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## **ICYMI: Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Launch of New Survey Tool for Self-Assessment and Safe Behavior Scores on COVID-19 Through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs**

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) recently released an [online survey](#) to allow Florida residents, especially older individuals, to make important self-assessments on their COVID-19 behaviors.

“Protecting Florida’s most vulnerable has been my administration’s main focus during this COVID-19 pandemic,” **said Governor DeSantis** [in his recent news release](#). “With the Florida Safe Survey, we hope to further mitigate the spread of this disease and bring another layer of protection to those most at risk of severe symptoms from COVID-19.”

“Floridians across the state have a new opportunity to make a difference during these unprecedented times,” **said First Lady Casey DeSantis**. “This is a chance for Florida’s aging population to ensure they are doing everything they can to get the best Safe Behavior Score possible with respect to COVID-19. Through this incredible innovation, we are given the opportunity to save lives.”

“Governor DeSantis knows Floridians are resilient, and he has worked tirelessly to bring Floridians together in the fight against COVID-19,” **said DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom**. “This survey furthers our effort by allowing all residents to get actionable and responsive feedback from their survey results and unite in their actions against COVID-19.”



A Florida Safe Survey digital video featuring First Lady Casey DeSantis and DOEA Secretary Richard Prudom [may be viewed here](#).

During the first week of release, the online self-assessment tool was available through [multiple news outlets](#) and highlighted in [statewide new media platforms](#).

“CV19 CheckUp was developed to help people be safer and healthier as they deal with COVID-19,” **said BellAge Chief Innovation Officer James Firman**. “DOEA collaborated to ensure we addressed the unique needs of Florida’s older population. I’m very pleased that Florida is helping us introduce CV19 CheckUp’s potentially lifesaving service to the country.”

The self-audit is available at [FloridaSafeSurvey.com](https://FloridaSafeSurvey.com) and takes only a few minutes to complete. Respondents of the survey may anonymously answer questions and then review their results, with respect to COVID-19 situations, to see how different actions affect their own health, and the health of others. The **Florida Safe Survey** allows individuals to have a tool at their disposal that fully engages them in the outcomes of their actions.

### ***What They Are Saying***

#### **DeSantis announces the launch of a survey tool for self-assessment and safe behavior scores on COVID-19**

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the release of an online survey to allow residents, especially older adults, to make important self-assessments on their COVID-19 behaviors through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA).

#### **How COVID-safe are you? Take this survey to get your score**

On a scale of 1 to 10, how COVID-safe are you? The Florida Department of Elder Affairs wants to be the judge of that.

#### **What's your COVID-19 risk? Take this quiz to find out**

A new survey released by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs can calculate your risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 and provide guidance on how to protect yourself from contracting the virus.

#### **Gov. Ron DeSantis unveils online COVID-19 self-assessment tool**

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced a new online COVID-19 self-assessment survey on Wednesday to help Florida residents and the elderly.

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### ***About the Florida Department of Elder Affairs***

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs, the State Unit on Aging, helps Florida's elders to remain healthy, safe, and independent. The Department provides most direct services through its Division of Statewide Community-Based Services, which works through the state's eleven Area Agencies on Aging and local service providers to deliver essential services to a vital segment of the population. For more information, please visit [www.elderaffairs.org](http://www.elderaffairs.org).

### ***About BellAge, Inc. and CV19 CheckUp***

BellAge, Inc. is a public benefit company founded in April 2020 by nationally recognized leaders in aging, technology and artificial intelligence. The company's mission is to help older adults across the world age better through systems using artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. BellAge's first expert system, CV19 CheckUp, was developed to provide hyper-personalized assistance by educating and informing people of their risk levels associated with COVID-19, and offering recommendations about how to mitigate those risks. More information is at [www.bellage.org](http://www.bellage.org).