



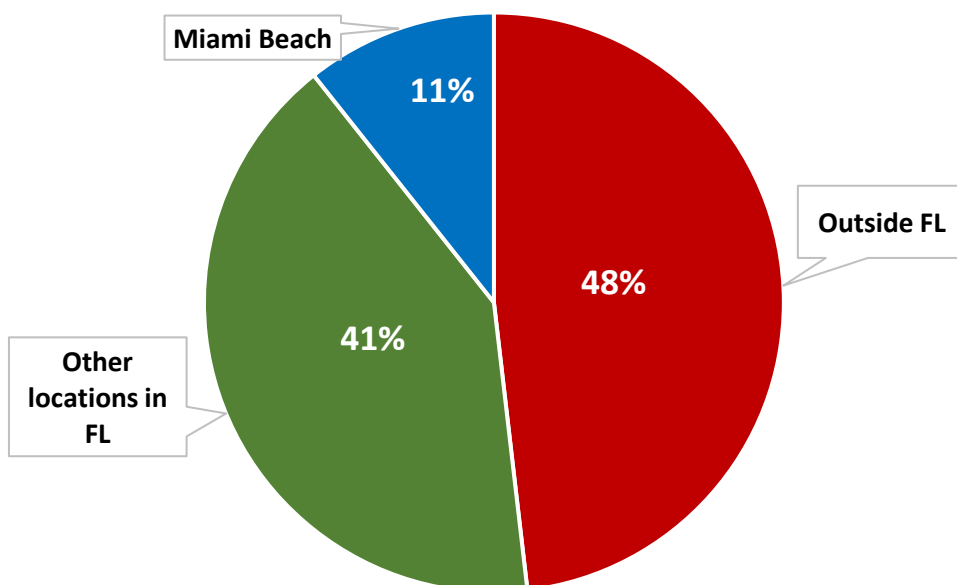
MESSAGE

FROM MAYOR DAN GELBER

Some quick updates on Spring Break. We continue to see a robust influx of people from outside our City and State. I spent both weekend nights there to see firsthand our effort. It's a challenge. We are messaging everywhere, including social media, that we have zero tolerance for misbehavior. And even though we are enforcing misdemeanor municipal ordinances, there is plenty of more serious misconduct. 263 felony arrests, 57 guns seized. About 90% of all arrests are not our residents, and about half are not even Floridians. We've stepped up traffic enforcement as well, issuing thousands of citations, and amped up enforcement on our waterways.

Miami Beach Arrests Feb 3 - Mar 7	
Total number of arrests	731
Number of arrests in the Art Deco Cultural District	434 (59%)
Felonies	263
Public consumption drugs/alcohol	326
Firearms seized	57
Reckless driving	11
Boating violations	12
Traffic citations	3,885

Residency Status of Miami Beach arrestees - Feb 3 - Mar 7



Let me say this about all these arrests. Arresting people always involves some peril. To the police making the arrest, to the arrestees who are often high or drunk, and to bystanders. But given the kind of misconduct we've been seeing in this area, zero tolerance is the only response we have. Thank you to our cops. But it has to be clear by now that this district cannot continue as is. It's just not a business model that works for us especially with so many residential communities in the area.

With regard to vaccinations, we have some good news. More vaccine seems to be coming available and at more places. And more people are becoming eligible. So, if you are eligible please don't wait. The faster we all receive the vaccine, the quicker this ordeal will end.

Now regarding our City, I've got a report and a reason to even smile. As you know, we are one of the very few cities qualified and capable of actually putting shots in arms. We've given out thousands of shots already, mostly to seniors in our congregate living communities. But with the help of our faith leaders and homeowner associations we've also searched out some who might have found it otherwise difficult to get an appointment. Unidad has also been so helpful, thank you Victor Diaz, in encouraging folks to make an appointment and their 72nd street center is our primary vaccination pod.

We have also begun to vaccinate school employees 50 years and older in both our public and private schools pre – K to 12th grade. We started Thursday at Hebrew Academy, this morning at St. Pats, and will continue this week setting up a pod in some schools or providing shots at Unidad. I want to thank all the school administrators for helping. We need our kids back in school, and the best way to do that is to have our school personnel vaccinated.

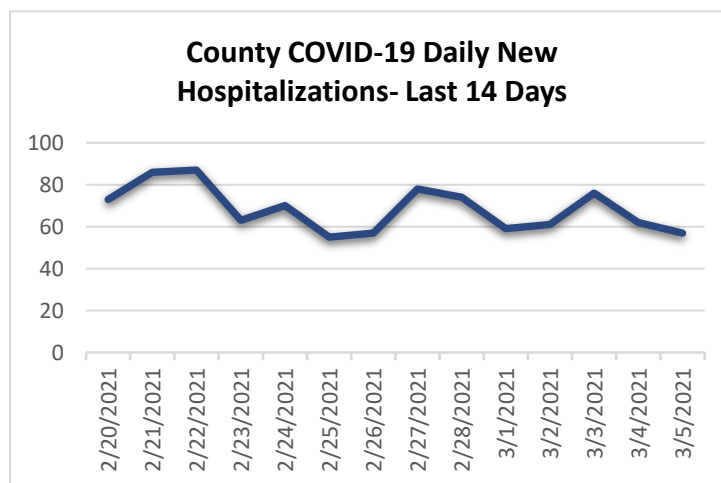
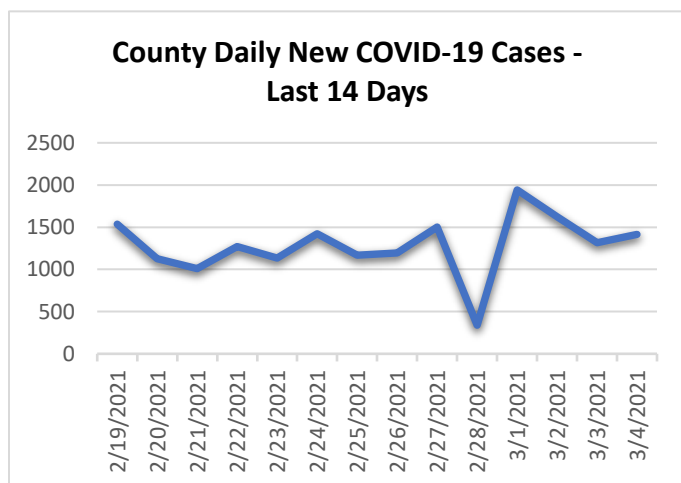
We really don't have access to city-specific data on vaccinations, but we do for zip codes. With regard to our seniors in the three zip codes comprising Miami Beach – 33139, 33140, and 33141 – we are doing very well in getting out shots. Over 12,300 of those over 65 years of age in those three zip codes have been fully vaccinated. That means about 77% of the seniors in our community have been fully vaccinated. If you are over 65, or know someone over 65, who has still not been vaccinated, please check locations online at www.MiamiDade.Gov/vaccine. We need to get everyone shots.

By the way, with regard to our entire City population, at this point, over 18,000 residents have been vaccinated which means that about 23% of our population above the age of 16 has gotten fully vaccinated. While well above the state and county averages, much more needs to be done.

If you have been vaccinated, the CDC still recommends you follow some guidelines. Here is Dr. Marty telling you what you can do after your vaccine.

Miami Beach COVID-19 Vaccination Rates - 65+		
Zip Code	# of 1st & 2nd doses	% vaccinated
33139	4,682	75.3%
33140	3,799	86.8%
33141	3,847	70.2%
Total:	12,328	77.2%

Miami Beach COVID-19 Vaccination Rates - 16+		
Zip Code	# of 1st & 2nd doses	% vaccinated
33139	6,912	20%
33140	5,666	34.4%
33141	5,607	16.2%
Total:	18,185	23%



This Thursday marks the one-year anniversary of the first COVID case in our County. I know we are tired but while we have made progress we are clearly not home yet. The County is still seeing over 1,000 new infections most days, and 50 – 100 people are still hospitalized every day. That means there is still plenty of risk. Also, between the British variant and Spring Break we are not out of the woods. So, yes wear the mask and be smart about distancing in groups. It would be terrible if you got this far, safely, only to get infected so close to the finish line.

Finally, very happy to report that our family has a new addition. Meet 10-week-old Roxy who is our pandemic puppy. I had fully forgotten what it was like to have an infant in the house. So, pray for us.

As always, thanks for your patience and calm, and your sacrifice. Roxy urges you to stay healthy and, for a bit more, mostly at home.