



## JANUARY 2021

Dear Community Members,

Happy New Year!

As we enter the new year, I am confident that with the opportunity for vaccinations in our community we can continue to stay safe. While I understand there is much frustration regarding the logistics and roll out of the vaccination in our County, I can assure you that County Administration is assisting our Florida Department of Health in Broward County (FDOH-BC) partners with any support that is requested (i.e., providing access to County Facilities for vaccine distribution). As you may already know, the current struggle is the vaccination supply. I am hopeful the FDOH-BC can acquire more supply moving forward and we stand ready to assist FDOH-BC in distribution efforts.

### COVID-19 Update & Vaccinations

As we imagined, during and after the holidays Broward County's numbers increased. While the vaccines will help, we must also continue to practice the CDC guidelines. In early January, a Joint Information Center (JIC) was formed in Broward County to facilitate the collection and disbursement of timely information about our community's response to COVID-19. Please keep up to date with these informational sites, provided below.

#### **Broward County's latest daily COVID-19 Update of key statistical indicators:**

[www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Documents/Aggregate-Dashboard-Latest.pdf](http://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Documents/Aggregate-Dashboard-Latest.pdf)



#### **Broward County's Snapshot Updates on ongoing efforts for the Vaccination Programs:**

[www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/JIC-SnapshotUpdates.aspx](http://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/JIC-SnapshotUpdates.aspx)

#### **Broward County Vaccination Update Website:**

[www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/Vaccination-Sites.aspx](http://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/Vaccination-Sites.aspx)

Broward County is posting information about the Florida Department of Health's local COVID-19 vaccine program. Updates are made as new information is received from the Florida Department of Health in Broward County.



**FDOH-BC Vaccination Site for appointments:**

The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) is now included in the new State COVID-19 vaccine telephone appointment scheduling system. Appointments for DOH-Broward COVID-19 vaccination sites can be scheduled using the system starting immediately. Seniors ages 65 and older, and frontline healthcare workers, can call (866) 201-6313 to request an appointment. For those requiring TTY access, the phone number is (833) 476-1526.

For more information, please call 866-779-6121 or email [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov) or visit the Florida Department of Health vaccine website [www.floridahealthcovid19.gov/covid-19-vaccines-in-florida/](http://www.floridahealthcovid19.gov/covid-19-vaccines-in-florida/).



### **Business Assistance Updates**

Our Office of Economic and Small Business Development provides businesses in Broward County with a plethora of information on all the business assistance that is available. Most recently, the Paycheck Protection Program (administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration) reopened for new borrowers and certain existing borrowers. There is up to \$284 billion available for job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021!

Additionally, FPL expanded its COVID-19 relief efforts by accepting applications for its new Main Street Recovery Credit Program, which offers credits for qualifying small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic.

For information on these programs and more, please visit [www.Broward.org/EconDev](http://www.Broward.org/EconDev).

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### **Recent County Commission Actions**

- **Animal Care-** Broward County's Auditor recently completed an audit of our Animal Care and Adoption Center. County Staff has implemented many of the recommendations made by the Auditor and is working towards the rest. The County is also welcoming a new shelter director, Ms. Emily Woods will take charge of the shelter at the end of January and has indicated her excitement and commitment to turn our Animal Care and Adoption Center around.
  - I have asked staff to provide a checklist of all the Auditors recommendations (implemented and/or in process of implementation) with explanations of any delay. Additionally, staff is in the process of responding to several questions of specific issues that have been brought to my attention. As the shelter is going through this transitional period, which include management transitions as well as the building itself, I will continue to advocate for the safety and well being of our four-legged friends.
- **Joint Government Center Campus (JGCC)-** The Board approved an agreement with KPMG, LLP for Public-Private Partnership consultant services for the JGCC in Downtown Fort Lauderdale.
- **Coastal Commuter Rail-** The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Transportation for to understand the roles and responsibilities of the Parties during and after the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study of the Florida East Coast Railway from the planned Aventura Station to a proposed Deerfield Beach Station (Broward County's portion) for the suitability of commuter rail.
- **Civility in the Public Square:** I was happy to co-sponsor a resolution to support civility in the public square.

To read, watch or join in our County Commission Meetings please visit [www.broward.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=15](http://www.broward.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=15)

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### Port Everglades Update

Although 2020 was a difficult year for Ports, especially the cruise industry, Port Everglades had several major achievements last year and we will continue to build upon these exciting accomplishments.

- Three new Super Post-Panamax gantry cranes arrived in November 2020. The new cranes are the largest low-profile container-handling gantry cranes in the world and are part of a \$1.6 billion Port transformation that includes new cargo berths and improving the navigation channels to handle larger ships.
- Port Everglades retained its title as the state leader in perishable cargo, with 148,357 cargo containers shipped through the Port in FY2020.
- The Port will be kicking off 2021 with the introduction of new cargo service. National Shipping of America (NSA) will begin a marine highway service that includes calls in Port Everglades, Houston, and Puerto Rico.
- Port Everglades is working diligently with our cruise line partners towards a gradual, highly controlled, and science-based return of cruise operations in the United States.
- Several ongoing projects are moving forward, including work on the Southport Turning Notch Extension and more.

For more information on the great things happening at Port Everglades please visit [www.PortEverglades.net](http://www.PortEverglades.net).



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### Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Update

In November, FLL welcomed roughly 1.38 million travelers marking the second time passenger traffic surpassed one million people since March when the pandemic started to impact our Country. FLL has a strong "FLLy Safer, FLLy Smarter, FLLy Better" Campaign to help travelers stay safe, which includes several added safety measures throughout the airport.

Some of these safety measures include:

- Changes to our terminals from check-in to departure and the Rental Car Center.
- Operational adjustments to include CDC best practices and guidelines throughout FLL.
- Face coverings requirements, protective shield installments, deep cleaning enhancements and social distancing signage throughout.
- The addition of a COVID-19 testing site in Terminal 3.

For information about FLL's safety enhancements and more please visit [www.FLL.net](http://www.FLL.net).



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**Safely in the Community**

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Enjoying the Pompano Beach Boat Parade with my Granddaughter and immediate family.



Celebrating Jimmy Jones 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, an icon, and former Principal of Blanche Ely High School.



Drive by Birthday Celebration for Willie Clark's 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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#### **2021 HOA Meetings/Upcoming Events**

I would like to extend my availability to all Homeowners Associations in District 4 for those who are meeting virtually. If you and/or your association members will be hosting events this upcoming year, please reach out to my office to coordinate. I would love to provide all communities with updates on County related issues and of course assist you in any way I can.

I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. Please remain vigilant with COVID-19. Each one of us can do our small part, which in turn helps us get through this pandemic. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or [LFisher@broward.org](mailto:LFisher@broward.org). Also, follow me on Twitter and Facebook.

Best regards,

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