

# Update: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Monday Morning Update  
April 20, 2020**

## COVID-19 Updates and Resources

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### Help available for students, parents and teachers through the Palm Beach County Library System

The Palm Beach County Library System has many resources available to help students, parent and teachers during virtual schooling. Staff are available by phone, email and chat to answer technology and other research questions through Ask-A-Librarian. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Council releases nearly \$235,000 through COVID-19 Contingency Fund

Hunger relief, baby and household supplies, and assistance with calls to 211 Helpline are among the programs supported through \$234,690 in COVID-19 emergency funds released in the past two weeks by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC). The Council's board approved \$500,000 at an emergency meeting last month to support nonprofits working to meet the expanded needs of local families. Additional applications

### COVID-19 Updates: A Message from Our CEO

During these unprecedented times, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County and our funded agencies are here for you and your family. [Watch this video](#) from our CEO, Dr. Lisa Williams-Taylor, for CSC updates, resources, information and more.

are still being evaluated. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **Mental Health Association's Virtual Groups for Mental Health**

In response to the COVID-19, the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County's office will be closed, with all employees working remotely. During this time, the following services will be available:

- MHA Helpline phone support and navigation (561) 801-4357
- Support calls to MHA Phoenix Club and Peer Place members
- Group and individual support via Zoom video meetings
- Access to online support through the MyStrength app
- Messaging and posts for Phoenix Club and Peer Place members via private Facebook group
- Free telehealth counseling with our clinical psychologist for uninsured individuals
- [Click here](#) for a list of virtual groups.

### **Early Learning Coalition offers Easy-to-use, Free Learning Activities for Parents to use during the "Stay at Home" time with Children**

ELCPBC can't wait to share all that we have planned this week! This week's content focuses on Literacy & Language Development - more than just reading and writing. Literacy is a process to further develop one's thinking through learning, to help them better understand themselves and the world around them. [Click here](#) to learn more. Please continue to check your emails and refer back to our social media as we are continuously sharing helpful community resources throughout this time. We are here to be a supportive resource and partner with you in the early education of your children.

### **Resources now available to families through Prime Time Palm Beach County**

We know that as online learning increases globally in response to school closures and COVID-19 disruptions, families at home will benefit from activities designed to keep children learning with fun, engaging activities. In partnership with our expanded learning opportunities (ELOs), Prime Time is now offering resources that families can do at home to continue learning even after their time is done at school. Look for the "home" symbol throughout this webpage to indicate at-home, hands-on learning activities. [Look for NEW offerings each week.](#)

### **Connecting parents and child care before, during and after the COVID-19 health crisis**

The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County (ELCPBC) is open and connecting parents who are emergency response personnel and essential-business workers to open child care facilities and early learning centers. [Click here](#) to access resources for parents and child care providers or call the call the Family Resource Line at 561.514.3300.

### **Council Update: Council approves \$500,000 for COVID-19 grants for nonprofits**

At an emergency council meeting this week, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County's board approved the use of up to \$500,000 for a contingency fund to support nonprofits working to meet the needs of local families. The Council's contingency fund, and dollars dedicated by seven other partners, will be distributed by each organization through the COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Grant process. The Council's funding has been earmarked for

### **Meals sites, health tips more COVID-19 updates and resources**

Children's Services Council has compiled an ongoing list of local resources that Palm Beach County families may find helpful in these uncertain times. [Click here](#) for links to federal, state and local resources and as well as educational resources for your family.

food, basic needs (excluding shelter), and direct services to children and families. Funding also was made available to help meet the increased demands on the 2-1-1 Helpline, which has seen its call volume more than double during the crisis. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **211 Helpline collecting important Coronavirus Supports and Services**

211 HelpLine continues to provide information on critical services during the Coronavirus such as food distributions, school information, VA information, small business resources, medical & mental health care, and more. To access: dial 2-1-1, text your zip code to 898211, or [click here](#). 211 HelpLine understands that many individuals and families may be feeling overwhelmed. Please dial 2-1-1 if you want help in finding resources or if you just want to talk. We are in this together. #HelpStartsHere

### **United Way of Palm Beach County establishes Coronavirus Response Fund**

United Way of Palm Beach County has established a Coronavirus Response Fund to help meet community needs. United Way will work with funding partners to establish a unified approach to helping the community. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **Afterschool practitioners who attend virtual trainings will qualify for stipends**

Due to the unprecedented closure of out-of-school time (OST) programs across Palm Beach County because of the COVID-19 outbreak, OST programs across the county have closed their doors. While there are emerging supports in place to address the needs of the nonprofit workforce, that we hope includes OST staff, Prime Time Palm Beach County is offering OST practitioners in Palm Beach County, specifically front line staff, a \$45 stipend for each three-hour professional development training that is completed. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## **News**

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### **Virtual Earth Week 2020 with Resource Depot**

Join Resource Depot in honoring our planet during Virtual Earth Week 2020! Enjoy the magic of Earth Day's 50th anniversary all week long with Resource Depot. From Sunday April 19 to Saturday April 25, each day will have different themes with one common goal: to support environmental protection by living a more sustainable life! [RSVP to Resource Depot's "Virtual Earth Week" Facebook Event](#) to participate in all the fun. New videos, challenges, lessons, and prizes will be added each day throughout the week at 12 pm.

### **Get Your Green On: Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month**

Friday, May 1  
9 - 11 a.m.  
[Online](#)

Get Your Green On, Palm Beach County! May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month, and community partners are virtually kicking-off the awareness campaign on May 1. [Click here](#) to join the virtual kick-off and to learn more.

### **Call for Nominations Business Champion Awards at Birth to 22**

Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures invites members of the community to nominate for-profit businesses whose support has helped to improve child and youth outcomes. The Business Champion Awards will be presented at the Third Annual Birth to 22 Business Breakfast. **The new nominations deadline is August 1, 2020.** Business must be a for-profit organization that regularly advocates, provides resources and opportunities or funding to support the overall mission of

Birth to 22. Businesses may self-nominate or be nominated by others. [Click here](#) to learn more and to access the nominee form.

### Community Service hours with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office offers Community Service hours to anyone who watches either presentation:

- [The 911 Good Samaritan Law presentation](#) is 12 minutes long and offers the viewer an hour of community service by typing their name on a certificate.
- [The Vaping Dangers presentation](#) is 15 minutes long and offers the viewer an hour of community service by typing their name on a certificate.

### Step Up for Students: Apply for the FL \$500 Reading Scholarship

The Reading Scholarship, administered by Step Up For Students, was created to help public school students in third through fifth grade who struggle with reading. The program offers parents access to education savings accounts, worth \$500 each, to pay for tuition and fees related to part-time tutoring, summer and after-school literacy programs, instructional materials and curriculum related to reading or literacy. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.



## Keeping your kids #HealthySafeStrong at home!

Keep your kids #HealthySafeStrong at home with [these health and home safety tips](#) from local experts at [EveryParentPBC.org](#) and on the FREE [EveryParent app](#)! Sign up to receive our emails and stay up-to-date with helpful tips, things to do and local resources for Palm Beach County families.

[Sign up for our emails!](#)

## Events

### VIRTUAL Science with the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium

Science has gone virtual! The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is announcing online programming to make sure students don't stop learning.

### Postponed: Bloom event with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies' Bloom event has been postponed until further notice. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies is still available to make appointments

### New Date: Birth to 22 Business Breakfast - Preparing for Tomorrow Today

Friday, Sept. 18  
7:30 - 10 a.m.  
Hilton Palm Beach Airport  
150 Australian Ave.,  
West Palm Beach

Due to precautions being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community, the Birth to 22 Business Breakfast has been postponed until September 18, 2020. Registrations already purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date. Those unable to attend on September

Experiments, aquarium programs and story time – there's something for everyone. [Click here](#) to learn more.

via phone and schedule clients for intakes taking place using technology. [Click here](#) for their website.

18 may request a refund by contacting United Way of Palm Beach County: [PledgeProcessing@UnitedWayPBC.org](mailto:PledgeProcessing@UnitedWayPBC.org). [Click here](#) stay updated.

### **Postponed: A Day for Autism - Building Bridges with Law Enforcement Picnic**

PBSO, The Village of Wellington, FAU CARD and friends to have postpone A Day for Autism. The event will be rescheduled in the Spring. More details to follow when a new date is selected. [Click here](#) stay updated.

### **Postponed: Youth Summit 2020**

Youth Summit 2020 is going to be postponed until later this year. More information will come at a later date [Click here](#) to stay updated.

### **Postponed: United Way of Palm Beach County presents Girls Day Out: Create Your Best You!**

Given the recent COVID-19 situation, Women United has decided to postpone Girls Day Out. We will keep you informed once a new date has been selected. [Click here](#) to stay updated.

## **Trainings**

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### **Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies April Educational Calendar**

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County is making their Childbirth, Small Steps Great Parents classes, and Circle of Moms groups virtual. [Click here](#) to access their April Educational calendar.

### **ONLINE: Trauma and Play Therapy**

This online workshop will focus on using play therapy with clients who experienced trauma. Specific activities and strategies will be explored. Cost is \$25. Earn 1 CEU and non-contact APT! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

### **ONLINE: Play Therapy with Families**

This online workshop will focus on using play in sessions with families. Specific activities and strategies will be explored. Cost is \$25. Earn 1 CEU and non-contact APT! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

### **ONLINE: ACEs - Trauma to Resilience**

This online workshop provides an overview of the ACE study, the Impact of ACEs, Brain Development, Results of ACEs, and Resilience. Cost is \$35. Earn 2.5 CEUs! [Click here](#) to register and learn more about the workshop.

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## **Additional Resources**

[Visit the CSC website](#)  
[CSC Employment](#)  
[CSC Provider Agency Employment](#)  
[Search for Trainings](#)

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## Do you have information for the MMU?

Email your MMU submission to [mmu@cscpbcc.org](mailto:mmu@cscpbcc.org). [Click here](#) to review the MMU Submission Guidelines.

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