

Broward JIC Snapshot #1: Vaccine Program Launches

There are many initiatives underway in Broward County to combat COVID-19. Florida's vaccine plan is coordinated through the Florida Department of Health, pursuant to the Governor's directives. Local response to the pandemic is fluid, and communication is key. A virtual Joint Information Center (JIC) is being formed with representation from Department of Health in Broward (DOH-Broward), local hospitals, Broward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) including ESFs 14, 11 and 5. The purpose of this Snapshot update is to keep elected officials, municipal contacts and key stakeholders informed about collaborative activities to combat COVID-19.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Broward's vaccination program is underway, including a new initiative to vaccinate residents age 65 and older at three County parks. As more vaccine becomes available, more sites will open. As quickly as possible, every resident who wants to be vaccinated will have an opportunity to be vaccinated.
- Appointment for the vaccination sites is required and will soon be able to be made at the DOH-Broward website, [BrowardCovidVaccine.com](https://www.browardcountyparks.com/BrowardCovidVaccine.com). (At launch, the appointment website experienced record levels of activity and initial appointment times were quickly filled. The site has been temporarily taken down to enhance site performance for the next wave.)
- A public education campaign to inform the public about the vaccine process and ongoing need for prevention measures is being planned.

LOCAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order currently limits vaccines to frontline medical workers (including paramedics) and residents age 65+. Via Unified Command, DOH-Broward is Incident Commander for the County's response to COVID-19, in close collaboration with Broward County EOC and municipalities.

- State "strike teams" partnered with DOH-Broward to provide vaccinations to patients and staff at all 35 skilled nursing facilities in Broward County. Round 1 of the two-dose vaccine was completed on December 21, 2020. Ambulance strike teams will return to the same facilities beginning January 5 for Round 2, and begin a new round of first dose vaccinations for those who did not have the opportunity to be vaccinated during the first dose administration.
- Central Broward Regional Park was converted from a Specimen Collection site to a closed, targeted population vaccination site for high-risk EMS personnel (i.e. first responders) and front line healthcare workers. Each recipient is scheduled to return within 21 days for the second dose. This vaccination site is currently not open to the public.
- On December 29, DOH-Broward announced the launch of a free vaccination program for residents age 65 and older. At least 10 locations are planned. Three will open on January 3 and 5, and are expected to serve up to 1,000 residents each day, providing for 500 first dose and 500 second dose at each site:
 - 1) Broward County Markham Park & Target Range in **Sunrise** – opens Tuesday, January 5; 8AM to 4PM Tuesday through Saturday

- 2) Broward County Tradewinds Park in **Coconut Creek** – opens Sunday, January 3; 8AM to 4PM Sunday through Thursday
 - 3) Broward County Vista View Park in **Davie** – opens Sunday, January 3; 8AM to 4PM Sunday through Thursday
- DOH-BC submitted a resource request through WebEOC for EMS and police/traffic support for the vaccination sites. As of 12/31/2020, responses from municipalities were pending. EOC Emergency Services Branch ESF 16 is following up for a response.
 - Since vaccine arrived, local hospitals have been vaccinating doctors, nurses and frontline medical personnel. DOH-BC has been vaccinating public health staff with direct public contact, and doctors and frontline staff who are not affiliated with hospitals, or who missed the vaccinations.

STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

This update is provided by Broward County Emergency Operations Center, ESF 5.

COVID-19 disproportionately affects Florida’s senior population, and senior citizens are the state’s current priority for vaccination. The State is partnering with the management of three “55+” communities in Broward County to vaccinate residents age 65 or older. This initiative will begin on January 5 and is expected to administer 500 doses per site, per day. The community locations were chosen by the State and include:

- Wyndmoor in **Coconut Creek**
- Kings Point in **Tamarac**
- Century Village in **Deerfield Beach**

The Federal Government contracted with CVS and Walgreens pharmacies in Broward County in an initiative to vaccinate patients and staff of local long-term care facilities. This initiative is currently being rolled out. We will provide details for Broward County’s rollout as they become available.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Broward County is posting information approved by DOH-Broward on the Broward.org/Coronavirus website. Information is updated as received from DOH-Broward. [View New Vaccination Site Webpage](#)

REMINDER

Broward County is under a curfew until Monday, January 4, 2021. The curfew is from midnight to 5AM daily, except for New Year’s Day, when the hours of the curfew are 1AM to 5AM. Violations of the curfew and residential large group gatherings should be reported to [Local Non-Emergency Law Enforcement](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

DOH-BC:	Phone:	866-779-6121
	Website:	FloridaHealth.gov
	eMail:	COVID-19@flhealth.gov
	Social Media:	Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @HealthyFla
	PIO Contact:	New PIO available January 8, 2021

Broward County:	Website:	Broward.org/Coronavirus
	Hotline:	954-357-9500

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