Citizen Update #165
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This is a Citizen’s update on Friday November 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

CDC issues dire warnings
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in conjunction with other infectious disease experts, has issued serious warnings about traveling and gathering over the holiday weekend. As Covid-19 cases are on a dramatic rise and people have become “Covid weary” there is concern about people not taking the necessary precautions of wearing masks, washing hands, and keeping safe distances.

The CDC is also advising that while vaccines are on the horizon, they are not out yet and, by themselves, will not be a magic bullet. Continuing to follow the proper guidelines along with vaccinations will be the best solution.

CARES deadline approaching
The deadline to apply for Broward County CARES Act rental, small business, or non-profit assistance has been extended through December 2 at 10PM. Visit Broward.org/Cares for eligibility and application requirements or call 954-357-6400 for more information.

Plantation Cares Rental Assistance Program – Limited Funding Available
City Administration has implemented a Rental/Utility Assistance Program for renters residing within the City of Plantation. Up to $15,000.00 is available to cover rent/utility payments as of March 1. The program is available on a first come first serve basis with limited funds. For more information please contact Minority Builder’s Coalition at MBCAdmin1@minoritybuilders.org or 954-792-1121 ext. 23 or ext. 26. Completed applications must be completed and received by 12/2/20.

Be a Covid Hero
One Blood will be at the Helen B. Hoffman Library on Tuesday, November 24th, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Donors will receive a $10.00 gift card as well as a variety of wellness checks including a Covid-19 antibody test.

Appointments are encouraged and can be made at https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/. Use code 60311.
If you were previously diagnosed with Covid and have been symptom free for at least 14 days, your blood plasma may help others infected with Covid. Visit the OneBlood site for details.

**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](http://www.plantation.org/CERT) or call 954-797-2150 for details.

**Don’t delay medical care**
Our latest podcast episode features Barbara Simmons and Madeline Nava discussing the steps both Westside Regional Medical Center and Plantation General Hospital have taken to ensure your safety.

Data shows people are waiting too long to seek medical help for serious illnesses. The Podcast can be found at [https://www.buzzsprout.com/945655](https://www.buzzsprout.com/945655).

**Stay informed**
The City of Plantation continues to provide you with the most accurate Covid-19 related information from [Verified sources](http://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 23rd at 4:00 p.m.