conducts healthcare facilities conference call.
- March 19, 2020 – expanded surveillance tool to all EMS call types
- March 19, 2020 – BOCC cancels use of community buildings and library meeting spaces from March 20 – April 13th
- March 20, 2020 – Met with all three EMS providers in Sumter County to review recommended changes to the response plans. The new response plans were approved for implementation beginning March 23, 2020, or as soon as possible.
    - Implementation of BLS transport units
    - Resource deployment based on a call screening determinant in conjunction with
    - Emergency Medical Dispatch
    - Addition of quick response ALS vehicles by AMR
- March 22, 2020 – BOCC announces closure of Belvedere Branch Library from March 23 – April 11th and adjusts operating hours for the remaining branches
- March 23, 2020 – Sumter EOC Level 2
- March 23, 2020 – Sumter Emergency Management conducts mass feeding planning call
- March 24, 2020 – Sumter EMS Transportation protocols meeting.
- March 24, 2020 – BOCC scheduled to re-authorize the local declaration for another seven days
- March 24, 2020 – BOCC reschedules committee meetings to the end of April or the beginning of May 2020
- March 24, 2020 – BOCC cancels April Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day