

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER DIRECTIVE 2020-02**

**WHEREAS**, The Executive Office of the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52, granting agency heads authority to waive statutory and administrative provisions to the extent strict compliance with such provisions prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the ongoing emergency.

**WHEREAS**, the Department houses the Division of State Fire Marshal, which, pursuant to Section 633.202, F.S., is charged with triennially adopting the Florida Fire Prevention Code (fire code), comprised of the current editions of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 and 101 and Florida-specific amendments.

**WHEREAS**, the Division of State Fire Marshal is charged with enforcing the fire code and conducting inspections with respect to state-owned property.

**WHEREAS**, local fire departments are charged with enforcing the fire code and conducting fire safety inspections with respect to privately-owned property.

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 illness is anticipated to significantly increase demand for hospital and healthcare services.

**WHEREAS**, increasing patient capacity at hospitals and other healthcare facilities may be necessary to meet the demands for services posed by COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, local Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) are obligated to ensure all public structures, temporary or otherwise meet required fire safety standards adopted in the fire code.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JIMMY T. PATRONIS JR.**, in accordance with the authority invested in me by Article IV, Section 4 of the Florida Constitution, and Sections 17.30 and 20.121(1), Florida Statutes, hereby issue the following Directive:

Section 1. All local AHJs should partner with hospitals and healthcare providers to identify all equivalencies, modifications, and creative solutions afforded within the Florida Fire Prevention Code to accommodate the erection of temporary healthcare facilities. Further, the inspection and necessary certifications of such facilities should be prioritized over other types of facilities.

Section 2. This Directive shall remain in effect until May 8, 2020, unless extended by subsequent Directive of the Chief Financial Officer.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be  
affixed, at Tallahassee this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
Signed, Jimmy T. Patronis, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer  
State of Florida