

An Update from the Broward County COVID-19 JIC – February 12, 2021

Broward JIC Snapshot #11: Vaccination Efforts Expand as Supply Increases

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Florida Department of Health in Broward (DOH-Broward) has provided 155,582 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to seniors age 65+ and frontline health care workers in partnership with Broward County, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), municipalities, municipal law enforcement and Fire Rescue/EMS.
- Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) continues to vaccinate seniors age 65+ at residential communities and houses of worship in underserved communities.
- In partnership with DOH-Broward, the municipalities of Coral Springs, Lauderhill, Oakland Park, Davie and Pompano Beach are operating "pop-up" vaccination sites for seniors, focused on individuals who are vulnerable and need assistance with transportation. Additional municipalities are preparing to implement this approach, contingent on vaccine supply.
- Broward County reached out to approximately 3,300 Paratransit customers to offer those age 65+
 access to the vaccine. Approximately 360 individuals are being vaccinated through this program. The
 County is also conducting outreach to seniors in the Broward Municipal Services District
 (unincorporated areas).
- Hospitals are continuing vaccination programs with patients who are at high risk for COVID-19 due to other health conditions. <u>Participating Hospitals</u>

NOTE: The vaccination program in Broward is expanding as additional vaccine is received. Residents can rest assured that there will be a second dose of vaccine available to anyone who receives a first dose.

NEW ADVICE FROM THE CDC

In its latest guidelines, The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) advises that double masking (wearing a cloth mask over a medical mask) can increase protection against the coronavirus. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky explains how. Watch the Video

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- All testing and vaccination sites are open on Monday, February 15 (President's Day) EXCEPT for Coral Square Mall vaccination site, which will be closed.
- The Vista View Park vaccination site has closed. Anyone previously scheduled to receive their second dose of vaccine at Vista View should go to Tree Tops Park in Davie instead. Take identification and your appointment card with you.
- Help prevent lines at vaccination sites by showing up no more than 30 minutes ahead of your scheduled appointment. Appointments are scheduled to control traffic and reduce wait times. The site will not run out of vaccine before every patient with a scheduled appointment time receives vaccine. If you get in line and your appointment is more than 30 minutes away, you may be asked to leave and return closer to your scheduled time.

HOW TO GET VACCINATED

Eligible individuals are residents age 65+ and frontline healthcare workers, who can register for vaccine appointments online at myvaccine.fl.gov. or by calling 866-201-6313 (TTY 833-476-1526). Eligible individuals who register will be contacted when an appointment is available for them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For DOH-Broward, **visit** <u>FloridaHealth.gov</u>; call 866-779-6121 or **eMail** <u>COVID-19@flhealth.gov</u>. For Broward County, **visit** <u>Broward.org/Coronavirus</u>; or **call COVID-19 Hotline** at 954-357-9500

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