

An Update from the Broward County COVID-19 JIC – April 21, 2021

Broward JIC Snapshot #23: Herd Immunity Requires That More be Vaccinated

According to the Florida Department of Health in Broward (DOH-Broward), as of April 21, 2021, 47 percent of Broward residents age 16+ have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose and 30 percent have completed the series.

WHAT IS HERD IMMUNITY?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), herd (or community) immunity is a situation in which a sufficient proportion of a population is immune to an infectious disease (through vaccination and/or prior illness) to make its spread from person to person unlikely. Even individuals not vaccinated (such as newborns and those with chronic illnesses) are offered some protection because the disease has little opportunity to spread within the community.

Please do your part to encourage all residents age 16 and older help Broward County achieve herd immunity. *Don't Wait. Vaccinate.*

NO APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED AT DOH-BROWARD SITES

In an effort to eliminate any potential barriers to residents getting vaccinated, DOH-Broward no longer requires appointments for vaccination at any DOH-Broward operated site. Health Department staff is also looking into expanding operating hours at vaccination sites to better accommodate resident work schedules. Stay tuned for details.

REVEREND SAMUEL DELEVOE PARK NOW GIVING VACCINES; NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

Broward County's Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park at 2520 NW 6th Street in Fort Lauderdale is now open as a public vaccination site. No appointment is required. For a full list of vaccination sites, visit <u>GetVaccinated.Broward.org</u>.

TUNE IN AT MARKHAM PARK!

The DOH-Broward vaccination sites that are located in Broward County parks are introducing a new way of keeping residents that are in line waiting for their turn to be vaccinated informed about current conditions at the site. So far, the service has been activated at Markham Park, and is expected to activate at other large park locations in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, if you are in your car at Markham Park waiting to get vaccinated, just tune in to 1120AM on your radio dial, and you'll get the latest information to help you through your vaccination experience.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For DOH-Broward, **visit** <u>FloridaHealth.gov</u>; call 866-779-6121 or eMail <u>COVID-19@flhealth.gov</u> For Broward County, **visit** <u>GetVaccinated.Broward.org</u>; or call COVID-19 Hotline at 954-357-9500

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