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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—November 2021

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Available for 5-11 Year Olds!

Last week, the FDA's external advisory group, the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC), recommended and the FDA authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). That decision placed the ball in the CDC's court this week. On Tuesday, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the CDC's external advisory committee, met to discuss the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine for this new age group. ACIP voted unanimously that *"The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for children 5-11 years of age in the U.S. population under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization."*

Tuesday night, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky signed off on ACIP's recommendation, officially authorizing the vaccine for 5-11 year olds!

This version of the Pfizer vaccine contains a lower dose (10 micrograms) than the version used for individuals ages 12 and up (30 micrograms). It is also packaged differently—with an orange cap instead of a purple one—to help differentiate the two versions. Here is a [one-pager](#) on the differences.

Shipments of the children's vaccine went out to some providers this week, in anticipation of the approval, and access will be expanding in the coming weeks. Larger pharmacy chains like Walgreens, CVS, and Publix are currently scheduling appointments for as soon as this weekend. Additional access points will come online in the next few weeks, including County Health Departments, Community Health Centers, and some pediatrician offices. FDOH anticipates vaccine will be available for ordering (via normal Florida SHOTS Vaccines for Children practices) by November 9th.

Data on the clinical trials for children under 5 years of age are expected at the end of the year.



Everyone ages 5 and up is now eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccine!

CDC recommends that children ages 5–11 receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

FIND A VACCINE TODAY AT [VACCINES.GOV](https://www.vaccines.gov)



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
November 5th

Pasco Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition:
November 8th

Citrus County ESF-8 Working Group: November 10th

Hillsborough County Healthcare Coalition: November 18th

For more info on attending these meetings, please reach out to the County Chairperson. Contact info is available on [our website](#).

Supply Chain Update

We are happy to provide insight on supply chain trends from our industry partners to our Coalition membership. This update on COVID-19 and influenza testing is from our medical supply partner, bttm.



Trends

bttm is seeing massive shortages of PCR tests, long backorders, and numerous over-promise / under-delivery scenarios. bttm is hearing directly from hospitals, clinics, and practices around the country and all are saying while they are ordering tests by the thousands, fulfillment is coming in by the 100s, leaving them short on tests.

bttm's internal data further shows there is a deep hunger for information about tests and access to tests. Search queries and web traffic are spiking. In the month, bttm has seen a massive 3000% increase in sales of COVID-19 tests.

Inventory

The good news is that bttm is working furiously with suppliers to source both COVID-19 and Influenza tests. You can go directly to the bttm website **today** to order from their inventory of [CareStart Antigen Tests](#), [BianaxNOW Covid-19 Antigen Card](#), [BD Veritor™ Plus COVID-19 Test Cartridge](#), and [Cue Health Cartridges](#).

Please note: Other than the At-Home COVID-19 tests, CLIA certification is required to purchase CLIA accredited tests. If you do not have CLIA certification, you can download the forms from bttm's website.

bttm is revolutionizing the way people access critical medical supplies while reducing the cost of healthcare for all. The health-tech startup provides solutions for a broken medical supply market - an easy-to-use platform, 20-40% savings on products, and free shipping to multiple locations.

Please login to bttmusa.com to order tests for your facilities. Use the discount code **TBHMPC10** for 10% off your first online purchase.



Important Info & Updates

Next Phase of the TBHMPC COVID-19 AAR

In early 2021, the Coalition completed our first COVID-19 After Action Report (AAR), covering response operations in 2020. Since then, the response to COVID-19 has continued to evolve, most recently with the surge in cases due to the delta variant (from July 2021 to present). We would like to capture both the high points and the lessons that you learned during this most recent surge event. We would appreciate all of our member and partner agencies taking time to complete [this survey](#) on your organization's experience responding to the recent delta variant surge. (We sent out our survey link via email this week, and only need one response per organization).

Ransomware Resources

CISA has launched a new website to help organizations reduce their risk of ransomware. It is StopRansomware.gov and in addition to resources, it will also highlight the latest ransomware alerts from different federal agencies. Ransomware cases are on the rise. In 2020 there was a **300% increase** in the amount of ransoms paid, compared to the previous year. Ransomware incidents have become more destructive and impactful in both nature and scope. Malicious cyber actors target critical data and can propagate ransomware across entire networks. The new website will enable organizations to enhance their network defense while helping organizations be more aware and prepared to deal with malicious cyber actors. Check it out today!

A banner with three panels. The left panel has a dark background with red and white text: "WHAT IS RANSOMWARE?" and "LEARN MORE". The middle panel shows a laptop screen with "RANSOMWARE" in red text and "HAVE YOU BEEN HIT BY RANSOMWARE?" below it, with "LEARN MORE" at the bottom. The right panel has a blue background with a padlock icon and "AVOID BEING HIT BY RANSOMWARE" and "LEARN MORE". On the far right, the text "STOP RANSOMWARE" is written in large, bold, red letters with a bug icon above the "O" in "STOP".

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Plugged In: The Eye of the Storm

On Thursday, November 18th at 1:30pm, join us for **Plugged In: The Eye of the Storm**. We will fly along with the NOAA Hurricane Hunters and learn from Jack Parrish, NOAA Senior Flight Meteorologist and a Gulfstream G-IVSP High-Altitude Jet Project Manager, who has served for 42 years and flown 650 times into the eye of 80 hurricanes! [Register here](#) for this interesting Zoom webinar.

Federal Consortia Training for Florida Health Care Coalitions

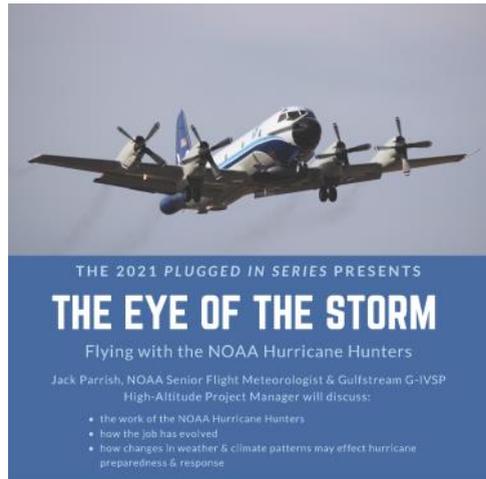
The Health Care Coalitions in Florida have joined together, under the leadership of the Northeast Florida Health Care Coalition, to offer a variety of courses from federal-level training consortia. Our November offerings are listed below, so you can check your calendars and click on the dates below to get registered soon! You can also access these and the December offerings on [FloridaHCC.org](https://www.floridahcc.org)!

- [November 2nd & 3rd](#) - **Coastal Hazards Awareness (AWR-343)**, 8-hour class (12:30 to 4:30pm Eastern both days). Provider – National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (Registration Code 53791)
- [November 9th](#) - **Hospital Incident Command System**, 2-hour awareness class. 10am-12pm. Provider – Center for Domestic Preparedness
- [November 10th](#) - **Healthcare Facility Preparedness**, 1.25-hour class (10am - 11:15am Eastern). Provider – Center for Domestic Preparedness
- [November 18](#) – **Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers (AWR-308)**, 4-hour class (12:30 to 4:30pm Eastern)
- [November 30](#) – **Federal, State, and Local Roles in Medical Emergency Response (AWR-934-V5)**, 1.25-hour class (10am to 11:15am Eastern)

Infrastructure Security Month 2021

CISA will focus on the umbrella theme “[Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience: Build it In](#)” as a reminder to all audiences how important it is to consider infrastructure security and resilience from design concept all the way through development and implementation. Each week throughout November, CISA will spotlight a different way to think about how we build in critical infrastructure security and resilience.

- Week 1 (November 1-7): Interconnected and Interdependent Critical Infrastructure: Shared risk means building in shared responsibility.
- Week 2 (November 8-14): Plan for Soft Target Security: Build in security for mass gatherings starting with your planning.
- Week 3 (November 15-21): Build Resilience into Critical Infrastructure
- Week 4 (November 22-30): Secure our Elections: Build resilience into our democratic processes.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH @ 1:30PM



[Register here](#)
for this Zoom webinar

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INFRASTRUCTURE
SECURITY MONTH

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SECURITY
AND RESILIENCE:
BUILD IT IN

[cisa.gov/ismonth](https://www.cisa.gov/ismonth)



Monoclonals and More: Issues and Opportunities with Early COVID-19 Treatment Options



This webinar is being hosted by ASPR TRACIE on Friday, November 12th at 12:30pm EST. This webinar will highlight some of the current recommendations for early COVID-19 treatment options, upcoming therapies, and operational principals for a scaled strategy for use of these therapeutics in scarce resource situations. Register [here](#).

Next Generation Healthcare Coalitions: Learning and Evolving from COVID-19

ASPR TRACIE, in collaboration with NHPP, conducted a multi-phased effort to gather and analyze information to identify successes and challenges HCCs experienced during their pandemic response. This webinar on December 8th from 2:30—3:45pm will highlight the key findings from the project, how they will help to inform future ASPR guidance, and how HCCs can use this information now to improve their future preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. [Register to-day!](#)

Intermediate & Advanced ICS Courses in our Region

- **G-400: Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff: Complex Incidents** in downtown Tampa on [November 9th & 10th](#).
- **L-449: Incident Commander System Curricular Train-the-Trainer:** in Bushnell on [November 15th—19th](#).

Other Upcoming Emergency Preparedness & Infectious Disease Trainings

These trainings are being shared with us by the Southwest Florida Healthcare Coalition.

- **Infectious Disease Training on Environmental Cleaning & Waste Management** (Virtual): Tuesday, November 9th from 9:30am-11:30am. [Register here](#).
- **Hospital and Nursing Home Incident Command System** (Virtual): Tuesday, November 16th from 10am—12pm. [Register here](#).
- **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Training** (Virtual): Thursday, December 2nd from 9am—11am. [Register here](#).
- **Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Training** (Virtual): Wednesday, December 8th from 1pm—3pm. [Register here](#).

Monoclonal Antibody Therapy & Locations

Monoclonal antibody treatments (MAB), also known as Regneron, can prevent hospitalization or death in high-risk patients with COVID-19 and are widely available in Florida. If you are 12 years and older and are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19, you are eligible for this treatment. Treatment is free and vaccination status does not matter. State-sponsored sites in our region:

(To find info on statewide therapy locations, [click here](#).)

- **Hillsborough County**—Kings Forest Park, 8008 East Chelsea Street, Tampa. 9am—5pm daily.
- **Manatee County** - Manatee Memorial Hospital Complex, 206 2nd Street East, Bradenton. Open daily 9 AM to 5 PM
- **Pasco County**—Fasano Regional Shelter, 11611 Denton Avenue, Hudson. 9am—5pm daily.
- **Pinellas County**—Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 409 South Old Coachman Road, Clearwater. Open Monday – Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM
- **Polk County** - Church at the Mall, 1010 East Memorial Boulevard, Lakeland. Open daily 9 AM to 5 PM
- **Sumter County**- Barnstorm Theater, 2720 Brownwood Boulevard, The Villages. Open daily 9 AM to 5 PM
- To make an appointment at either of these (or other state sites) [click here](#).



Coalition Highlights

N-95 Fit Testing Train-the-Trainer for Healthcare Courses

For the month of October, we offered five sessions of N-95 Fit Testing Train-the-Trainer Courses in the region, in partnerships with Sunstar and EREC. The goal is to allow organizations to be self-sufficient in fit-testing capabilities. The class included hands on practice for both quantitative (using the PortaCount machine) and qualitative (hood) methods of respirator fit-testing. *We are in the process of scheduling additional offerings of this class in 2022. If you are interested in attending, please email Hunter.Zager@TampaBayHMPC.org for more information.*



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We want to hear from you!

If you would like to share a highlight or best practice from your organization in a future Coalition newsletter or publication, please email it to Turea at TBHMPC2@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine & Testing Sites

- ◇ Use the [Florida Vaccine Locator](#) to find a site near you. Vaccines are available at many commercial pharmacies, medical clinics, offices and all county health departments.
- ◇ Homebound Vaccinations:
 - ⇒ DeliverRxd Pharmacy in Tampa offers at home delivery COVID-19 Vaccinations at no cost. Booster dose available to those who are immunocompromised. Call to make an appointment: (813) 932-6266. Visit [their website](#) for more info.
 - ⇒ Homebound COVID –19 Vaccination Program is also available at [HomeboundVaccine@em.myflorida.com](#) or (833) 930-3672.
- ◇ [CVS Pharmacy](#), [Walgreens](#), [Publix](#), [Walmart](#), [Sam’s Club](#), [Winn-Dixie](#), and [Costco](#) are offering vaccinations and/or testing at many locations throughout the region.

Citrus

- ⇒ COVID-19 Vaccination available at the UF/IFAS Extension, 3650 Sovereign Path in Lecanto. To make an appointment, visit [bitly.com/citruscovidvax](#). **The clinic will be closed on 11/11, 11/25 & 11/26 due to the holidays.**
- ⇒ Testing—Nomi Health provides no-cost COVID-19 testing at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills. This drive-thru site is open M-F from 7am-7pm and Sat & Sun from 8am-5pm. Appointments are recommended—[schedule here](#). Both rapid and PCR will be available while supplies last. **Closed on Sunday, Nov. 14. Closing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2.**
- ⇒ Langley Health Services– To schedule an appointment for vaccine or testing, please call 352-419-5760 EXT: 4818. More information [HERE](#).

⇒ Additional Testing Locations can be found at [Florida Testing Locator](#).



Hardee

- ⇒ Vaccine—Use [Florida Vaccine Locator](#).
- ⇒ Free COVID testing by appointment only. Please call 863-773-4161. 115 K.D. Revell Road, Wauchula, FL 33873. Monday– Thursday 8:30AM- 3:00 PM. Friday 8:30AM-10AM.
- ⇒ Testing by appointment at Prompt Care, 524 Carlton Street, Wauchula, FL. Phone number: 863-767-8333

Hernando

- ⇒ Vaccine—Use [Florida Vaccine Locator](#).
- ⇒ Testing - Use [Florida Testing Locator](#).
 - Get tested at the Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street in Brooksville. [Appointments recommended](#) (not required). 7am—7pm daily.

Get vaccinated.



Wear a mask.



Hillsborough

- ⇒ [COVID-19 Vaccination Info for Hillsborough County](#)
 - Progress Village Park in Tampa (8701 Progress Blvd, Tampa, 33619). Mon-Fri. 8am-5pm.
 - Lee Davis Community Resource Center, 3402 N 22nd St in Tampa, 9am-5pm
- ⇒ [COVID-19 Testing Info for Hillsborough County](#)

Free COVID-19 Test	No Appointment Needed.
	• Code Enforcement Complex 1101 E. 139 th Ave., Tampa, FL 33613 Daily, 9 AM to 5 PM
	• Progress Village Park 8701 Progress Blvd., Tampa, FL 33619 Mon. - Fri., 8 AM to 5 PM
	HCFLGov.net/COVIDTesting Health insurance is not required.



◇ **Manatee**

⇒ Vaccines—Use [Florida Vaccine Locator](#).

⇒ [COVID-19 Testing Sites for Manatee County](#)

- Free Testing at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd in Palmetto. Open 7am—7pm daily. Walk-up operation, no appointment needed. Government-issued photo ID is required.



◇ **Pasco**

⇒ Vaccines—COVID-19 Vaccination appointments are available Mondays & Fridays only from 8:00 a.m. – 4pm at 13941 15th, Dade City, FL 33525 and Thursdays at 10841 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654. [More information here](#).

⇒ [COVID-19 Testing Sites in Pasco County](#)

- DOH-Pasco has partnered with Nomi Health to provide drive-thru COVID-19 (PCR) testing at the Gulf View Square Mall in Port Richey 7 days a week from 7 am–7 pm. Appointments are not required, but highly recommended. [Make an appointment here](#).

◇ **Pinellas**

⇒ [COVID-19 Vaccination Sites in Pinellas County](#)

⇒ [COVID-19 Testing Locations in Pinellas County](#)

- FDOH in Pinellas is offering free walk-up testing (rapid and PCR) at the Center for Health Equity, 2333 34th Street South in St. Petersburg. Open 9am – 5pm, Mon-Fri.

◇ **Polk**

⇒ [COVID-19 Vaccination Sites in Polk County](#)

⇒ [COVID-19 Testing Sites in Polk County](#)



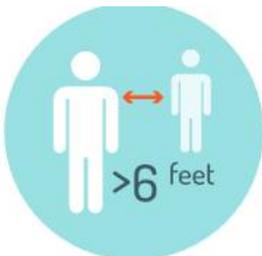
◇ **Sumter**

⇒ Vaccines at Sumter County Health Department—Appt required. Call 352-569-3102 to schedule.

⇒ Langley Health Services— To schedule an appointment for vaccination or testing, please call 352-569-2992. More information [here](#).

⇒ COVID Testing Sites

- Curative Testing is at 415 E. Noble Ave in Bushnell, Monday—Friday, 8am—4:00pm.



A large informational graphic with a blue and white color scheme. At the top, it says 'Your work is essential!' in large, bold letters, with the subtitle 'Protect yourself & others from flu and COVID-19 this fall and winter:'. Below this are three circular icons: a police officer, a nurse, and a woman. Under each icon is a section: 'MASK UP' (Wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth. And keep your distance [at least 6 feet] from others when you can.), 'LATHER UP' (Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.), and 'SLEEVE UP' (Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every season.). At the bottom, it says 'A flu vaccine can protect you, your loved ones, and your co-workers from flu. You can also protect those around you by staying home if you are sick.' and 'Learn more at cdc.gov/flu'. There is a '#FIGHT FLU' hashtag and the CDC logo.

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