

WELCOME TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOWNHALL

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We are in an unprecedented time

- No clear operational “road map”
- This is an opportunity to share and learn from the each other
 - What is working well?
 - What would you do differently?
 - What pitfalls have you learned to avoid?
 - What strategies have you used to get things done while complying with the law and constitution?
 - If you made mistakes, how did you correct them?



This session's
focus is on
Communication

- Identify “Best Practices” when communicating with:
 - Public in general
 - Public meetings specifically
 - Emergency Response Team/Emergency Operations Center
 - Public Health Officer and Board of Public Health

Communicating with the Public

- Effective Strategies?
 - Social Media?
 - Radio/TV/Newspaper?

Public meetings

Balance between complying with the Constitution and law while ensuring the public's health, safety and welfare



Citizens have a:

“ . . . right to examine documents or to observe the deliberations of all public bodies”

Right to a “reasonable opportunity for citizen participation in the operation of the agencies prior to the final decision”

Communication
& Coordination

Disaster Emergency
Service Response Team



Emergency Operations
Center

Communication & Coordination

Public Health Officer



Board of Public Health