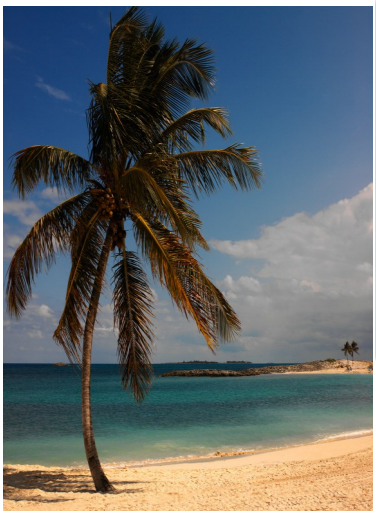


CHIP Clips

Your source of updates, news, and interesting facts relating to the Palm Beach County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

August 2020

Top 3 Priority Areas for the Palm Beach County CHIP

- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Active Living and Healthy Lifestyles
- Access to Care and Services

Did you know?

- **Adolescents may experience grief in ways that are both similar to and different than children and adults. Adolescents may experience significant changes in their sleep patterns, isolate themselves more, frequently appear irritable or frustrated, withdraw from usual activities, or engage more frequently with technology.**

SOURCE: CDC

Palm Beach County Medical Society Keeping List of COVID-19 Testing Sites and PPE Information





The Palm Beach County Medical Society is providing a valuable public service in keeping an up-to-date list on their website of COVID-19 testing sites throughout Palm Beach County. The list includes site addresses, whether the site is drive-through or walk-up, hours of operation, and whether appointments are required. The site also has information on the operations of the Health Care District's CL Brumback Health Centers during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as general information on PPE and how to acquire PPE. For more information, please see the PBCMS website. The CHIP Council would like to thank the Palm Beach Medical Society and all of our community partners for their service and dedication during these difficult times.

CDC Releases COVID-19 Mental Health Resources & Strategies

One of our three CHIP priorities is Mental & Behavioral Health, and the CDC also recognizes the importance of Mental & Behavioral Health with a dedicated webpage listing information and resources in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The page includes information and resources on dealing with stress, grief, and loss, as well as links to resources specifically for children and families. The page even includes a listing of helpful phone numbers for various hotlines/helplines.

To learn more, please see here

Did you know?

- **Palm Beach County is currently in phase one of Florida's Recovery Plan. Under the state's guidance for phase one, schools should remain under distance learning. It is only recommended schools reopen under phase two.**
- **The Governor, in partnership with local leadership, may authorize a county to move to the next phase, upon request of the mayor or county administrator.**

SOURCE: School District

Partner Spotlight: School District of Palm Beach County

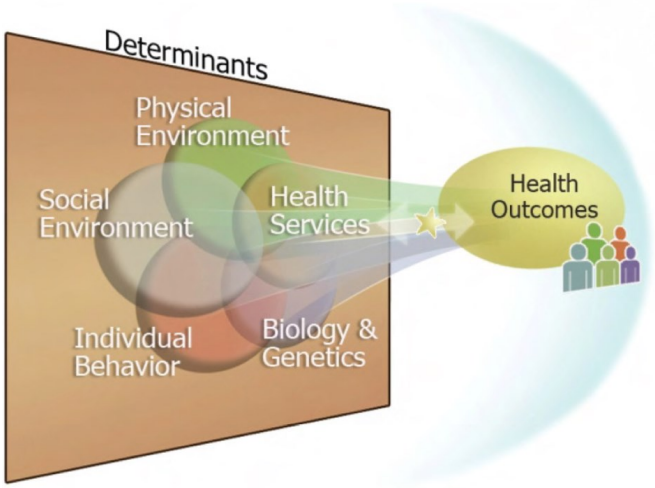
The School District of Palm Beach County will start the 2020-2021 school year with distance learning on Monday, August 31. On July 16, 2020, the School Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to keep students in a remote learning environment until health conditions improve in Palm Beach County. The Superintendent's Health Advisory Committee, which is assisting Superintendent Fennoy in making decisions on school reopening, is an example of strong community partnerships in Palm Beach County. The Committee includes the Health Care District, DOH-Palm Beach, Quantum Foundation, JFK Medical Center, Jupiter Medical Center, and the Riviera Beach Housing Authority to name a few. For more information

DOH-Palm Beach Officials Issue Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory

The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County (DOH-Palm Beach) today advised residents there has been an increase in mosquito-borne disease activity in areas of Palm Beach County. A locally acquired human case of West Nile illness has been confirmed and there is a heightened concern additional residents may become ill. County Health Director for DOH-Palm Beach, Dr. Alina Alonso, reminds residents and visitors to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes and to take basic precautions such as covering skin with clothing or repellent to help limit exposure. To learn more



CHIP UPDATE



Issues of CHIP Clips are posted at the DOH-Palm Beach website.

Thank you to all who participated in the CHIP Council meeting on June 1, 2020 and especially to our presenters from the Health Council of SE Florida, DOH-Palm Beach, and the Palm Beach County Division of Community Services.

Thanks also to the Health Council of Southeast Florida, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, and all of our community partners in implementing our CHIP!

Also, please send Adam your ideas and comments for the newsletter; he's waiting to hear from you!