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Palm Beach County Operations Coronavirus Update Thursday, October 29, 2020

***NEW* VIDEO: [TODAY'S COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE EOC](#)**

Mayor Dave Kerner and County officials provide an update of local actions pertaining to the COVID-19 virus on October 29, 2020 at 4 p.m.

***NEW* PALM BEACH COUNTY MEDIA BRIEFING SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 29, 2020**

On October 29, County Mayor Dave Kerner gave an update at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on local COVID-19 mitigation efforts and voting security. Joining him were Dr. Alina Alonso, director of the Florida Department of Health-Palm Beach County, Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link, State Attorney Dave Aronberg and County Administrator Verdenia Baker.

Elections - Supervisor Link explained protocols in place to ensure the integrity of the voting process and safety of voters on Election Day. Over 51% of registered voters in Palm Beach County have cast ballots already. Link urged those who are voting by mail to mark their ballot carefully and to sign the envelope. Mail-in ballots may be delivered in person to any of the SOE offices or early voting locations. All vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3. Early voting at 18 locations continues through Sunday, November 1. Mayor Kerner said harassment or intimidation of anyone waiting in line to vote will not be tolerated. Campaign supporters must stay at least 150 feet away from the polling site.

COVID-19 – Palm Beach County's daily lab positivity rate has been at or above 5% for the past several days. Thursday's rate was 5.76%. On Monday, it was over 8%, the highest level since August. Palm Beach County reported 364 new positive cases Wednesday, and 12 deaths. The total number of confirmed cases in the county stands at 51,779.

Facial coverings - [Emergency Order #2020-029](#), extending the mandatory facial coverings Emergency Order No.12 remains in effect.

Testing – There are now four Antigen rapid testing locations in Palm Beach County: The FAU Tech Runway testing site in Boca Raton with drive-up rapid testing (Abbott BinaxNOW) is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 am to noon, no appointment necessary. Town Center mall in Boca Raton offers walk-up Antigen rapid testing 7 days a week, from 9 am to 5 pm, no appointment necessary. FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach conducts drive-up rapid Antigen testing with no appointment necessary, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 am – 4 pm.

Beginning Friday, October 30, Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade will offer walk-up Antigen testing from 8 am to noon, Monday through Friday.

For specific details on rapid testing and all testing options and a complete list of all testing sites in Palm Beach County, visit our website at www.pbcgov.com.

CARES Act – Administrator Baker gave an update on CARES Act funding allocations: To date, the CARES Mortgage Assistance Program has distributed **\$6.3 million** to 988 homeowners in Palm Beach County. The program portal will continue accepting applications through Monday, November 16, at 11:59 p.m. To apply, visit the Department of Housing & Economic Sustainability [website](#).

The CARES Rent, Utilities and Food Assistance Program has distributed **\$9.5 million** to 7,845 homeowners. The program portal will remain open as long as funds last. Go to www.rentalassistancepbc.com. The program provides a one-time rental and utility assistance to eligible residents who have experienced loss of income, reduction in hours, or unemployment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic only.

The CARES Business Grant Program has distributed **\$63.5 million** to 3,805 businesses. Applications will be accepted until November 2, at 5 p.m. Go to www.pbcgov.com/hes. This program helps small businesses \$5 million or less gross sales or receipts) that suffered significant temporary loss of revenue or job losses directly related to the pandemic.

EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-029 ISSUED EXTENDING FACIAL COVERINGS

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PHASE THREE REOPENING [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

***NEW* PALM BEACH COUNTY HAS EXTENDED THE [COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY](#) UNTIL 11/06**

***NEW* Health Care District of Palm Beach County’s Testing for Thursday, 10-29-20:**

Health Care District of Palm Beach County COVID-19 Testing Facilities Call the Testing Hotline for an appointment: 561-642-1000 Over 91,000 tests performed since March. Test results are taking 2 days or less at all sites.	
FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches 5444 Haverhill Rd., West Palm Beach 102 tests completed Saturday	Drive-through site By appointment only; Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. – Noon Any age; need not be symptomatic
C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics at Lakeside Medical Center – 39200 Hooker Hwy, Belle Glade 30 tests completed today	Walk-up site By appointment only Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. – Noon Any age; need not be symptomatic
C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics – 1150 45th St., West Palm Beach 63 tests completed today	Walk-up site By appointment only Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Any age; need not be symptomatic
C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics – 411 W. Indiantown Rd., Jupiter 60 tests completed today	Walk-up site By appointment only Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Any age; need not be symptomatic

C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics – 225 S. Congress Ave, Delray Beach 67 tests completed today	Walk-up site By appointment only Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. - Noon Any age; need not be symptomatic
C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics – 1250 Southwinds Dr., Lantana 16 tests completed today	First Responders and Emergency Workers Only By appointment only
C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics – “Scout” Mobile Clinic Outreach 230 tests completed today	Walk-up site Any age; need not be symptomatic Varying locations and hours as scheduled
C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics – “Hero” Mobile Clinic Outreach 37 tests completed today	Walk-up site Any age; need not be symptomatic Varying locations and hours as scheduled

The Health Care District’s [C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics \[brumbackclinics.org\]](#) are providing safe, in-person medical appointments and pharmacy services at eight clinic sites throughout Palm Beach County. Patients can call 561-642-1000 to schedule an appointment for either a telemedicine or inpatient visit.

FITTEAM Ballpark Rapid Antigen Testing Site

Drive up rapid testing (Abbott BinaxNOW) is now available at the FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches. An appointment is no longer necessary. Tests are available for all ages with symptoms. The site will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Test results will be text to your phone within 30 minutes.

Florida Atlantic Testing Site in Boca Raton

Drive up rapid testing (Abbott BinaxNOW) is now available at Florida Atlantic University. The testing site is located at the FAU Tech Runway on the north end of the FAU campus at 901 NW 35th Street, Boca Raton, 33431. An appointment is not necessary for rapid testing. Tests are available for all ages with symptoms. The site will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Test results will be text to your phone within 30 minutes.

Town Center at Boca Raton Mall Testing

COVID-19 testing, every day, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., free to any age, with or without COVID-19 symptoms, no appointment necessary. Antigen rapid testing now available, every day, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., free to any age. Walk-up testing located at the Town Center at Boca Raton Mall, valet parking entrance, 6000 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, 33431. Appointments are still required for PCR/Molecular COVID-19 testing at this site. To make an appointment, call American Medical Response at 1-800-209-7919 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Testing is available to anyone over the age of 12, with or without COVID-19 symptoms.

Wellington Community Center Testing

Palm Beach County has partnered with The Village of Wellington to provide free walk-up COVID-19 testing for all western communities’ residents age 12 and over. Health officials from Premier Family Health will conduct tests at the Wellington Community Center located at 12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, 33414. Testing will be available daily by appointment, and is available for both symptomatic and asymptomatic residents. To make an appointment, call 561-753-2484.

Homebound Resident Testing

Residents eligible include homebound elderly or individuals with disabilities who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 **and** cannot leave their homes to access one of the drive-up or walk-up test collection sites. Residents who believe they are eligible for the in-home testing option should call 561-712-6400 for a pre-qualifying assessment. The testing line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

***NEW* THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CARES RESTART BUSINESS GRANTS PROGRAM**

Summary	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Total
Total Applications Received	4989	1461	602	7052
Applications Submitted/In Que for Review	0	0	173	173
Applications In Review	0	117	393	510
Applications Denied-Inaccurate, Ineligible	2004	409	6	2419
Applications Approved	0	115	30	145
CARES Grant Issued by Checks	2985	820	0	3805

***NEW* COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

Summary for Rent and Utility Assistance	Count
Total Services Received	10911
Services In Review	3093
Services Denied	1371
Services Returned	2241
Services Approved Pending Payment	158
CARES Rental & Utility Assistance Checks Issued	4048
CARES Processed Payment	\$6,847,106.15

Summary for Food Assistance	Count
Total Services Received	7906
Services In Review	1223
Services Denied	401
Services Returned	2017
Services Approved Pending Payment	227
CARES Food Assistance Cards Issued	4038
CARES Processed Payment	\$2,642,800.00

RESTART BUSINESS GRANTS PROGRAM IN PALM BEACH COUNTY [ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS](#)

[CARES FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS](#) IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING CARES ACT [RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS](#)

HIGHRIDGE FAMILY CENTER TO RESUME [FREE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM](#) FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY YOUTH

PALM BEACH COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM ADDING SUNDAY HOURS AT [SELECT BRANCHES](#)

PALM BEACH COUNTY FEEDING SITES [INTERACTIVE MAP](#)

PBC YOUTH SERVICES TO RESUME [FREE IN-PERSON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES](#)

