

Green Corner

Arbor Day is a celebration of forest and trees!

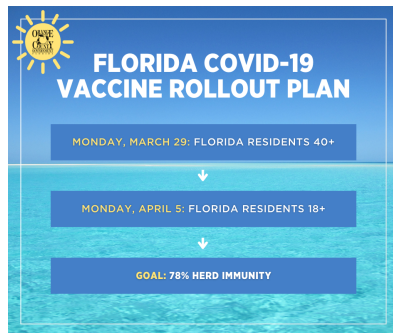
Did you know the first Arbor Day originated in 1872 and more than 1,000,000 trees were planted on that day? Trees are known to have a list of benefits to mankind and animals. This list includes but is not limited to, providing drinking water, serving as a noise buffer, preventing stormwater pollution, providing a habitat for wildlife as well as a source of clean breathable air.

You and your community can celebrate this Arbor Day, April 30, by taking part in 4 simple actions:

- Plant a tree
- Have kids draw their favorite tree
- Volunteer to help clean up a park or natural area
- Connect with nature by taking a walk in your local park or wilderness area while practicing social distancing



COVID-19 & VACCINATION UPDATES



COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS

All Florida residents who are age 16 + and up are now eligible for the COVID vaccine at ANY vaccination site.

The Florida Department of Health in Orange County's vaccination site is now able to handle 3,400 appointments per day. Appointments closed for today, but please stay tuned for an upcoming date and time for a new appointment portal opening. Sign up for alerts at ocfl.net/vaccine.

The medically vulnerable are also eligible for the vaccine. A medical form that is signed by your physician is required. You can find this form along with additional information on vaccines at ocfl.net/vaccine.



COUNTY REOPENING

Beginning April 5, Orange County is re-opening the **County's senior centers, gymnasiums, fitness centers and outdoor courts** at a limited capacity of 50%. For information about specific locations visit, the [Senior Recreation](#) page.

In addition, the **county summer youth camps** will re-open. The county will continue to monitor regional health indicators to determine when a full re-opening will be scheduled.

The [Orange County Public Works Department, Planning, Environmental, and Development Services](#) and the [Utilities Department](#) will re-open customer lobby areas and/or main buildings to the public. Appointments will be required and limited fact-to-face interactions.

TESTING EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 30

Providing free testing for residents continues to be a priority for Orange County Government Health Services Department. [Testing at Barnett Park runs through April 30, 2021](#). Residents are encouraged to get a test if they have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 and/or as a precaution for traveling before or after Spring Break. Testing is essential in helping contain the spread of the virus. For more information, visit ocfl.net/Testing.

Drive-thru location:

Barnett Park (Both PCR/molecular and rapid testing)

4801 W Colonial Dr., Orlando

7 day per week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND EVICTION MORATORIUM

Recently, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) [extended its moratorium on evictions](#) to June 30, 2021.

Residents **must be proactive** and file the necessary paperwork with their landlord for the federal program, as they do not automatically qualify. Visit ocfl.net/HousingFAQs for a list of frequently asked questions and additional resources.

[The County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) is available to eligible residents who are past-due in rent as a result of financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program may be able to provide up to \$10,000 or 12 months of past-due rent.

- [Check your address](#)
- [Required documents](#)
- [Eligibility criteria](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

Residents living in unincorporated Orange County, Apopka, Bay Lake, Belle Isle, Eatonville, Edgewood, Lake Buena Vista, Oakland, Maitland, Ocoee, Windermere, Winter Garden and Winter Park are eligible for the County's program.

The City of Orlando is creating its own emergency rental assistance program with a funding allocation from the Federal Government. Therefore, tenants whose rental properties are located within the City of Orlando do not qualify for the County's program. While addresses may read "Orlando, Florida," such properties may still be located in unincorporated Orange County.



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