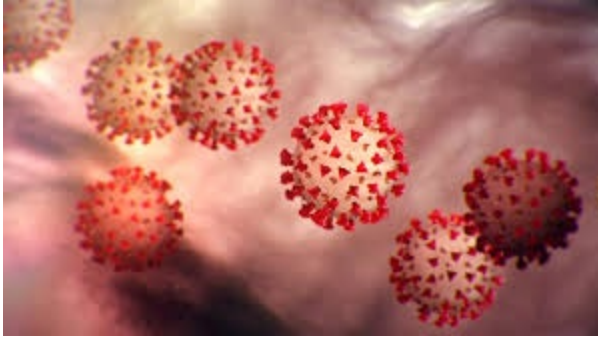


COVID-19 CLOSES NANAY CENTER

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The **COVID-19 pandemic**, also known as the **coronavirus pandemic**, is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). It was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in January 2020 and a pandemic in March 2020.

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Although it was reported that 171 people showed symptoms of the new virus infection in January and February 2020, Florida officially announced its first presumed cases of coronavirus and became the tenth State to confirm its first Covid-19 cases on March 1. On March 2, [AARP](#) warned Florida nursing homes to prepare and provide adequate supplies of protective wear and the [Florida Department of Health](#) issued guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Aware that NANAY elders have a high risk of getting infected and concerned about their welfare and wellbeing, the NANAY administration decided to close its Center for services and allow the elders to quarantine at home with families.

The Center will re-open and services will be resumed once the Covid-19 pandemic is under control.