Holidays stress and being away from family and friends during the holidays can be hard, especially during COVID-19. When you talk with your friends and family about your holiday plans, it’s okay if you decide to stay home and remain apart from others. Doing what’s best for you includes eating healthy foods and getting enough sleep. Take care of your body and stay active to lessen fatigue, anxiety, and sadness.
Brevard County:

- Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program and Utility/Security Deposit Program are available for applicants who submit all required documents and attachments to qualify for assistance as listed on the [Housing & Human Services Coronavirus Assistance Program Application Form](#).

- Visit the Brevard CARES website for details on the [Small Business and Nonprofit Organizations grant on-line application.](#)
  - Application deadline is December 18, 2020
  - Small businesses and nonprofit organizations may be eligible for grants up to $10,000 to offset expenses and lost revenue related to impacts from COVID-19

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### Financial Assistance to Individuals (Cumulative)

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<tr>
<th>Individual Assistance Applications Received</th>
<th>Total Percentage of Applications from Unincorporated Residents</th>
<th>Total Percentage of Applications from City Residents</th>
<th>Average Amount of Award</th>
<th>Individual Assistance Commitment</th>
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<tr>
<td>1,838</td>
<td>34.5%</td>
<td>65.5%</td>
<td>$4,358 Per application</td>
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### Financial Assistance to Business (Cumulative)

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<th>Small Business Assisted with PPE</th>
<th>Small Business PPE Kits Distributed</th>
<th>Small Business Application Received</th>
<th>Total Amount of Small Business Grants Awarded</th>
<th>Total Amount of Workforce Recovery Program Funded Wages</th>
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<td>1,872</td>
<td>3,872</td>
<td>3,726</td>
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For information on food pantry locations and how to access help, utilize the United Way of Brevard’s COVID-19 Community Resource guide. It is recommended that you call ahead to verify availability.

Brevard County Public Schools continue to offer meals for all children up to 18 years old at various food distribution sites.
- BPS Food Program was extended to June 30, 2021
- Food distribution sites are open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the following Distribution Locations

### Feeding Operations

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<th>Food Stability Programs</th>
<th>Community Partner Operations</th>
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<td>Farmer’s Market</td>
<td>BPS Feeding Program</td>
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<tr>
<td>Children’s Hunger Project</td>
<td>2.62 Million Meals Distributed</td>
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<td>Weekend Meals</td>
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<td>Food Pantry Support</td>
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<tr>
<td>36,382 Households</td>
<td>Food Banks</td>
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<tr>
<td>67,625 Meals Distributed</td>
<td>12.91 Million Meals Distributed</td>
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<td>430,600 Meals Distributed</td>
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### Pop-up Pantry Operations

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<th>Staging Area</th>
<th>Meals on Wheel program</th>
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<td>3.0 Million Pounds Received</td>
<td>7,998 Meals Distributed</td>
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<td>Pop-up Pantries</td>
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<td>2.5 Million Meals Distributed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Families Assisted</td>
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<td>74,992 Households</td>
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## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Operations

### PPE Distribution Status as of 12/16

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Face Masks</td>
<td>2.86 Million</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gowns</td>
<td>295,806</td>
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<td>Pairs of Gloves</td>
<td>2.03 Million</td>
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### PPE Request by Facility Type (Cumulative)

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<th>Facility Type</th>
<th>ALFs &amp; NHs</th>
<th>Healthcare Providers</th>
<th>First Responders</th>
<th>Non-Healthcare Providers</th>
<th>Hospitals</th>
<th>Total requests</th>
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<td>Requests</td>
<td>241</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>223</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>610</td>
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<th>Total Expenditures</th>
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<tr>
<td>Expenditures</td>
<td>192,866</td>
<td>34,027</td>
<td>840,355</td>
<td>4.98 Million</td>
<td>35,866</td>
<td>$4.6 Million</td>
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COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Florida Phase 1 Priorities

Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF)

High-Risk frontline health care workers

Anyone 65 and older and those with significant comorbidity

Vaccine Key Points

• On Saturday 12, 2020 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued the first Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. The emergency use authorization allows the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the U.S.
• The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine vaccination series is 2 doses given 21 days apart and is approved for ages 16 and older.
• The initial allocation for Florida is 179,400 doses of Pfizer vaccine, distribution is outlined below:
  • 97,500 doses to 5 “Pilot” hospitals
    • Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami-Dade County, Memorial Healthcare System in Broward County, Tampa General Hospital in Hillsborough County, Advent Health in Orange County, and UF Health in Duval County
  • 60,450 doses to CVS and Walgreens to provide to long-term care facilities
  • 21,450 doses to DOH/National Guard Strike Teams, who will supplement CVS and Walgreens outreach to long-term care facilities
• Long-term Care Facility vaccine distribution will began today in Broward and Pinellas, as these counties have the highest the LTCF residents census.
• Moderna is expected to be the next company to receive an Emergency Use Authorization for their COVID vaccine, expected some time prior to December 19th.
• The availability/quantity of doses will be what determines who is able to get the vaccine and when.
• It will take some time before the COVID-19 Vaccine is widely available for mass dispensing, please be patient.

Vaccine Resources

• CDC COVID-19 Vaccine information for You and Your Family
• CDC COVID-19 Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine
• CDC Eight things you need to know about Vaccines
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<th>Brevard County COVID-19 Testing Sites (no symptoms required)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>DOH- Brevard</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>• Appointment required, call 321- 454-7141</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Monday – Friday, 8:15 AM to 12 PM</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Viera Clinic, 2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way</td>
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<td>• Testing available for adults and children of all ages</td>
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| • Rapid antigen testing available for symptomatic individuals  
  • A PCR test will be conducted for symptomatic individual who tests negative with the antigen test |
| • **Due to the upcoming holidays, no testing will be conducted on December 25 and January 1** |

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<th><strong>EFSC Palm Bay Campus (State Operated Site)</strong></th>
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<td>• Drive-through, no appointment required</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Monday – Sunday, 9 AM to 5 PM</td>
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<tr>
<td>• 250 Community College Parkway. (Use the entrance from San Filippo Dr. SE &amp; Jupiter Blvd.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Testing available for adults and children of all ages</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Rapid antigen tests with results in as soon as 15 minutes now available</td>
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| • Insurance information will be requested but is not required to receive a test  
  • There will be no copay or any fee charged |
| • Identification is no longer required but does expedite the process |
| • **Due to the upcoming holidays, no testing will be conducted on December 24, 25, and January 1** |

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<th><strong>Health First</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td>• Appointment required, call 321-434-3131</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Monday – Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Pro-Health &amp; Fitness, 255 Borman Drive, Merritt Island</td>
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<th><strong>Parrish</strong></th>
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<td>• Appointment required for locations, call 321-268-6139 or text “covid test” to 321-204-1699.</td>
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| • Locations are rotated throughout the week  
  • Tuesday, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, at the Parrish Health and Fitness Center parking lot, 2210 Cheney Hwy, Titusville |
| • Wednesday, 12 PM to 3 PM, at the Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church, grass lot south of church, 2396 Harry T. Moore Ave. Mims  
  • Thursday, 12 PM to 1 PM, at the Harry T. Moore Social Services Center parking lot, 725 S. Deleon Ave. Titusville |
| • Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM, at the Parrish Medical Offices parking lot, 7075 US 1 Port St. John  
  • Saturday, 9AM to 11 AM, at the Gibson Youth Center parking lot, 835 Sycamore St. Titusville |
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**COVID-19 Testing Sites are seeing a surge on demand, long lines or increased waiting times may be experienced at screening sites**
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<td><strong>Brevard County PPE Distribution</strong></td>
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<td>• Small Businesses, Retailers, Restaurants can obtain Free PPE</td>
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<td>• A license, business card or document that displays the business name and address must be presented to receive up to 2 kits</td>
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<td>• Distribution will be held from 11 AM to 2 PM</td>
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<td>• Thursday, December 22 at 1746 Cedar St, Rockledge (Emergency Operations Center)</td>
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<td><strong>Brevard Public Schools</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>• <a href="#">BPS Covid-19 Dashboard</a> is now available, providing information on the schools with COVID-19 positive cases, as well as quarantine statistics for individual schools. The site is updated every Tuesday and Friday</td>
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<td>• <a href="#">BPS COVID-19 Information</a></td>
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<td><strong>2-1-1</strong></td>
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<td>• Cumulative COVID-19 Calls to date : 44,074</td>
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<td><strong>Cape Canaveral</strong></td>
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<td>• <a href="#">Cape Canaveral COVID-19 Information</a></td>
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<td><strong>Cocoa</strong></td>
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<td>• <a href="#">Face coverings are required in places open to the public</a></td>
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<td>• <a href="#">City of Cocoa COVID-19 Information</a></td>
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<td><strong>Indian Harbour Beach</strong></td>
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<td>• <a href="#">Executive Order 2020-05 requiring face masks</a> is in effect until February 10, 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Melbourne</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>• <a href="#">City of Melbourne COVID-19 Information</a></td>
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<td>• <a href="#">The Coronavirus Relief Fund Program for Melbourne Residents has been closed and is transitioning to the new Community Development Block Grant-CV funds</a> for the rent, mortgage and utilities. The program is scheduled start taking applications on Tuesday, January 5, 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Melbourne Beach</strong></td>
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<td>• <a href="#">Melbourne Beach COVID-19 Information</a></td>
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<td><strong>Melbourne Village</strong></td>
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<td>• Daily operations continue by phone, email or by appointment only. Visitors are required to wear masks.</td>
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<tr>
<td>• E-mail Melbourne Village, call 321-723-8300 or visit the <a href="#">Melbourne Village website</a></td>
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**FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES**

- **FACT:** COVID-19 vaccines will **not** give you COVID-19
  - None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the U.S. use the live virus that causes COVID-19.
  - It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

- **FACT:** COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests
  - There is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate you had a **previous infection** and that you may have some level of protection against the virus.

- **FACT:** People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated
  - Re-infection with COVID-19 is possible after previously contracting the virus.

- **FACT:** Receiving an mRNA vaccine will **not** alter your DNA
  - mRNA stands for messenger ribonucleic acid and can most easily be described as instructions for how to make a protein. mRNA is not able to alter or modify a person’s genetic makeup (DNA).

For more info, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)