To subscribe to my newsletter, the Silvers Sentinel, please send an email with “SUBSCRIBE” in the subject line. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call my office at 561.357.4824.
The Coalition for Independent Living Options is now taking applications for Financial Assistance.

How can I qualify for financial assistance with CILO?

- I have at least one person in the home with a documented disability OR I am over 60 with a documented disability.
- I have a 3-day notice, eviction notice, utility shut-off notice OR I need assistance with first, last, and/or deposit OR I am over 60 and need help with moving expenses.
- I'm a resident of Palm Beach County
- My household income falls within the guidelines below OR I'm over age 60.

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You will need to be able to provide the following documents at the time of your appointment:

1) Photo ID
2) Proof of Disability
3) Proof Palm Beach County Residency
4) Proof of Need (eviction notice, termination notice, 3-day notice, lease, moving quote)
5) Proof of What Caused the Need (crime incident, unexpected bill or expense, sudden loss of income, need to move)
6) Proof of Income

For more information or to see if you qualify, please call Amber Lott at (561) 966-4288 ext. 101.

Funding for this program provided by Palm Beach County Division of Community Services. To promote independence and enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by providing effective and essential services to residents in need.

4400 N. Congress Ave Ste 203
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control has over 150 pets who are in need of adoptive homes or temporary foster homes.

All adoption fees have been waived; adopters selecting and adopting their pet on-line will receive a 3 week supply of Science Diet pet food, an adoption goodie bag, a certificate for a free rabies shot and tag for the next 2 years, free booster vaccines for a two-year period, plus a 3 month’s supply of heart worm and flea preventative.

Adopters may visit the shelter’s web site to select their Perfect Pandemic Partner: www.pbcgov.com/snap. Once their selection has been made, they can submit the online adoption application. Shelter staff will contact them once their application has been approved to set up a time to come pick up their new pet.

For those not quite ready to make a life-long commitment, fostering a pet during the pandemic is a great option and a life-saving act. Foster parents are given all of the supplies needed to take care of their foster pet and will be given resources to help promote their pet for adoption. Anyone interested in fostering a pet can get started here: https://bit.ly/2WQVtow

Palm Beach County Drive Thru Test Site

![Palm Beach County Drive Thru Test Site](image_url)
HELP FOR CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH BUSINESSES

The City of West Palm Beach recently voted to create a marketing campaign to support local restaurants and shops as well as an economic recovery fund to provide financial assistance to businesses adversely affected by COVID-19.

The marketing campaign, called “West Palm Eats, encourages residents to support local businesses from the comfort of their own home while maintaining social distancing. Additionally, the City has created an access point for residents to locate a list of businesses that are offering pickup and delivery options. To visit: https://www.wpb.org/our-city/west-palm-eats.

Restaurant and business owners are invited and welcome to participate. To be a part of the campaign, please send your business name, web address, and menu to ecodev@wpb.org. (To help ensure ADA compliance on the City website, please provide your menu in Word as they are unable to accept PDF files.)

A COVID-19 Economic Recovery Fund is also being established. Commissioners approved setting aside $259,000 to be used to help small businesses in the form of short-term micro-loans of $10,000 or less. The funds will be allocated through a local community bank where the terms and conditions will be defined. Additional details will soon follow on how to apply for this assistance.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:

Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program: https://floridadisasterloan.org/


Due to the coronavirus outbreak in South Florida, Tri-Rail has announced cuts to their schedule and will suspend all fares beginning Saturday, March 28. Tri-Rail, which runs from its northernmost Mangonia Park stop in Palm Beach County all the way down to Miami International Airport, will temporarily offer an 18-train schedule every two hours with operations starting at 4:17 a.m. on weekdays. On weekends, 12 trains will be running with three-hour frequency starting at 5:17 a.m.
Affordable Care Act (ACA) and KidCare Information

Considering the expected surge in unemployment numbers in Florida combined with the potential hazard of in-person meetings, Covering Florida Navigators across the state are prepared to assist.

If you find yourself being laid off due to business decisions related to the health crisis, the current rules provide a sixty-day eligibility window for you and your family, called a Special Enrollment Period, to sign up for a suitable health coverage plan available in your county. Please do not wait until the last minute to seek help figuring out which plans are best for your health care needs. ACA enrollees can get personalized help discussing the often confusing details of health care coverage. Consumers can go to www.CoveringFlorida.org and select the “Scheduling an Appointment” button to meet with a trained assister virtually or telephonically. Consumers can also call the Covering Florida marketplace number 877-813-9115 which is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Parents should also be aware that Florida KidCare offers head-to-toe coverage for children from birth through age 18, and applications for coverage can be completed 365 days a year. The program assists the public in applying for coverage in Florida Healthy Kids, Medicaid, MediKids and Children’s Medical Services. You can visit https://www.healthykids.org/kidcare/faq/ for info and to apply or call 1-888-540-KIDS (5437).

Coronavirus Rumor Control

FEMA has set up a website to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. Do your part to stop the spread of disinformation by doing 3 easy things; don’t believe the rumors, don’t pass them along and go to trusted sources of information to get the facts about the federal (COVID-19) response.
Florida Students

Florida students will now have access to free, live Advanced Placement review lessons by AP teachers from across the US. The classes are optional, mobile-friendly and designed to be used with work that may be given by schools. bit.ly/2JhMBjL

The College Board is developing secure 45-minute online exams for each course, that will not require any test booklet shipments, external proctors or any additional workload for schools. Students can take the exam on any device they have access to. More: bit.ly/2xisBLt "

Clerk & Comptroller

Clerk & Comptroller suspending in-person, non-essential services effective Tuesday, March 24

The Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County will be suspending in-person, non-essential services effective Tuesday, March 24, consistent with the executive order issued by Gov. Ron DeSantis for Palm Beach County to prevent the spread of coronavirus COVID-19.

Clerk & Comptroller employees will still be working to support Palm Beach County and the 15th Judicial Circuit. Clerks will continue to serve customers in person who have essential business with the courts, as outlined in Administrative Order 12.510, including:

- First appearance hearings
- injunctions for cases of domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, stalking or prevention of child abuse
- Petitions for risk protection orders
- Baker or Marchman Act proceedings

Marriage licenses will be issued by appointment only at the Clerk & Comptroller’s offices in Palm Beach Gardens and Delray Beach. Couples must come into the office with required proof of identification and marriage license application completed. Call (561) 624-6650 to make an appointment.

The Clerk & Comptroller will still serve customers by phone at (561) 355-2996 and online. Many of the services provided by the Clerk & Comptroller are available online. Visit www.mypalmbeachclerk.com to learn how you can:

- Pay a traffic ticket online or by phone;
- Electronically record mortgages, deeds and other official records, or record documents by mail;

Palm Beach County Parks

Effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 4:00 P.M., all Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Facilities are closed to the public until further notice. This includes all County-operated Regional Parks and Golf Courses that were previously open.

County-operated campgrounds will remain open to current reservations and will not accept new reservations until further notice.

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation will continue to monitor the status of the COVID-19 in our area and will communicate any changes in the availability of our parks, facilities and services as they are made.

Please visit www.pbcparks.com often for updates on the status of your Palm Beach County parks.
Florida Retailers

As guidelines and regulations change on a daily – and sometimes even hourly – basis, the website provides relevant updates from federal, state and local governments and resources to assist Florida retailers during the coronavirus global health crisis.

The website provides specific guidance from Gov. Ron DeSantis’s executive orders regarding the state’s retailers. It also provides copies of State of Florida emergency orders and Federal orders to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Additionally, since many local jurisdictions have separate orders, the Florida Retail Federation’s website provides specific guidelines from about two dozen cities and counties in Florida, when their regulations differ from the state.

There is also a resource for small businesses impacted by the crisis. [https://bit.ly/2WMvQWe](https://bit.ly/2WMvQWe) This includes information on small business loans, reemployment assistance and best practices on work from home policies.

Department of Revenue Extends Property Tax Payment Due Date from March 31 to April 15
The Florida Department of Revenue has been directed to provide flexibility on tax due dates to assist those adversely affected by COVID-19. The Department has now issued an emergency order to extend the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year for all 67 Florida counties. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Department waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid.

**Property taxpayers who have additional questions should contact their county tax collectors. For Palm Beach County, please visit: [https://www.pbctax.com/](https://www.pbctax.com/).**

Department of Revenue Extends March Sales Tax Due Dates for Adversely Affected Taxpayers
The Florida Department of Revenue has been directed to provide flexibility on tax due dates, such as sales tax, to assist those adversely affected by COVID-19. The Department has now issued an emergency order to extend certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. This action is taken to provide short-term relief to taxpayers while recognizing the requirement for a balanced state budget.

The emergency order outlines:
- Taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19, have an extended due date to April 30, 2020, for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March.
- Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20.

Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020.

For questions, email COVID19TAXHELP@floridarevenue.com or visit www.floridarevenue.com.
Emergency Bridge Loan

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is currently available to small business owners located in all Florida counties statewide that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19. These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or federal disaster assistance.

The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is not designed to be the primary source of assistance to affected small businesses, which is why eligibility is linked pursuant to other financial sources.

Note: Loans made under this program are short-term debt loans made by the state of Florida using public funds – they are not grants. Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans require repayment by the approved applicant from longer term financial resources.

How To Apply
1. Review the eligibility requirements and loan process.
2. Gather the required support documentation.
3. Submit your application online here.

Applicants may also submit a completed application and required documents by mail or courier to:

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
107 E. Madison Street, MSC-160
Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-4120

For assistance in completing the application, contact your local Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) office. To locate your local Florida SBDC visit www.FloridaSBDC.org/locations or contact us toll-free (833) 832-4494.

DESIGNATED COUNTIES
All 67 counties in Florida.

APPLICATION PERIOD
Applications will be accepted under this program through May, 8, 2020, contingent on availability of funds.
ELIGIBILITY
Applications will be accepted by qualified for-profit, privately held small businesses that maintain a place of business in the state of Florida. All qualified applicants must have been established prior to March 9, 2020, and suffered economic injury as a result of the designated disaster. Qualified small business applicants must be a business with 2 to 100 employees.

TERM
1 year.

LIMITATION
Only one loan may be made per eligible business. All previous bridge loans received must be paid in full.

Interest Rate
Loans will be interest-free for the loan term (1 year). The Interest rate will be 12% per annum on the unpaid balance thereafter, until the loan balance is repaid in full. Loan default is subject to a normal commercial collection process.
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COVID-19 CONTACT INFORMATION

Florida Department of Health
COVID-19 Hotline: 1 (866) 779-6121
@HealthyFla
FLDepartmentofHealth
Email: COVID-19@FLHealth.gov
Website: FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov

City of Greenacres
(561) 642-2000
@CityGreenacres
CityofGreenacres
Email: greenacresfl.gov

Palm Beach County
(561) 355-2754
@pbcgov
Pbcgov
Website: discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus

Lake Worth Beach
(561) 586-1600
@LakeWorthBchPBC
LakeWorthBeachPBC
Website: lakeworthbeachfl.gov/covid19

Town of Lake Clarke Shores
(561) 964-1114
@LCSGov
TownofLC
Website: townoflcs.com

City of West Palm Beach
Hotline: (561) 822-2222
@westpalmbeach
CityofWPB
Website: wpb.org/our-city/mayor-s-office/covid-19-updates-and-information

State Representative David Silvers
1850 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 200
Lake Clarke Shores, FL 33406
(561) 357-4824
If you are looking for assistance or just someone to talk to, call 2-1-1 to speak with a highly trained resource specialist. Or visit 2-1-1 online: www.211palmbeach.org

211 is a community helpline and crisis hotline that provides suicide prevention, crisis intervention, information, assessment, and referral to community services for people of all ages. We proudly serve; Indian River County, Martin County, Okeechobee County, Palm Beach County and St. Lucie County.