

April 2021

Dear Community Members,

Its April, and we are reaching higher levels of our community members getting vaccinated. This is wonderful news! I am excited and look forward to returning to in person meetings, events, and face to face interactions with my constituents.

Vaccination Information

As of April 26, 2021 approximately 1.3 million doses have been administered in Broward County. Vaccination sites operated by the Florida Department of Health in Broward County do not require appointments. Health Department staff is also looking into expanding operating hours at vaccination sites to better accommodate resident work schedules. Stay tuned for details. Please visit <u>GetVaccinated.Broward.org</u> for more information.

Broward County Removes Restrictions

On April 19, 2021, Broward County issued Emergency Order 21-01 which amends the Comprehensive Emergency Order to lift most capacity restrictions and sanitation requirements for outdoor activities. On April 22, 2021, Emergency Order 21-02 was issued amending the metrics (below) for further reduction of restrictions in the future.



The next planned substantive reduction of restriction will occur when Broward County achieves the following metrics:

1. At least 50% of adults in Broward County have received at least one vaccination shot: and

2. The COVID-19 test positivity rate for Broward County is less than 5%, measured on a 5- day rolling average, for 7 consecutive days, or the new confirmed cases in Broward County per 100,000 people, as measured by the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, is less than 15, measured on a 5-day rolling average, for 7 consecutive days, whichever occurs first.

To view the complete Comprehensive Emergency Order please visit, <u>Broward.org/Coronavirus/Pages/EmergencyOrders</u>.

Although in the minority, at the April 20, 2021, Commission Meeting, I pleaded with my colleagues for us to focus on the vaccination rate alone to move forward with lifting further restrictions. I will continue to advocate and hope that we can get most of these restrictions lifted before the start of the summer season. For more COVID-19 information, please visit Broward.org/Coronavirus.

Rental Assistance

Broward County continues to aid those in need through several Emergency Rent Assistance Programs. There are three programs, two of which are active, and the third will be launching soon. (1) The Community Development Block Grant is available for Rent, Electric and Gas Utility Assistance for eligible residents, (2) The Emergency Solutions Grant is for

rent assistance only for eligible residents, and (3) The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program application portal has launched for residents who are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the pandemic. For all eligibility requirements and more information please visit Broward.org/RentAssistance.

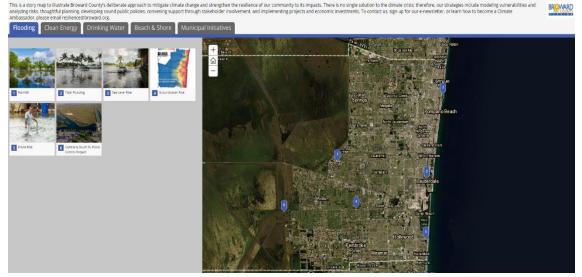


Broward Resilience Dashboard

Broward County has officially launched the Broward Resilience Dashboard, which was envisioned at the 2020 Resilience Roundtable, an event that gathers many community leaders, members, and stakeholders to discuss resilience efforts across the County. The Resilience Dashboard is a living resource allowing for ongoing updates by our tribal and municipal partners, as well as the county. The Dashboard is intended to support shared communications and outreach to aid collective engagement and understanding of our resilience needs and investments.

It includes a story board detailing the overall challenges, a partner tab (municipal initiatives) to summarize efforts, project tabs to highlight resilience showcase projects and energy investments, a tools tab, and engagement resources. Check it out! <u>https://arcg.is/09equu</u>.

Broward's Approach for a Changing Climate



Good News at our North Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Broward County recently was awarded a \$6.25 million grant through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program. The funds will contribute to a \$12.5 million project to construct an interconnect between the County's reuse facility, located at the North Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the City of Pompano Beach's OASIS Reuse Facility, creating the first steps to a regional reuse solution. This regional solution benefits approximately 600,000 people served by 11 large users including the cities of Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Lauderhill, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Pompano Beach, Tamarac, and Coral Springs Improvement District, North Springs Improvement District and Parkland Utilities.

Additionally, the North Regional Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant was awarded the 2021 Earle B. Phelps Award in the secondary treatment category for "Outstanding Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Performance" by the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA) for maintaining the highest removal of major pollution-causing constituents prior to discharging treated effluent to receiving waters.

For all Water and Wastewater Services provided by Broward County please visit, <u>Broward.org/WaterServices</u>.

Beach Projects Webinars

Don't forget to register for the monthly Beach Projects Q&A Webinars. The last Q&A session before the project is halted due to turtle nesting season is Friday, April 30, 2021. You can register online at <u>Broward.org/beachrenourishment</u>.



Webinar Dates:

April 30, 2021 @ 11 am November 24, 2021 @ 11 am December 30, 2021 @ 11 am January 28, 2022 @ 11 am February 25, 2022 @ 11 am March 25, 2022 @ 11 am

Recent County Commission Action

- At the April 6th meeting, I was happy to co-sponsor a resolution in support of the Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE), an international humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting poverty and promoting social justice across the globe.
- Additionally, on April 6th we officially renamed the Hillsboro Pineland Natural Area as "Kristin Jacobs Natural Area" to honor the memory and service of former Broward County Commissioner and Florida State Representative Kristin Jacobs.
- At the April 20th meeting, I sponsored an ordinance about the Manatee Protection Plan Boat Slips and Fees. The item established procedures for boat slips allocation, froze annual increases in boat slip fees and manatee protection plan fees.

To read, watch or join in our County Commission Meetings please visit broward.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=15



Safely Out in the Community



- 1) Kristin Jacobs Natural Area at Hillsboro Pineland Renaming Ceremony
- 2) Chief Adkins 40 year of Service Ceremony
- 3) Medal of Honor Award to Saul Trujillo and the family of Gary Cappellucci for their bravery in saving lives on Pompano Beach
- 4) Port Everglades Commissioning Ceremony for the Port's 3 new Super Post-Panamax Gantry Cranes
- 5) Proclamation presentation to community partners that collaborate with the Nancy J. Cotterman Center recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month and Denim Day in Broward County.
- 6) Proclamation presentation to the Broward Chapter of FL Surveying & Mapping Society designating March 21-27 as Florida Surveyors & Mappers Week

I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. Please remain vigilant during this pandemic. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or <u>LFisher@broward.org</u>. Also, follow me on Twitter and Facebook.

Best regards,

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