



Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

March 24, 2020

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am writing on behalf of (ISC)² to express our support for urgent and aggressive measures to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the state of Florida. Headquartered in Clearwater, we are the world's largest nonprofit association of certified cybersecurity professionals. We have more than 100 employees locally and also represent more than 150,000 members worldwide, including many in this state. Like many business leaders, I continue to be concerned as we monitor the proliferation of COVID-19 across our state and the nation as a whole.

I applaud the steps you have recently taken, including closing fitness centers and limiting restaurants to delivery service, but in the absence of coordinated federal action we cannot continue to wait for outside support. I urge you to follow the lead of at least 17 other state governors who have implemented stay-at-home orders in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Social distancing alone is not an effective solution to this problem, and residents are still congregating closely in great numbers on our beaches and in our public spaces, increasing the risk of further viral spread. By asking residents to stay in their homes and permitting only essential services and personnel to operate, you would be giving Florida a better chance to stem the tide of this pandemic and speed a return to normalcy.

Our public health and our economy depend on your swift action in overcoming this unprecedented challenge for our state.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue, and I hope to learn about stricter containment measures being employed very soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David P. Shearer".

David Shearer, CISSP
Chief Executive Officer, (ISC)²





CC:

Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio

U.S. Senator Rick Scott

Florida Surgeon General Scott Rivkees, M.D.