Citizens Update #152
Friday, October 2, 2020
4:00 PM

This is a Citizen’s update on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

County order clarifies confusion
In response to Governor Ron DeSantis’ Executive order late Friday afternoon, Broward County administrators have issued Executive orders 20-26 and 20-27 in an effort to address much of the confusion related to the surprise announcement.

The details regarding County Executive Orders 20-26 and 20-27, how they affect local businesses and the community in general, are available on the Covid page of our website.

Governor’s order removes restrictions
Late Friday afternoon, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-244 removing all Covid restrictions from businesses and suspending fines for not wearing masks throughout the State. In response, Broward County issued Executive Order 20-26 complying with the Governor’s order. Both orders and the specifics of them are available on the Covid page of our website.

Governor defers Eviction Moratorium to CDC
Earlier this week, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-211 which suspended the State moratorium on evictions. This action allows the CDC to manage the moratorium issue directly and hopefully avoid confusion.

Dealing with Covid stress?
This week’s “don’t miss” podcast episode features Dr. Maria Teahan, a psychologist and mental health counselor who addresses the psychological issues related to the Covid crisis and ways to manage it.

Officials warn of “Twindemic”
Every Autumn and Winter we see an outbreak of the common or “seasonal” flu, known as Influenza. Influenza is a deadly disease that kills thousands of Americans every year. As healthcare providers are already taxed with management of Covid related cases, a further outbreak could quickly overwhelm the system. In addition, there is no track record of how Covid-19 will perform during the normal flu season.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Dr. Anthony Fauci, as well as healthcare providers nationwide, are urging everyone more than ever, to get a flu shot, wash
your hands, and continue to wear masks as these easy steps are identified as the three best defenses against flu spread.

You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine. In most cases, the vaccine can prevent you from getting the seasonal flu or, at very least, reduce the symptoms.

**Get involved in your Community**

**Census deadline extended**
*The 2020 census deadline has been extended to October 31st!* The Census bureau will continue to deploy field personnel to residences who have not yet responded. As a reminder you can visit [my2020Census.gov](http://my2020Census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 to complete the Census now. Your responses DO make a difference.

**Dump the water!**
You can reduce your risk of getting West Nile virus by dumping any standing water around your home, covering your skin and using insect repellant when going outside, and minimize outside activities at dusk when mosquitos are most active.

**Stay informed**
The City of Plantation continues to provide you with the most accurate Covid-19 related information from **Verified sources.** Stay informed by following us on all information platforms including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and the City podcast. The next Covid-19 update will be on Monday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m.