COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 continues to be a national health emergency. As coronavirus cases continue to increase, it’s important to stay informed.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control's website for more information on preventing and preparing against COVID-19.

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Bookmark the the Florida Department of Health’s COVID-19 Response website to retrieve coronavirus information and resources specific to the state of Florida.

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What is Monoclonal Antibody Therapy?

Monoclonal antibodies, or mAbs, are made in a laboratory to fight a particular infection—in this case, SARS-CoV-2—and are given to patients directly with an infusion. That’s why mAb treatment may help patients who are at high risk for serious symptoms or having to stay in the hospital.

mAb treatment for COVID-19 is different from a COVID-19 vaccine. A vaccine triggers your body’s natural immune response, but can take weeks to develop enough antibodies and prevent some kinds of infection. Some vaccines for COVID-19 require two shots, so your body can develop its own immune response to the disease. But if you already have the virus, mAb treatment gives your body the antibodies it needs to protect itself.

mAb treatment may help people who:

• Have a positive COVID-19 test, and had symptoms for 10 days or less
• Are at high risk of getting more serious symptoms

Treatment is free and vaccination status does not matter. If you are 12 years and older and
are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19, you are eligible for this treatment. There is currently a standing order in Florida signed by the State Surgeon General that allows patients to receive this treatment without a prescription or referral if administered by an eligible health care provider.

Sources: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Florida Department of Health

COVID-19 RESOURCES

TESTING
Free testing for COVID-19 is available statewide at designated locations. Testing also is available at CVS, Quest Diagnostics, and Walgreens.

For additional assistance, reach out to your local County Health Department.

VACCINATION
Florida has many sites that are providing COVID-19 vaccines. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, highly effective, and free.

Appointments may be required, and specific vaccine types and brands may not be available at all sites.

EVICITION GUIDELINES
Evictions are underway in light of the Supreme Court's recent decision to strike down the Biden Administration's eviction moratorium.

There is help for renters facing eviction. OURFlorida.com is Florida's federally-funded emergency rental assistance relief program to support residents and businesses as they continue to recover and rebuild.

More information, including a tenant checklist and documentation needed to apply, is available on the OurFlorida website.

TENANT'S RIGHTS
According to the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, landlord's must notify a tenant in writing of any perceived noncompliance except for the failure to pay rent.

Additionally:
- If the issue can be corrected, the tenant will have seven days in which to make the correction. If the tenant still has not complied after seven days, the landlord can begin
the eviction process based on noncompliance.
- If the issue is one in which the tenant should not be given an opportunity to correct it (i.e., destruction, damage, intentional misuse or continued unreasonable disturbance), the tenant will have seven days to surrender the premises.

Each eviction case is unique, so be sure to obtain legal advice. A landlord MAY NOT evict solely in retaliation for the tenant complaining to a governmental agency about code violations or asserting other tenant rights.

Florida Law does not allow a landlord to force a tenant out by:
- Shutting off the utilities or interrupting service, even if that service is under the control of the landlord or the landlord makes the payment;
- Changing the locks or using a device that denies the tenant access;
- Removing the outside doors, locks, roof, walls or windows (except for purposes of maintenance, repair or replacement); and/or
- Removing the tenant's personal property from the dwelling unless the action is taken after the surrender, abandonment, or recovery of possession of the rental unit due to the death of the last remaining tenant or after lawful eviction.

Visit the FLDACS website for more information about evictions and tenant's rights.

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**SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers a variety of information about suicide prevention and resources for help and support.

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**CRISIS RESOURCES**

- If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911 immediately.
- If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273 TALK (8255).
- If you’re uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text NAMI to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

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**NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**
National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

Source: www.census.gov

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

The Palm Beach County Community Action Agency Program's Securing Our Future Initiative is featured on the National Community Action Partnership's Center of Excellence showcase. Visit the Partnership's website to read about the Securing Our Future Initiative and other Community Action success stories.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Join Florida's and Alabama's Community Action networks for a joint Leadership Institute in Fort Lauderdale! Due to COVID safety precautions, please be advised that SPACE IS LIMITED.

Event registration and hotel block registration both close September 26. Sign up today!
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