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## The Vaccines Are In



Commissioner Sachs speaks during a December 18th press conference at the Emergency Operations Center with regard to the distribution of Covid vaccines.

County Administration and the Division of Emergency Management are monitoring through state sources the hospital and nursing home operations as well as working closely with Palm Beach County Health Department Director, Dr. Alina Alonso. This is a rapidly developing effort with new information coming each day from the state.

## Seniors Get Priority!

Palm Beach County vulnerable seniors are going to the front of the line to receive vaccinations against COVID19 . The vaccines are arrived in the county yesterday.

The Fire Rescue and First Responders, the Department of Health frontline and health care workers will be receiving the first batch. Then we will be targeting our vulnerable seniors next. The vaccinations should begin as early as the beginning of January.

The numbers bear out the need for protecting our seniors. About 62% of the 20,754 Florida residents who died as a result of COVID/19 were 75 and older. An additional 21% were 65 years to 74 years old.

Our office will continue to keep everyone apprised as we receive news from our Department of Health.

## Breaking News: Palm Beach County Emergency Responders Receive Vaccine

Securing and distributing the COVID-19 vaccine is a top priority for the State of Florida and the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County (DOH-Palm Beach). This vaccine will be a critical resource in preventing the further spread of the virus and allowing Floridians to return to the normal pace of life.

We know residents have questions and concerns about the process for which the DOH-Palm Beach County is responsible for distributing the vaccine. It is important to note:

The first priority will be Fire Rescue- EMS / Paramedics who will be administering the vaccines. The second priority is DOH-Palm Beach County frontline workers and healthcare providers with **direct patient care**. Frontline providers who have hospital privileges may get vaccinated at the hospitals. Providers in Florida Shots will receive the vaccine from DOH-Palm Beach for themselves and their staff.



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**Holiday Cheer Comes to the Children**



Pictured from left to right: South Bay City Manager Leondrae D. Camel, County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker, Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County League of Cities Richard Radcliffe, Commissioner Maria G. Marino, Commissioner Maria Sachs, Commissioner Robert S. Weinroth, County Mayor Dave Kerner, Commissioner Mack Bernard, Palm Tran Executive Director Clinton B. Forbes, Belle Glade Mayor Steve Wilson, Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, and South Bay Mayor Joe Kyles.

### Palm Tran’s Stuff-the-Bus Toy Drive

This past week, Commissioner Maria Sachs joined the other commissioners and elected officials to donate more than 500 toys to children in the Glades region.

With the pandemic reaching into every family it is important that we not forget the miracles of Hanukkah and the joy of Christmas. During this holiday season I encourage everyone to show some kindness to neighbors and friends. It's needed now more than ever.



This season of Christmas we wish everyone a holiday filled with Peace, Joy & Love for one another – and Hope

for the coming  
year!



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