Citizen Update #159
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This is a Citizen’s update on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Broward Opens CARES Act portal
Broward County, in partnership with Plantation, is offering small businesses and rental assistance through the CARES Act. The application portal is scheduled to open on November 9th. A previous announcement stated technical assistance would be available as of October 30th. Although the portal will be opened, technical assistance appointments have been postponed. Visit Broward.org/Cares for more details.

Get Stroke Smart
The Plantation Fire Department, in partnership with Westside Regional Medical Center has produced a short video identifying issues related to people delaying care for stroke-like symptoms due to Covid concerns. Learn how to recognize a stroke and why Covid should not be a concern when seeking medical help. You can view the video at https://youtu.be/jBdiLn1X94s.

Halloween safety
While Covid may have put a damper on some Trick or Treating activities, here are a few safety tips if you will be enjoying the holiday.
- Use a flashlight instead of candles, for both light and decorations. E-candles give off warm light and are perfectly safe.
- Wear reflective items if walking outside
- Ensure costume materials are fire resistant
- Masks should not impair vision and are very much in fashion right now!
- Do not consume any unwrapped candy or food items
- Use hand sanitizer often and keep socially distanced
Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

Help with Homestead Exemptions
Broward County’s Property Assessor, Marty Kiar has established a website which helps homeowners file for their Homestead exemption and learn about other potential exemptions. In addition, he explains Amendment 6 in detail. For more on this please visit https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/PortabilityExemption.
County testing sites publish hours
Broward County’s drive thru testing sites will now be open until 4:00. These sites are Markham Park, Central Regional, Vista View, Quiet Waters Brian Piccolo and Trade Winds.

All sites have priority lanes for school students and staff. Central Regional Park, at this time, remains dedicated for schools only.

Dealing with Covid stress?
The City’s most recent 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.

Get a Flu shot!
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.

Get involved in your Community
The City of Plantation is organizing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Learn what to do in an emergency. Play a key role in assisting your community during times of crisis. Be part of the solution. Join the Plantation CERT team. Classes begin soon. Visit www.plantation.org/CERT or call 954-797-2150 for details.

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, November 2nd at 4:00 p.m.