



Commissioner Maria Sachs speaks at a press conference on Covid vaccine update

## **COVID-19 Update 2/18/21**

Welcome to day-340 of the Level 2 activation of our fight against COVID-19. Our numbers of infections are rapidly decreasing and the numbers of those vaccinated are rapidly increasing. Our daily positivity rate is 6.2% which is lower than the statewide average of 6.4%. While these numbers are encouraging, they represent still a sizeable number of people who are sick and far too many who have succumbed to this deadly virus. We should never forget those who are no longer with us and always continue the fight for more vaccines and to follow the CDC rules of protection.

Due to severe winter weather conditions, the Moderna vaccine distribution has been delayed. Anyone that has a current appointment for their second dose will remain as scheduled. No new appointments will be scheduled until the vaccinations arrive early next week. The weather has impacted the vaccine distribution through Publix Pharmacies as well.

The good news is the Health Care District of Palm Beach County anticipates they will be able to administer double the amount of vaccines in arms next week. They have opened a vaccination site in north Palm Beach County at the Burns

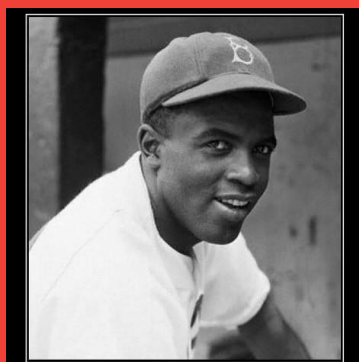
Road Community Center in Palm Beach Gardens. It will begin operations on February 24, 2021.

The County now has massive vaccine Points of Distribution (POD) in south county at the Civic Center, central county at the Fairgrounds, in western county at the Anquan Boldin Gymnasium and now in north county at the Burns Road Community Center to best service our residents. Every geographical area of Palm Beach County now has vaccination PODs.

Recognizing the need to protect our teachers, staff and students there will be vaccines available for all School District employees over 65. This is the first step in return to normalcy for our school age children.

The COVID-19 hotline number is available 24/7  
(866) 779-6121 or email [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)

[Click Here for County Vaccine Information Page](#)



## February is Black History Month

*"Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life".*

*Jackie Robinson, first African American to play in Major League Baseball*

Words are power. They can create fear or fearlessness, depending on who utters them. This month's issues will feature seven black women whose words define Black History Month. Their stories are local and run the gamut of successes in business, education, politics and medicine. Let's listen to them, as we recognize and celebrate our beautiful tapestry of diversity.

In this issue, I am featuring Priscilla Taylor, Former Mayor of Palm Beach County and State Representative; Marcia Andrews, Member, Palm Beach County School Board; and Sophia A. Nelson, Entrepreneur.

I asked each of these distinguished women a series of questions to share and celebrate Black History month. It is my hope their stories motivate our youngest

residents to achieve great things in their lives as well as guide them to a similar path in their future.

- **What education, training program or certifications have you received?**
- **Who was your inspiration growing up?**
- **If you could interview any historical person, past or present, who would that be?**
- **Tell us one thing that you would change about our community.**
- **What would you tell your younger self knowing what you now know?**

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# Priscilla Taylor

Politician &  
Businesswoman



**Education:** I have a MBA (Master of Business Administration) and also an Insurance General Agent, Flemming Fellows Designation.

**Inspiration:** I was raised by my Grandmother. She was a strong and courageous woman. She was and still is an inspiration to me.

**Historical Person:** There are many great people that I would love to interview, because they all have a story to tell. If I must choose, I would select Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Change:** Our Community should be more inclusive. I would make sure that we have equal representation in every aspect of government. I would also make sure that we include respect and equality on every level for the Citizens of the County.

*"Always do what is right.*

Have compassion and empathy for others."

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**Education:** Roosevelt High School in West Palm Beach, Florida; Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Bachelors in Education; Nova University, Masters of Science

**Inspiration:** Sister Lila Wright (deceased), Young People's Department Director, Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church.

**Historic Person:** Dr. Alice E. Moore (deceased), was a thread going back more than a century to the origins of West Palm Beach and Black legacy. She was a stalwart of the community.

**Change:** I would like to change the unemployment statistics in Black communities, especially the Glades Region by providing more job training opportunities for individuals to have access to good paying jobs.

Marcía  
Andrews

Board Member,  
School District of  
Palm Beach  
County



"Always remember, it is never too late to  
learn and grow each day."

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**Education:** I currently am a Doctoral Student ABD in Public Administration and Policy, A Masters in Criminological Theory from the University of Alabama and a Pre-Law

Sophía A. Nelson

and Sociology Degree from Bethune Cookman University.

In my field of marketing I am pending the DCMP - Marketing Professional the gold standard.

**Inspiration:** My grand Aunt Edith Nelson, A trade unionist by profession, was an integral part of spearheading the bipartisan approach in forging the first social partnership pact with the public-sector workers.

My aunt worked with fellow Trade Unionist and first Prime Minister of Jamaica Sir Alexander Bustamante to draw up the articles of independence from England and assist to lead Jamaica into independence in 1962. I would visit her most weekends when I was younger and she would take me along to meetings that had me in awe. My advocacy and community engagement came from watching her in my youth. It left an indelible mark on me.

## President/CEO, S.A Nelson & Associates



**Historic Person:** I would have to say Bob Marley. His music and words have transcended him past death. He had so much wisdom and was in total of control of his person. I would have loved to spend a day just to tap into his methodology for life.

**Change:** I love Palm Beach County. It is a community so full of opportunities and vibrancy. If I can change one thing it would be to have a train that goes from the intra-coastal to Lake Okeechobee. A train that would carry workers and visitors alike to take in the full breadth of what Palm Beach County has to offer.

My childhood was full. I would have stayed in my music class, really dived into the fine arts (I was pretty good) and soak in the people that were around me more. There was so much history in my space growing up and I wish I had documented them.

*"Say yes to all the adventures of your youth."*

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# Our Greatest Generation

*"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan" - President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## Pear Harbor Veteran Receives Vaccine

Harry Chandler, Navy,  
Senior Chief Hospital Corp.

*Mr. Chandler featured in Pearl Harbor  
Article*



In this time of uncertainty, 99 year-old World War II veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, Harry Chandler's family reached out to our office for help to assist their grandfather in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Mr. Chandler has spent one year in quarantine at his Jupiter home since the pandemic began and wants to be able to celebrate his 100th birthday on March 6th with his family.



79 years ago Pearl Harbor was fatefully attacked leaving 2,403 dead. Mr. Chandler survived Pearl Harbor to live a long fulfilling life. We could not allow this deadly virus to take his life.

Through the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue special mission task force, Mr. Chandler was able to receive his COVID-19 vaccine. We'd like to thank our other heroes for answering the call of duty.

It is our hope that Mr. Chandler can now celebrate his **100th** birthday among his family without the threat of the virus that has taken so many others.

***FIGHTING FOR YOU!***



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