



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



Important Information for the Upcoming Week

Hello,

As the nation gears up for the Presidential Inauguration, our community, like other capital cities, is responding to the [FBI's bulletin](#) and taking necessary steps to ensure the safety of our citizenry.

Leon County's Sheriff McNeil has been in close coordination with FDLE, TPD, the FBI, Capitol Police and other law enforcement partners to secure the resources we need, and just a few minutes ago, Governor DeSantis activated the Florida National Guard to protect the Capitol. Due to the risk of potential unrest, I encourage you to avoid, if possible, the Capitol Complex area from now through Inauguration Day.

In order to keep you informed about other notable things going on this week, this newsletter contains some valuable information about MLK holiday closures and service changes, vaccination updates, free COVID-19 testing opportunities, etc.

On a brighter note, the County Commission agendas for our [2021 Strategic Planning Retreat](#) and [January 26th meeting](#) are now available. Among other items, we'll discuss the County's strategic plan, nominations for the Children's Services Council, and emergency rental assistance funding. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about these two meetings.

I'll be in touch again soon with another update but, in the meantime, enjoy the holiday weekend and stay safe.

All the best,

Rick Minor

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P.S. If you have friends and family who might be interested in receiving this newsletter each month, please ask them to sign up at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor. Thank you!

Just Announced by the City of Tallahassee:

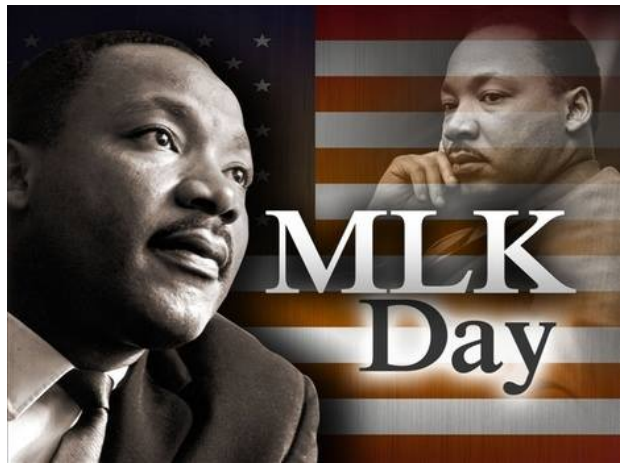
The MLK Day parade previously planned for Monday, January 18, in downtown Tallahassee will now take place on Saturday, February 6. This action is being taken out of an abundance of caution related to possible protests at the Florida Capitol.

Leon County Closures and Service Changes for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The following holiday closures and service changes will occur in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday:

Closed Monday, January 18

- Leon County offices
- Leon County libraries
- Leon County Animal Control
- Leon County Solid Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Center



Remain Closed Due to COVID-19

- Leon County Community Centers and Pavilions

Remain Open for the Holiday

- Leon County Parks and Recreation facilities (parks, greenways, campgrounds and boat landings)

Additional Service Information

All LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library branch libraries will close on Saturday, January 16 at 4 p.m. The LeRoy Collins Leon County Main Library will close on Sunday, January 17 at 6 p.m. All libraries will resume normal operating hours on Tuesday, January 19.

The Solid Waste Management Center on Apalachee Parkway will close on Saturday, January 16 at 5 p.m. and will resume normal operating hours on Tuesday, January 19. Residential waste collection routes will be delayed one day for citizens whose normal pick-up day is during the holiday. Waste Pro's holiday schedule can be found at Wasteprousa.com. For more information, call the Leon County Solid Waste Management Division at (850) 606-1800.

In the event of an animal-related emergency, service is available by calling the Consolidated Dispatch Agency at (850) 606-5800. Leon County Animal Control encourages residents to only use this service to report dangerous or aggressive dogs, sick or injured domestic animals and animal cruelty. Injured wildlife calls will be forwarded to the St. Francis Wildlife Association at (850) 627-4151.

Video on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The MLK Foundation, with support from Leon County Government, is proud to announce a special locally produced video commemorating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The video will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 16 on Sunday, January 17 at 4 p.m. and again on Monday, January 18 at noon.



Due to the pandemic, the annual MLK Foundation event recognizing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had to be changed to a safe, socially distanced production.

Links to the awards ceremony will also be posted on Leon County's YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages.

County Courthouse and City Hall Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

By request of local law enforcement, the Leon County Courthouse (301 S. Monroe St.) and City Hall (300 S. Monroe St.) will be closed to the public on Tuesday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 20. The closures will help law enforcement respond to any emergencies in the area of the Florida State Capitol on or around Inauguration Day.



FREE Drive-Thru Testing in NE Leon County Tomorrow

Free Drive-Thru COVID-19 testing at **Leon County's Northeast Branch Library** (5513 Thomasville Rd) **Saturday, January 16** from **7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

Open to all patients, both symptomatic and asymptomatic. PCR molecular testing (results in 2-4 days).

Neighborhood Medical Center
FREE COVID-19 TESTING
PROVIDED BY NEIGHBORHOOD MEDICAL CENTER
DRIVE UP TESTING ONLY
UPCOMING PLEASE HAVE A MASK ON AT ALL TIMES
Northeast Branch Library
LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library
5513 Thomasville Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32312
Across from The Super Walmart
www.neighborhoodmedicalcenter.org
PHONE NUMBER: (850) 224-2469

No appointment necessary. Please bring a valid photo ID and provide an email address.

For more information, contact Neighborhood Medical Center at (850) 224-2469.

[For a list of other Leon County testing sites, click here.](#)

NOTE: This Saturday community testing site does not offer vaccines. Vaccinations are offered by the Florida Department of Health (leon.floridahealth.gov) or your primary care physician using prioritization established by the State of Florida.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The State Florida Department of Health in Leon County has released its latest vaccine update. Check it out at: <https://bit.ly/3nDAnE0>

For any additional questions about the vaccine at this time, the State COVID-19 Call Center can be reached 24/7 by calling 1-866-779-6121 or emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE
Florida Health
Leon County

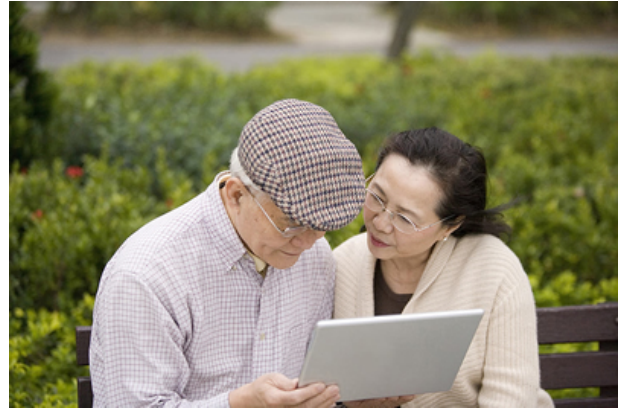
The Department of Health is offering phone text alerts for vaccination distribution updates. Residents can sign up for updates about vaccine availability by texting FLCOVID19 to 888777. More at leon.floridahealth.gov.

Earlier this week, Rick participated in an online discussion with community and medical leaders to discuss vaccine distribution in our community. You can view the recording of that discussion [here](#).

COVID-19 Community Updates Every Friday

Concerned about the rising number of COVID-19 cases across our region?
Curious about vaccine development and distribution within our community?

Receive the latest local COVID-19 updates and learn how the pandemic continues to impact Leon County in this new virtual series.



Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH), in partnership with Leon County, the Florida Department of Health, the City of Tallahassee, Capital Regional Medical Center, Bond Community Health Center and Neighborhood Medical Center, are coming together to provide a weekly community COVID-19 update, streaming every Friday at noon via Zoom.

Join former Tallahassee Democrat Publisher Skip Foster as he asks the questions you really need answered about the pandemic.

This virtual chat will feature a different topic every Friday.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

- Dean Watson, MD, Chief Integration Officer at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare & Capital Health Plan
- Temple O. Robinson, MD, Chief Executive Officer at Bond Community Health Center, Inc.
- Claudia Blackburn, MPH, RN, Health Officer at Florida Department of Health
- Trey Blake, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Capital Regional Medical Center
- Jeanne' Freeman, Chief Executive Officer at Neighborhood Medical Center
- Leon County
- City of Tallahassee

To register, [click here](#). To submit your questions, please email PR@TMH.ORG.

Second Dose Appointment?

The Florida Department of Health's vaccine team wants to hear from clients who might not have been given a second appointment or may have forgotten the date. You can send an email to LeonCHD.Feedback@flhealth.gov. Type "second dose" in the subject line. In the body of the email, put your name, date of first dose and brand of the vaccine. Clients will be emailed an appointment for the second dose.



Beware of Vaccine Scams

COVID-19 vaccines administered by county health departments are always free. If a site asks for payment information to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, it's likely a scam and should

be reported to the Florida Attorney General's Office. [Learn more here.](#)



Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Are you signed up to receive Emergency Notifications from Leon County?

As technology changes, we look for every opportunity to enhance our communications, and that's why we've upgraded to an even better emergency alert system used across the state of Florida called Everbridge.

Through Leon Alerts we are able to provide you with critical emergency information related to incidents such as severe weather, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and coronavirus updates.



You can choose to receive these timely messages in whatever medium is most convenient for you -- such as your home, mobile, or business phones, email addresses, text messages, etc.

You pick where, you pick how - sign up now!

For more information, visit LeonCountyFL.gov/Alerts

#MaskOnLeon

Wearing masks is as important now as ever before. COVID-19 cases continue to rise in our community and across the United States.

Everyday choices can help slow the spread of COVID-19. So, in addition to masks, stay at least 6 feet apart from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often with soap and water. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2X0zmqc>.



Cold Night Sheltering

We're in the midst of another cold snap, so our community's cold night sheltering plan has been activated for the next few nights.

If you or someone you know is in need of cold night sheltering, please call the Big Bend Continuum of Care Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (850) 792-5015. For

after hours or weekends, call the
CESC/Kearney Center Cold Night Shelter
Supervisor at (850) 542-8599.

