

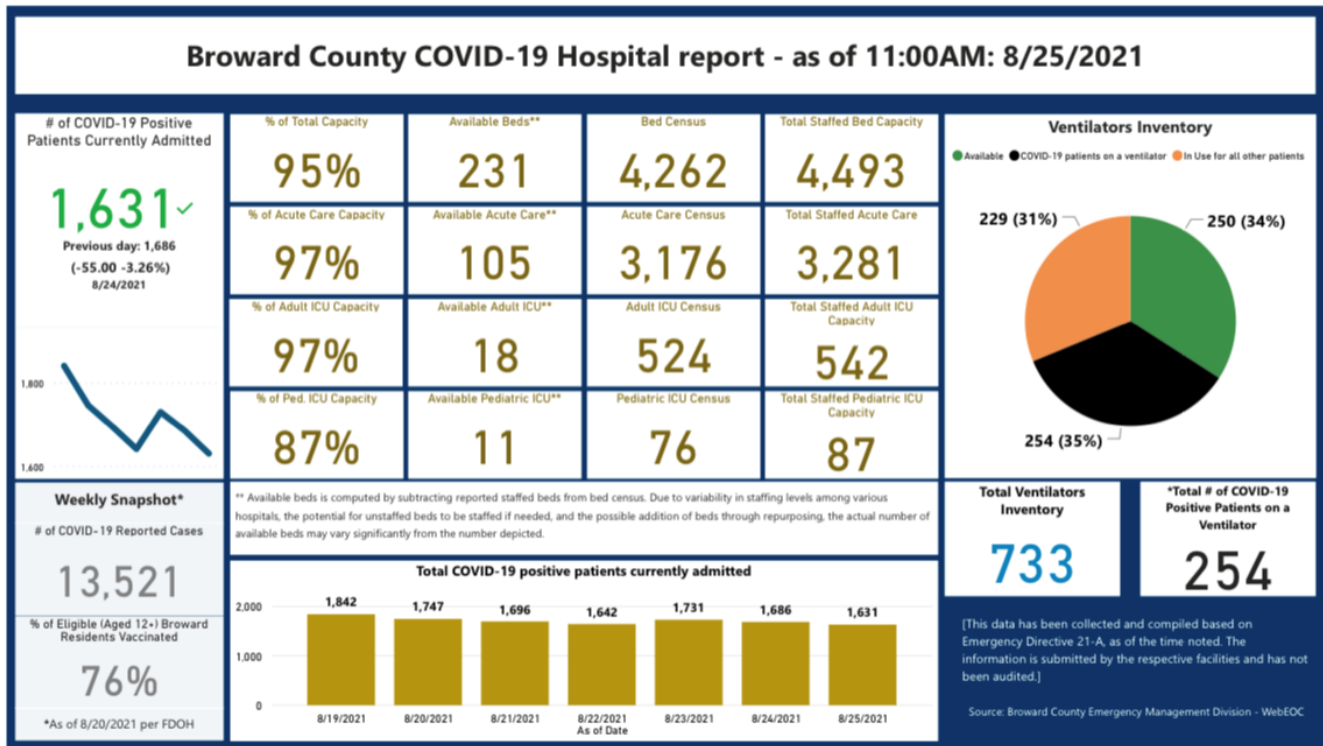
AUGUST 2021

Dear Community Members,

It has been a busy and extremely hot summer! I'm looking forward to fall weather (hopefully sooner than later). As students get back to school this month, I caution everyone to stay safe on our roads. Furthermore, we cannot ignore the increase of COVID-19 cases in our community. Let's continue to do our part to keep everyone safe and well.

COVID-19 Update

Broward County recently launched the Broward County COVID-19 Hospital Report to provide the public critical data from hospitals in our area. Due to the increase in cases, hospital occupancy rates have also increased, and this may be of concern as we navigate our way through this pandemic. You can find the [daily dashboard here](#).



Additionally, Broward County opened more testing sites while our “pop-up” vaccinations sites are also open and ready to serve anyone that needs to get vaccinated. Most recently, Broward County was requested by the Florida Department of Health to accommodate a site at C.B. Smith Park (900 N. Flamingo Rd., Pembroke Pines, FL 33028) to provide [monoclonal antibody](#). CDR Maguire is administering

the treatments from 9AM to 5PM daily. It is open to ages 65 and older by appointment only. You must wait an hour after the injections before you can leave the site. Please visit Broward.org/Coronavirus for information and updates.

Redistricting Meetings

The redistricting process has begun in Broward County. The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2020 Census Data in August which will provide the basis for the County to complete the required redistricting. This process is done every ten years after census data is collected to rebalance districts due to population shifts.

Earlier this year, the Board retained experts from Florida International University (FIU) to prepare the County’s redistricting maps based upon the 2020 census data. Public input is crucial to the redistricting process. There will be six community meetings in locations across Broward County to educate the public on the redistricting process and receive community input. More information is available at Broward.org/redistricting.

Upcoming Public Meetings
Thursday, September 23, 2021 @ 7PM Miramar Town Center – City Hall 2300 Civic Center Place Miramar, FL 33025
Monday, September 27, 2021 @ 7PM Broward County Library – Hollywood Branch 2600 Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood, FL 33020
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 7PM Broward County West Regional Library 8601 W. Broward Boulevard Plantation, FL 33324
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 @ 7PM Virtual Meeting (Zoom) See Broward.org/redistricting for the meeting link.
Thursday, September 30, 2021 @ 7PM E. Pat Larkins Community Center 520 NW 3rd Street Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 @ 10AM Champions Hall Community Center 6601 Boulevard of Champions North Lauderdale, FL 33068

Broward County Commuter Rail

Broward County and several stakeholders are moving forward with the Commuter Rail Project (also referred to as the Coastal Link). Next steps include public Kick-off meetings to learn about the Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) for the Commuter Rail and to receive input from the public. The objective of the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) PD&E Study is to develop and analyze alternatives that integrate passenger and freight service along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway.

In-Person Public Kick-off Meeting
Tuesday, August 31, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The In-Person Kick-off Meeting will be held at the Broward Center of the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312. The meeting will start as an open house with project information on display boards followed by a presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration is recommended as space is limited. To register, go to the study’s website: browardcommuterrailstudy.com. Parking is available at no charge in the public garage located at the corner of SW 5th Avenue and SW 2nd Street, across from the Performing Arts Center. The latest social distancing requirements will be followed.
Virtual Public Kick-off Meetings
Monday, August 30, 2021, beginning 5:30 p.m. To register and receive the link to join this Virtual Kick-off Meeting go to browardcommuterrailstudy.com . To attend by phone call toll free 866-901-6455, access code 420-390-165.
Wednesday, September 1, 2021, beginning 5:30 p.m. To register and receive the link to join this Virtual Kick-off Meeting go to browardcommuterrailstudy.com . To attend by phone call toll free 866-901-6455, access code 420-390-165.



Broward County Condominium Structural Committee

As mentioned last month, the unfortunate incident that happened at Surfside has prompted all to ask many questions. While many of those questions regarding the specifics of Surfside still go unanswered, Broward County Mayor convened a committee to discuss several issues and concerns. Takeaways from the first meeting include increased costs in terms of insurance, 40-year inspection requirements, engineering, and the inevitable impact of sea level rise.

During the second meeting on August 23rd, discussions included the enforcement of the 40-year recertification, issues regarding condo associations reserves, and the impacts on condominiums and society if maintenance costs increase, engineering costs increase, and insurance costs double or triple. The public also had a chance to provide their viewpoints on these topics.

The Mayor of Broward County has asked the committee members to submit their recommendations, and these will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting (Monday, August 30, 2021), unless a following meeting is required.

I want to personally thank three residents in my district for their service on this committee. They are actively using their expertise and knowledge to find solutions that are sensible for the residents of the many condominiums in Broward County while also putting the safety of our residents first.

Stay tuned for more information, specifically the recommendations that are garnered from these meetings and any subsequent actions. To view these meetings please visit

[YouTube.com/BrowardCountyGov](https://www.youtube.com/BrowardCountyGov).

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Mitigation Reefs

This month the construction of the mitigation reefs started in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. The constructions will recreate habitat on the ocean floor to encourage colonization of corals, fish, sea turtles and other marine life in the area. The reefs will be located about 1,500 feet offshore in water depths just under 20 feet. They will be made of more than 4,000 individual concrete blocks and limestone rocks specifically designed for the project. More than 600 reef-units were manufactured since May 2021 with installation scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2021. The County has contracted with Resolve Equipment, Inc.



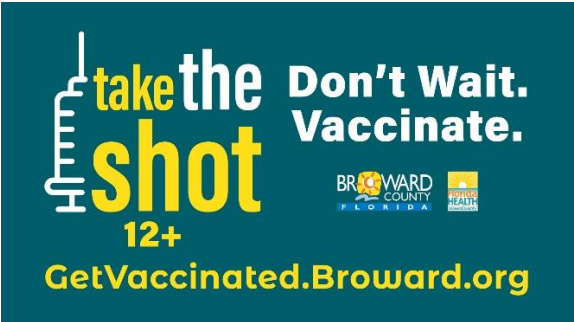
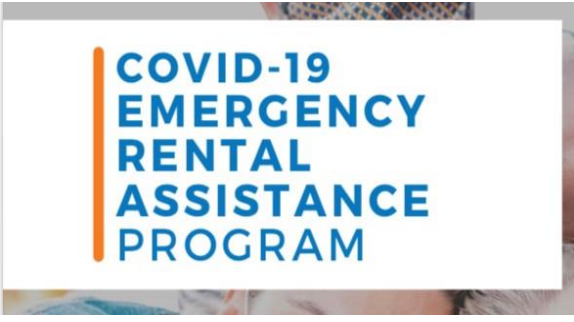

of Fort Lauderdale to provide the mitigation reef units and install them in the waters offshore. For more information on beach construction/re-nourishment projects, visit [Broward.org/BeachRenourishment](https://www.broward.org/BeachRenourishment).

Broward County Summer Recap

While many took summer vacations and well-deserved breaks, our County government was hard at work providing the much-needed services our community needs. Below are a couple highlights of the work our employees completed during the summer.

- In addition to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), the County has eight alternative COVID-19 related funding streams to assist those in need of rental or utility assistance who did not qualify for the ERAP. On top of that, there are also seven funding streams through our Family Success Division that pre-date COVID-19 and continue to assist those in need of rental or utility assistance. These additional funding streams combined with ERAP have resulted in a total of \$26,655,745 of assistance being paid out.
- Highway Construction and Engineering Division completed the upgrade of school zones to meet current traffic engineering standards at Bayview Elementary School, Charles Drew Elementary School, Maplewood Elementary School, and Morrow Elementary School.
- Bus Shelter Program: Of the bus shelter locations Broward County Transit (BCT) planned for FY2021, fifty-three (53) bus shelters have been installed and twelve (12) structural foundations/slabs were constructed between June and August 17th. The fifty-three (53) completed bus shelters were installed in the following Municipalities: Coral Springs (1), Dania Beach (15), Lauderdale-By -The Sea (3), Pembroke Park (15), Deerfield Beach (7) and Tamarac (12).
- Our libraries staff participated in the Summer Breakspot Program which provided 2,372 children with two meals a day for a full week for a total of 33,208 meals. Additionally, the Tails and Tales Summer Learning Program participation increased over last year with 11,345 people signing up.

These are only a few of the amazing things that were completed this summer. I want to thank all our employees for their hard work in making sure we provide the best public service to our residents and visitors.

Broward County Resources	
Vaccine Information  GetVaccinated.Broward.org	Rental Assistance  Broward.org/RentAssistance
Hurricanes Preparedness  Broward.org/Hurricane	Office of Economic and Small Business Development  Broward.org/EconDev

Lauderdale Deals



VisitLauderdale.org

Out in the Community

1. Certificate of Recognition presented to BSO Captain Rodney Brimlow on his retirement
2. Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center- Back to School Drive
3. BCT Electric Buses Demo Event
4. Realtors "Summertime Municipal Series"

I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me (@LamarPFisher) on Twitter and Facebook (@CommissionerLamarFisher).

Best regards,

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