

# FACTS VS. SMEARS

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# ✗ FALSE CLAIM:



**Florida rewarded Publix “exclusive rights” to the vaccine in exchange for political contributions.**

*“Publix, as you know, donated a hundred thousand dollars to your campaign, and then you rewarded them with the exclusive rights to distribute the vaccination in Palm Beach. How is this not pay to play?”*

# ✓ FACT:

NO deal with Publix.

NO exclusivity in Palm Beach County.

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In December, we launched the Federal Long-Term Care Pharmacy Program with partners CVS and Walgreens to vaccinate all seniors living in long-term care facilities.

By January 5, Florida had allocated more than 100,000 first doses to CVS and Walgreens to implement this mission statewide.

By implementing this strategy, we supported vaccinations in 100% of nursing homes and 99% of assisted living facilities in Palm Beach County.

# FACT:

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The Palm Beach County Health Department (CHD) was among the first in the state to receive vaccine as part of the 8 pilot CHDs that received an allocation in **Week 2** (Dec 21-27, 2020) - ***the first week after the pilot 5 hospitals.***

Escambia County: 2,600

Duval County: 16,000

Lee County: 12,000

Leon County: 2,500

Miami-Dade County: 20,000

Orange County: 16,000

**Palm Beach County: 20,000**

Seminole County: 8,100

# FACT:

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In December 2020, the state of Florida allocated the vaccine to **24** locations throughout Palm Beach County to ensure access to as many seniors as possible.

**Palm Beach CHD - West Palm Beach**

**HCD Palm Beach County - Belle Glade**

HCD Palm Beach County - Lantana

HCD Palm Beach County - Delray Beach

**HCD Palm Beach County - West Palm Beach**

HCD Palm Beach County - Jupiter

HCD Palm Beach County - Boca Raton

HCD Palm Beach County - Lake Worth

Bethesda Hospital East – Boynton Beach

Jupiter Medical Center - Jupiter

Bethesda Hospital West – Boynton Beach

**Lakeside Medical Center - Belle Glade**

Boca Raton Regional Hospital – Boynton Beach

Select Specialty Hospital- Palm Beach - Lake Worth

JFK Medical Center - Atlantis

**JFK Medical Center North Campus - West Palm Beach**

Palms West Hospital - Loxahatchee

Delray Medical Center - Delray Beach

West Boca Medical Center - Boca Raton

**Good Samaritan Medical Center - West Palm Beach**

Kindred Hospital The Palm Beaches - Riviera Beach

Wellington Regional Medical Center - Wellington

**St Mary's Medical Center - West Palm Beach**

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center - Palm Beach Gardens

# FACT:

Florida announced its first senior community POD in Palm Beach County – a strategy to bring additional vaccines directly to seniors in their community.

- Kings Point – Delray *Beginning Dec. 30, 2020 (The first in the state)*
- Century Village – Boca *Beginning Jan. 5, 2021*
- Century Village – West Palm Beach *Beginning Jan. 13, 2021*
- Huntington Pointe *Beginning March 26, 2021*

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## 11 Faith-Based Missions:

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist *Jan. 16, 2021*

Wells Recreation Center - Greater Bethel *Jan. 17, 2021*

Palm Beach State College-Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center *Feb. 5, 2021*

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church *Feb. 5, 2021*

St. Juliana Catholic Church *Feb. 5, 2021*

Gaines Park and Community Center *Feb. 5, 2021*

Temple Beth El of Boca Raton *March 3, 2021*

First Seventh-Day Adventist Church of West Palm Beach *March 7, 2021*

Manifest Church *March 14, 2021*

Jewish Community Synagogue *March 15, 2021*

Mt. Olive Baptist Church *March 27, 2021*

In January 2021, the state of Florida allocated the vaccine to **25** locations throughout Palm Beach County to ensure access to as many seniors as possible.

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - WEST PALM BEACH

PALM BEACH CHD - WEST PALM BEACH

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - BELLE GLADE

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - LANTANA

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - DELRAY BEACH

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - WEST PALM BEACH

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - JUPITER

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - BOCA RATON

HCD PALM BEACH COUNTY - LAKE WORTH

BETHESDA HOSPITAL EAST – BOYNTON BEACH

JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER - JUPITER

BETHESDA HOSPITAL WEST – BOYNTON BEACH

LAKEVIEW MEDICAL CENTER - BELLE GLADE

BOCA RATON REGIONAL HOSPITAL – BOCA RATON

SELECT SPECIALTY HOSPITAL- PALM BEACH - LAKE WORTH

JFK MEDICAL CENTER - ATLANTIS

JFK MEDICAL CENTER NORTH CAMPUS - WEST PALM BEACH

PALMS WEST HOSPITAL - LOXAHATCHEE

DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER - DELRAY BEACH

WEST BOCA MEDICAL CENTER - BOCA RATON

GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER - WEST PALM BEACH

KINDRED HOSPITAL THE PALM BEACHES - RIVIERA BEACH

WELLINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - WELLINGTON

ST MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER - WEST PALM BEACH

PALM BEACH GARDENS MEDICAL CENTER - PALM BEACH  
GARDENS



# Governor Ron DeSantis and Mayor Dave Kerner Announce Over 40% of Seniors 65+ Vaccinated in Palm Beach County

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner highlighted the success of their partnership to put Seniors First in Palm Beach County for vaccine distribution.

As of February 5<sup>th</sup>, over 146,000 seniors 65 and older in Palm Beach County alone have been vaccinated, which represents over 40 percent of all seniors in Palm Beach County. Statewide, Florida continues to far outpace the rest of the nation in vaccinations of seniors with over 1.3 million seniors 65 and older vaccinated, which accounts for 31 percent (or nearly one-third) of all seniors in the state.

"I am very thankful to Governor DeSantis and his administration for everything they are doing to ensure our senior citizens are prioritized to receive the vaccine," **said Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner.** "Publix, the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Division of Emergency Management have been great partners and we are very encouraged by these fantastic results."

# FACT:

In February 2021, the state of Florida allocated the vaccine to **31** locations in addition to Publix throughout Palm Beach County to ensure access to as many seniors as possible.

In March 2021, the state of Florida allocated the vaccine to **37** locations in addition to Publix throughout Palm Beach County to ensure access to as many seniors as possible.

In April 2021, the state of Florida allocated the vaccine to **97** locations in addition to Publix throughout Palm Beach County to ensure access to as many seniors as possible.

# Hundreds line up for COVID-19 vaccines in West Palm Beach



John Swain, 96, of West Palm Beach, waits in line to get one of the 500 COVID-19 vaccines administered near the [Tabernacle Baptist Church in West Palm Beach](#) January 16, 2021. The event is sponsored by the Florida Department of Emergency Management and the Florida Department of Health.

# Hundreds line up for COVID-19 vaccines in West Palm Beach



**Rep. Omari Hardy** is present as 500 COVID-19 vaccines are administered to Palm Beach County residents near Tabernacle Baptist Church in West Palm Beach January 16, 2021. The event is sponsored by the Florida Department of Emergency Management and the Florida Department of Health.



**Governor Ron DeSantis**