Since April 2, 2020, Manatee County has experienced a 277% (50 per 100,000) increase in the number of COVID-19 cases for a total of 275 (68 per 100,000) cases as of April 15, 2020.

The number of new COVID-19 cases has remained relatively stable, however this is due to limited access to testing therefore, we should assume a higher number of “carriers” than those who are actually tested.

Two nursing homes account for nearly 25% of all cases in Manatee Co. This is caused by those who enter the facility, family and staff, who are exposed carriers of COVID-19 which impacts the immune systems of elderly residents. This provides evidence of the vulnerability of older-aged adults and the need for proper protective equipment, adherence to social distancing and limiting interaction to reduce to spread.

Although a decline in the percentage of new cases per week is observed over time, a 60% increase of new cases over the past 7 days is higher than the state’s 43% increase.

National COVID Taskforce recommends a sustained percentage of positive tests that do not exceed 13% for a period of 1 week. Manatee County has not yet achieved this benchmark.