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# SLOSBERG REPORT

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## The Team

Customer service is important and my team is here for you. Don't hesitate to contact us for help.

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## Constituents Services

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Care and more...

Hello!

I know that times have been rough, but I want to let you know that my office is working diligently on your behalf. In this version of the The Slosberg Report, I will cover the COVID-19 pandemic, hurricane season preparedness, and highlights from the 2019-2020 legislative session.

Since the onset of COVID-19, my sole focus has been helping my district combat the virus. District 91 has one of the largest elderly populations in the state and, with an average age of 63, we have been hit disproportionately hard by the virus.

I have been working tirelessly with the Governor, Congress, and Palm Beach County officials to fight for the resources we desperately need in District 91. My top priorities have been increasing funding and testing in our district, especially in elderly care facilities. I have also worked to launch strike teams in areas that have been most affected.

I encourage you to stay safe by wearing masks and maintaining social distancing standards set by the CDC. I know that it is difficult distancing yourself from family and friends, but we must face this together by staying apart.

I hope the following resources will be helpful if you ever find yourself in need of assistance.

**Representative Emily Slosberg**  
**Florida House of Representatives, District 91**

# **Palm Beach County Approves Restart Business Grants**

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the CARES Restart Business Grants Program to accelerate the reopening of businesses hardest hit by COVID-19.

The \$60 million Business Restart Program uses a portion of the county's \$261 million allocation from the Federal CARES Act approved by Congress. The BCC has dedicated \$50 million toward businesses with 25 or fewer employees and \$10 million towards businesses with greater than 25 employees.

The program guidelines, including eligibility criteria, are currently posted on the County's website ([www.pbcgov.org](http://www.pbcgov.org)). The BCC gave approval for individual grants up to \$25,000 to help Palm Beach County businesses forced to close or limit operations and are now planning to "restart" based on the county's phased opening process.

Required documents will include a fully executed application from the county's online portal, certifications, affirmations and acknowledgements, tax returns, payroll reports, an active Palm Beach County Business Tax Receipt, and an active registration on SunBiz. These documents will be required to be uploaded into the system by the applicant.

Interested businesses are encouraged to prepare for the Restart Program Application as they will be processed on a first come, first eligible basis. The online application is expected to launch on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. and will be accessible through the Palm Beach County website.

**Criteria for the grant can be found at: <http://pbcgov.com/hes>.**

# COVID-19 Testing Sites

If you are showing symptoms or worried you may have been exposed to the virus, I encourage you to schedule an appointment at one of the Palm Beach County testing sites. I would also like to note that I have been working with the County and our Governor to get a testing site in Boca and we should have one in the next few weeks.

## **Florida Atlantic University - FAU Tech Runway **\*NEW\*****

901 NW 35th Street

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Over age 12; with or without COVID-19 symptoms

**Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**\*Drive-up site:** By appointment only; call **1 (800) 209-7919**

## **South County Civic Center**

16700 Jog Road

Delray Beach, FL 33446

Over age 16.

By appointment only; call **(561) 804-0250**

## **Belle Glade: Primary Care Clinics at Lakeside Medical Center**

39200 Hooker Hwy

Belle Glade, FL 33430

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**\*Drive-thru option:** By appointment only; call **(561) 642-1000**

## **C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics**

1150 45th Street West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Monday & Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

By appointment only; call **(561) 642-1000**

411 W. Indiantown Rd.

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

By appointment only; call **(561) 642-1000**

225 S. Congress Ave

Delray Beach, FL 33445

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

By appointment only; call **(561) 642-1000**

## **Resources for Seniors:**

Seniors 60+ are encouraged to call the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Helpline for assistance with food, food stamps, COVID 19 information such as testing sites, and questions on Medicare or Medicaid. Call the ADRC Helpline at 1(866) 684-5885. Specially trained counselors are available to help in English, Spanish or Creole Monday through Friday 8:00 – 5:00.

## **Mental Health Resources:**

Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and can cause strong emotions in adults and children. Taking care of your emotional health during an emergency will help you think clearly and react to the urgent needs to protect yourself and your family.

- Florida Blue 24/7 Bilingual Helpline: 833-848-1762
- Florida Department of Health's Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990
- US Department of Health & Human Services Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

## **Hurricane Preparedness:**

Hurricane season begins June 1, 2020 and ends November 30, 2020. I want to share with you some preparation recommendations issued by Palm Beach County. Please visit [www.readypbc.com](http://www.readypbc.com) for the complete guide or contact my district office at (561) 496-5940 and I will be happy to send you printed version.

### **1 Month Before Hurricane Season**

- Complete the assembly of your Emergency Supply Kit. **Be sure to include face masks!** Purchase medicine last.
- Check with your doctor/pharmacy to determine how best to assure your prescriptions will last through a storm.
- If you need to register for the Special Needs Shelter, contact the Special Needs Coordinator at 561-712-6400.

### **Pet Safety**

- Have a plan for your pets if you are evacuating and not taking them with you. Have them stay with friends or family who are not evacuating, or board them with a local facility or your veterinarian.
- Make sure your pet has a collar with a contact name and phone number.
- The Pet Friendly Shelter is located inside the West Boynton Recreational Center at 6000 Northtree Blvd., Lake Worth, FL 33463 and is only available to Palm Beach County residents who reside in a mandatory evacuation zone, in a mobile home, or in substandard housing. Proof of residency will be required.



## Additional COVID-19 Resources

### Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorders

[www.sefbhn.org/programs](http://www.sefbhn.org/programs)

### Budgeting and Banking

[www.Debthelper.com](http://www.Debthelper.com)

### Childcare

<https://www.elcpalmbeach.org>

### Department of Housing & Economic Sustainability (DHES)

Homeowners and prospective renters assistance, call 561-233-3600, or visit

<http://discover.pbcgov.org/hes/Pages/default.aspx>.

### Employment

<https://www.careersourcepbc.com>

[www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org)

### Food

Elder Helpline: 866-684-5885

All others: call 2-1-1 or go to <https://211palmbeach.org/>

### Legal Access Services

<https://legalaidsbc.org/information-and-resources>

### Transportation

[www.palmtran.org](http://www.palmtran.org)

### Vita Tax Returns

[www.Myfreetaxes.com](http://www.Myfreetaxes.com)

[www.unitedwaypbc.org/taxes](http://www.unitedwaypbc.org/taxes)

## COVID-19 Testing Sites

**FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches** - (561) 642-1000

**South County Civic Center/Cleveland Clinic** - (561) 804-0250

**Belle Glade: Primary Care Clinic at Lakeside Medical Center** - (561) 642-1000

### Palm Beach County COVID-19 Updates

For more information on Palm Beach County's orders, actions and announcements, visit:

<http://discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus/Pages/Updates.aspx>.



### Palm Beach County

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