



# CHIP Clips

Your source of updates, news,  
and interesting facts relating to  
the Palm Beach County  
Community Health  
Improvement Plan (CHIP)  
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## Palm Beach County Wins Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Prize

Recently the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) announced the ten communities chosen to receive the 2020–2021 RWJF Culture of Health Prize., and Palm Beach County was chosen as one of ten nationwide winners! The Prize honors and elevates communities at the forefront of advancing health, opportunity, and equity for all. The 2020–2021 RWJF Culture of Health Prize winners are striving to make good health and well-being achievable for all their residents,” said Richard Besser, MD, president and CEO of RWJF. “They understand the clear connection between the opportunity for health and education, jobs, and housing. On the [prize page](#), the following was listed regarding Palm Beach County:

***In Palm Beach County, Florida’s third most populous county, organizational partners are regularly joining forces with local leaders and community residents to create sustainable change within its diverse neighborhoods. Through community-led initiatives like Healthier Together and BeWellPBC, residents are defining local challenges and driving efforts to address mental and physical health and overall well-being. Systems, responsive to resident-led design efforts, have helped to expand equitable access, including: bridging the digital divide; emphasizing trauma-informed care and practices; incorporating community-led grantmaking; and spurring county-wide efforts to dismantle systemic racism. With efforts like Birth to 22, a new generation of advocates have emerged shaping an even brighter future for Palm Beach County.***

This prize shows our collaborative efforts in Palm Beach County, including the CHIP, are working and being recognized. Congratulations to all!

### Local Public Health System Assessment coming January 2022

In January 2022, as part of our new Community Health Assessment (CHA) process, the Health Council of SE Florida will facilitate a Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA). According to the CDC, the audience for this instrument is the local public health system. This may include organizations and entities such as the local health department, other governmental agencies, healthcare providers, human service organizations, schools and universities, faith institutions, youth development organizations, economic and philanthropic organizations, environmental agencies and many others. Any organization or entity that contributes to the health or well-being of a community is considered part of the public health system. A group that is broadly representative of our local public health system partners will participate in the assessment process. **More information to come soon!**

### Top 3 Priority Areas for the Palm Beach County CHIP

- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Active Living and Healthy Lifestyles
- Access to Care and Services

### Did you know?

- The LPHSA is part of the National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP).
- The NPHPSP is a partnership effort of seven national partners to improve the practice of public health and the performance of public health systems .

SOURCE: CDC

### Did you know?

- The Palm Beach County Food Finder map was created in response to COVID-19 in order to connect individuals seeking food resources to sites near them in a quick and accessible way. This is a collaboration with several community partners including Palm Beach County, the School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County Food Bank, and much more.

SOURCE: [United Way PBC](#)

## Partner Spotlight: United Way of Palm Beach County

Following the devastating hurricane of 1928, community leaders recognized the need for a unified effort to respond to human needs. Therefore, in 1929, several federated organizations were formed in Palm Beach County. Since that time, the original organizations have undergone many changes in title and structure. At one time, four separate United Way organizations existed in Palm Beach County. In 1987, United Way of Delray Beach and United Way of Greater Boca Raton joined to form United Way of South Palm Beach County. This was followed by the staff consolidation of United Way of Palm Beach County and United Way of South Palm Beach County in 1990. The merger of these organizations was completed in July 1992, forming what is now known as United Way of Palm Beach County, Inc. Today, United Way of Palm Beach County, Inc. serves all of Palm Beach County except for the island of Palm Beach, which is served by Town of Palm Beach United Way. Since 1929, United Way of Palm Beach County has raised and distributed a total of \$316 million that has significantly impacted our community. United Way of Palm Beach County's mission is: **To ensure that everyone in Palm Beach County has access to the basics: a quality education, a place to live, financial stability, good medical care, and enough to eat.**

[For more information](#)

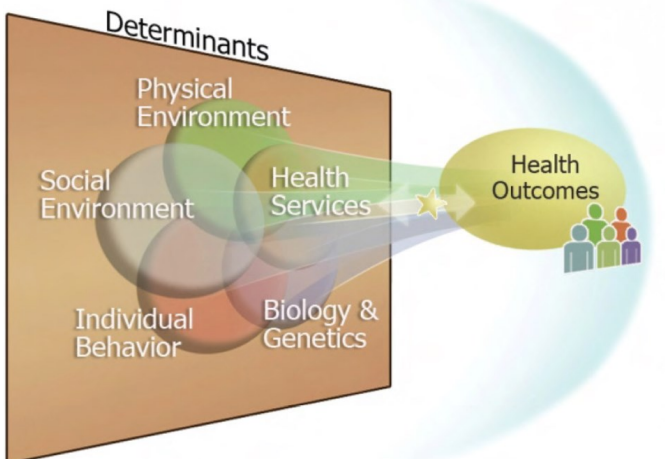
## Florida Department of Health Provides Flu Season Update

The Florida Department of Health encourages Floridians to get vaccinated against influenza (flu). After vaccination, it takes about 2 weeks for the body to develop protection. **Flu shots are the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against the flu and its potentially serious impacts.** During the 2019–2020 flu season, an estimated 20,000 deaths were caused by flu nationally, and 14 deaths in those younger than age 18 were reported in Florida. In recent weeks, flu activity has begun to increase in the state. It is important to take steps now to prevent the spread of flu in our communities. Most of the time, flu activity peaks between December and February,

[To learn more](#)



## CHIP UPDATE



Issues of CHIP Clips are posted at the [DOH-Palm Beach](#) website.

A new Community Health Assessment, including a new Local Public Health System Assessment, is coming in early 2022! Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks also to the Health Council of Southeast Florida, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, and all of our community partners in implementing our CHIP!

Also, please send Adam your ideas and comments for the newsletter; he's waiting to hear from you!