

# Manatee County Administrative Building COVID Outbreak

Due to a number of COVID-19 cases detected among employees, the County AdminBuilding will close to the public today at 2:30pm. Employees are being directed to leave the building early to enable the entire facility to be disinfected, including fogging.

According to sources, the outbreak includes 6 employees in the IT department. Despite the free availability of vaccines for these employees, none were vaccinated. Of the 6 employees, 2 passed away this week and 4 are currently hospitalized. County Administrator Dr. Hopes is working closely with the County Health Department to conduct contact tracing to determine the next steps. As an epidemiologist, Hopes has a unique set of skills to ensure the county is taking all the necessary precautions to keep this contained.

Offices will reopen on Monday, June 21 at 8 am. When the offices reopen, COVID-19 safety protocols will resume, including mandatory face masks.