

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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- **On April 29, Governor DeSantis announced partial reopening of the state, with the exception of the 3 counties in southeast Florida. This includes PBC. For us, we look to Dr. Alonso (PBC Dept. of Health Director) for guidelines. She announced on April 29 that most golf courses, pools, parks, tennis courts, and gyms in PBC would be open, with social distancing. Beaches, hair cutting businesses, and restaurants remain closed (with the exception of carryout for food). Elderly individuals continue to be advised to stay at home as much as possible, and to wear a mask when they do go out.**
- **Abuse centers (e.g., The Lord's Place, Butterfly House for rape victims, etc.) are open to assist victims of domestic abuse. Victims should NOT avoid reporting or seeking treatment out of fear for contracting the virus. Please at least make a call to 211 or these centers. NOTE: those of us who are able to, might consider donating to these help centers.**
- **Useful contact information:**
 - 1. 561-642-1000 for testing appointments. TESTING IS FREE!**
 - 2. For mental health support, call 211. Or 211palmbeach.org.**
 - 3. For mental health counseling information, you can also contact Faulk Center for Counseling (561-483-5300.)**
 - 4. For additional Covid-19 information: cdc.gov or coronavirus.gov**

5. For medical assistance for the uninsured, contact FACHC.org or FLmedical.org.
 6. Price Gouge Hotline: 1-866-966-7226
 7. Elder Care Hotline: 561-684-5885 or 561-214-8600
 8. FL DOH Covid-19 call center: 1-866-779-6121.
 9. Local Health Dept.: 561-840-4500.
 10. “Where’s my Check?”: Go to IRS.gov to check on your \$1200 stimulus check or deposit.
 11. For assistance with jammed unemployment phone lines: call 561-822-1274 or hcd_help@wpb.org to make an appointment for local assistance with a paper application. Application forms are also available outside of some libraries.
 12. SBA.gov : for information about small business loans, including special programs for minority owned businesses and women-owned small businesses.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (including your cell phones), using wipes or a household cleaning spray. After a walk or a grocery run, it is advisable to leave your shoes at the door.
 - From NIH: Currently, there are no FDA approved drugs for COVID-19. However, an array of drugs approved for other indications are being investigated for COVID-19 use, in several hundred clinical trials around the world. (Go to clinicaltrials.gov).
 - UPDATE May 1, 2020 at 4:00pm: The FDA has given approval for emergency use of Remdesivir, which is showing some hope for

the most critically ill COVID-19 patients, based on one recent study.

- **Mini-glossary:**

- 1. Coronavirus: a family of viruses that can cause various illnesses (including the common cold). There are several strains.**
- 2. SARS-CoV-2: the Coronavirus strain that causes COVID-19.**
- 3. COVID-19: the current pandemic DISEASE that results from being infected with SARS-CoV-2.**
- 4. PPE: Personal Protective Equipment, e.g., masks and gloves.**
- 5. PPP: Paycheck Protection Plan (one of several stimulus packages passed recently by Congress, for self-employed, etc.).**
- 6. EIDL: (Economic Injury Disaster Loan) will advance up to \$10,000 of economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing economic difficulties.**