



**Scan QR Code for past issues  
and prevention resources**



# Brevard *Community Resource* Newsletter

**For Daily Resource Updates and News:**

Community Resource news, updates, events, and freebies that become available between newsletters will be posted daily to our Community Resource Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EckerdConnectsBrevardCommunityResources/>

**Elizabeth Fears**  
*Community Outreach Specialist.*  
*Prevention Services*  
**Efears@eckerd.org**

## The Yellow Card:

## A Substance Misuse & Mental Health Resource Card

## Feature Of The Month

[illegible]

MONDAY AUGUST 2, 2021,  
5PM TO CLOSE

Enjoy one of the best new dinner spots in Melbourne with a one-of-a-kind rooftop view, while supporting two great organizations - [Eckerd Connects](#) and Community of Hope. Proceeds from your meal go toward helping us uplift and restore the lives of those facing addiction and experiencing homelessness in our community.



**Eckerd.org/Back2School**

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS!**

## Community Resource Newsletter

**The Yellow Card is a 5x4 comprehensive resource card tailored to substance misuse and mental health resources available to Brevard County residents.**

**This card was created by The Brevard Prevention Coalition and Eckerd Connects.**

**To view the card as well as other valuable resources visit the Brevard Prevention Coalition website at:**

<https://www.brevardprevention.org/downloads/>







**Back to School**  
**BACK to School**  
 Celebration & Backpack Giveaway!

**Friday, August 6th**  
**5:30pm - 9:30pm**

**Joseph N. Davis**  
**Community Center**  
 2547 Grant St. Melbourne, FL 32901  
 To register call: (321) 608-7460  
 Thank you to our Sponsors!

[m/backtoschool](https://www.facebook.com/backtoschool)

### Melbourne

- July 31 - 10am-2pm** [Free School Supply Giveaway](#)  
 Discover Life Church - 3550 W Eau Gallie Blvd. Melbourne
- July 31 - 11am-4pm** [Mr. Haul Away's 1st annual Back To School Bash 2021](#)  
 4332 Fortune Place Melbourne
- August 6 - 5:30pm-9:30pm** [Back to School Celebration & Backpack Giveaway](#)  
 2547 Grant St. Melbourne 32901  
 Call to register: 321-608-7460

### Palm Bay

- August 7 - 9am-11am** [Drive-Thru School Supplies Give-A-Way](#)  
 Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church - First Come First Served  
 2295 Dr. Harvey Riley St. NE Palm Bay. 32905

### Rockledge

- July 31 - 10am** [Dot's Angels 4th Annual Backpack Giveaway](#)  
 The Twisted Birch Sports Bar & Grill - Student Must Be Present  
 1279 Admiralty Blvd. Rockledge, 32955
- July 31 - 9am-12pm** [Back to School Bash & Backpack Giveaway](#)  
 Faith Temple Christian Center - Student Must Be Present  
 836 Ferndale Ave. Rockledge, 32955  
 Register: <https://back2sbash2021.eventbrite.com>

### Merritt Island

- August 7 - 10am-5pm** [Back to School Bash](#) - Merritt Square Mall  
 777 East Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island  
 Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/back-to-school-bash-tickets-161112252083>

### Cocoa

- July 31 - 9am-12pm** [The Supply Zone Back To School Blast Off](#)  
 The Clearlake Education Center- Student Must Be Present  
 1225 Clearlake Rd. Cocoa
- July 31 - 10am-2pm** [3rd Annual Backpack & School Supply Giveaway](#)  
 Emma Jewels Charter Academy  
 705 Blake Ave. Cocoa 32922
- August 1 - 1pm-3pm** [Back to School Backpack & Supply Giveaways & Haircuts](#)  
 Oil of Joy Ministries - 1404 Dixon Blvd. Cocoa  
 Must Register: <https://1crr.short.gy/BacktoSchoolGiveaway>
- August 7 - 11am** [Back to School Food Truck Rally](#) - City of Cocoa  
 Provost Park - 400 S Varr Ave. Cocoa

### Titusville

- July 31 - 5pm-8pm** [Back to School Free Haircuts](#)  
 The Grove Church - 1450 Harrison Street, Titusville
- July 31 - 9am-1pm** [River Lanes Back to School Bash](#)  
 River Lanes- Child Must Be Present to Receive Backpack  
 800 Cheney Hwy. Titusville, 32780

### School Calendar for Brevard County

First day for Students 1st-12th grade:  
**August 10, 2021**

First day for Kindergarten:  
**August 13, 2021**

First day for VPK:  
**August 17, 2021**

# COVID-19 RESOURCES

## TITUSVILLE RESIDENTS

**Rent / Utilities / Mortgage**

### The COVID19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

This program is to provide payment assistance to income-eligible participants for rental, mortgage, or utility assistance, to persons who have lost income due to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID19). Beginning February 1, 2021, the Neighborhood Services Department began accepting applications for assistance. Assistance provided on a first-qualified, first-served basis. <http://bitly.ws/d4Sw>

**NOTE- City utilities, such as water, sewer, or garbage are not eligible for assistance**

[COVID19 Emergency Assistance Application](http://bitly.ws/d4MQ) or visit, <http://bitly.ws/d4MQ>

#### Applications are accepted:

- By mail to Neighborhood Services, 725 S. DeLeon Avenue, Titusville 32780
- Hand delivered to Neighborhood Services, Harry T. Moore Social Service Center, 725 S. DeLeon Avenue, Monday-Thursday 9 am-12 noon and 1 pm -4 pm
- By email to [TitusvilleCARESAct@titusville.com](mailto:TitusvilleCARESAct@titusville.com), or
- Use of the on-line application portal available [HERE](http://bitly.ws/d4QD) or visit, <http://bitly.ws/d4QD>

**NOTICE- applicants are responsible for supplying copies of all required documentation with application, originals will not be returned. Failure to supply required documentation will result in denial of assistance.**

## MELBOURNE RESIDENTS

**Rent / Utilities / Mortgage**

### The COVID19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The City of Melbourne's Emergency Rental, Mortgage, and Public Utilities Assistance Program provides temporary assistance for up to six months of rent, mortgage and/or public utilities payments. The maximum monthly assistance will be \$1,600 and will be made directly to the creditor.

The Emergency Rental, Mortgage, and Public Utilities Assistance Program is open to City of Melbourne residents with a household income at the time of application that does not exceed 80% of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Additionally, a household must have experienced a verifiable loss of income due to the impacts of COVID-19, such as a layoff, furlough, or reduction of hours. For more details visit, <http://bitly.ws/d4Sq>.

Interested City of Melbourne residents should [complete a pre-screening checklist online](#) to verify all required information before they start the application process. <http://bitly.ws/d54E>

## Some Assistance Programs Are Based On Available Funds

### BREVARD COUNTY RESIDENTS

**321-608-7530**

**Rent / Utilities / Mortgage / Burial**

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program is to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to income eligible households for rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing. Burial Assistance has also been added to this assistance. For the Applications visit [Housing & Human Service](#) or <http://bitly.ws/byu2>

### Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Application

Please note that failure to provide all required documents will result in the denial of assistance. See below for Application and W-9 form.

[Emergency Rental Assistance Application\(pdf, 280 KB\)](#) or visit, <http://bitly.ws/d4CY>

[Attachment C - Form W-9 \(pdf, 131 KB\)](#) or visit, <http://bitly.ws/d4D2>

#### Applications will be accepted at the following locations:

- At all County Libraries
- By email at [BrevardERA@brevardfl.gov](mailto:BrevardERA@brevardfl.gov)
- Use the online application portal web address <http://bitly.ws/d4Uh>
- By mail or hand delivered to:  
Housing and Human Services Department  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson way, B-106  
Viera, Florida 32940

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Burial Program Application

Please note that failure to provide all required documents will result in the denial of assistance. See below for Application and W-9 form.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Burial Program Application FORM\(pdf, 1090 KB\)](#) or visit, <http://bitly.ws/d4Dw>

#### Applications will be accepted at the following locations:

- By mail or hand delivered to:  
Brevard County Community Action Agency  
Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center  
415 Stone Street. Cocoa, Florida 32922  
[Use the online application portal.](#)

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AFFECTED BY COVID

**Rent • 321-633-6011 • 571 Haverty Court, Suite A. Rockledge**  
**RCDS- COVID19 Emergency Rental Assistance**

The Resource Center for Disability Solutions has funds for financial assistance, through the CARES Act, for persons with disabilities OR if someone living in your home has a disability **who has been impacted by COVID. As Funds Are Available.** <https://www.rcdsfl.org/services/>



# COVID-19 RESOURCES

## Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP)

If you are unemployed due to COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible to receive:

- Up to 12 months of tuition and fees, and
- A monthly housing allowance based on Post-9/11 GI Bill rates



VRRAP will be available until December 11, 2022

If you're a Veteran who became unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP). You can receive up to 12 months of tuition and fees and a monthly housing allowance based on Post-9/11 GI Bill rates!

VRRAP will be available until December 11, 2022. VA will stop making payments on this date or when we reach either the \$386 million funding limit or the 17,250 participant limit.

Learn more:

<https://1crr.short.gy/VeteranRRAssistance>



## COVID Vaccine Site Locator

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/vaccine-locator/>

## COVID Testing Site Locator

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>

## Types of COVID testing

- A **(PCR) Diagnostic Test** tells you if you have a current infection. Tests are sent to an outside lab, and results are available within several days. *These tests are considered very accurate.*
- A **Rapid Test** is another type of diagnostic test that makes results available in minutes if analyzed onsite at a testing center. *These tests may be less accurate and miss some cases.*
- An **Antigen Test** is a newer test that detects certain proteins that are part of the virus and can produce results in minutes. A positive antigen test result is considered very accurate, but there's an increased chance of false negative results.
- An **Antibody Test** might tell you if you had a past infection. An antibody test might not show if you have a current infection because it can take 1–3 weeks after infection for your body to make antibodies.

## Florida Coronavirus Vaccine Information:

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines in Florida:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/>

Florida Dept of Health Facebook Page:

<http://bitly.ws/d4w8>



## Information & Updates About Each Vaccine

**Pfizer:** <http://bitly.ws/d4yr>

**Moderna:** <http://bitly.ws/d4ys>

**Johnson & Johnson:** <http://bitly.ws/d4yy>

St. Francis  
REFLECTIONS™  
Grief Support

**COVID LOSS  
GRIEF  
SUPPORT  
GROUP**

Facilitated by:  
Kristie Henry-Roling, MSW  
Bereavement Coordinator

PLEASE RSVP TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK  
GRIEFSUPPORT@REFLECTIONSLSC.ORG  
(321)269-4240

**2nd and 4th  
Monday  
of each month  
2pm via Zoom**

The pandemic has changed how we do almost everything in our life including how we are able to say goodbye to those we love.

This group will be a safe space for people to share emotions and feelings for the losses experienced due to Covid 19.



## New Community Food Pantry!

**Our Community Food Pantry Opens July 25th!**

The Pantry will be open the last Sunday of every month from 3-5pm.

Pantry is open to ALL in need. No registration required. If you are in need of food assistance just stop by and we will have food bagged and ready for you.

Call for more information: 917-864-7328

First United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
3300 N Atlantic Ave  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931



## Household Supplies For Those In Need



Our Country Store will be open  
Saturday August 7, 2021 from 9-11am.

**65 Needle Blvd. Merritt Island, FL 32935**

Stop by for this quarterly event for those in need of household supplies that are not typically available at most Food Pantries, such as cleaning supplies, toilet paper, pet food and more.

**ALL Brevard residents in need are welcome, no registration required.**

Select up to 7 items of your choice, one set of items per household. First Come First Served.

Social distancing will be in place for the health and well-being of all. Masks Required.

<https://1crr.short.gy/GRACEUMCountrystore>



## Fresh Access Bucks Extended Through December 31, 2021

Get FREE fresh produce while supporting Florida farmers with Fresh Access Bucks and SNAP/EBT.

[Feeding Florida](https://www.feedingflorida.org/food.../fresh-access-bucks) will double the amount you have to spend when you shop with SNAP/EBT at any participating outlet. The match is UNLIMITED until December 31, 2021.

Learn more:

<https://www.feedingflorida.org/food.../fresh-access-bucks>

To find a location near you visit:

<https://www.feedingflorida.org/promotional-materials/fresh-access-bucks-market-locations?preview=all>

**SHOP WITH SNAP/EBT OR P-EBT**

**GET FREE**

**FLORIDA-GROWN PRODUCE**

AT PARTICIPATING FARM DIRECT OUTLETS

**FEEDING FLORIDA**

**Fresh Access BUCKS**

an initiative of Feeding Florida

**UNLIMITED MATCH**

**NOW EXTENDED**

**THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021**

FIND AN OUTLET NEAR YOU [WWW.FRESHACCESSBUCKS.COM](http://WWW.FRESHACCESSBUCKS.COM)

## WIN \$25 Target Gift Card!

Answer the question to be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 Target Gift Card!

Question: What resource have you found to be most helpful OR what resource would you like to see more of?

Email your answer to [efears@eckerd.org](mailto:efears@eckerd.org)

\*Entering this 50/50 drawing will NOT put your email on an email list.

\*For more details, please see contest flyer:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:04074e8e-165c-4330-8512-f5b8cef0837b>





**Now  
Available...**

## Emergency Housing Vouchers

**You may be eligible for an Emergency Housing Voucher if you meet the following criteria:**

- Homeless
- At risk of homeless
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

**If you are interested in applying, please submit your full name, phone number/email address and which criteria you meet to**

[housing@brevardhomelesscoalition.org](mailto:housing@brevardhomelesscoalition.org)

*There is no guarantee that an Emergency Housing Voucher will be issued.*

**See Link Below To View Official Notice:**

<https://1crr.short.gy/EmergencyHousingVoucher>



**Financial  
Stability Center**

## FREE Financial Education Workshops

United way of Brevard offers FREE Financial workshops to the community in Brevard. Keeping Track of Your Money Workshops are held in 60-to-90-minute sessions and can be tailored for all age groups. [Keeping Track of your Money: http://bitly.ws/dRxH](http://bitly.ws/dRxH)

### Topics covered:

- Learn how credit cards, credit scores and credit reports can have an impact on your financial goals
- How to create a Three Step Spending Plan
- Identify ways to manage and/or decrease spending
- Managing Debt and Credit
- Strategies to get out of debt
- Strategies to reduce stress by using simple money management Practices
- Identity theft Prevention/ Identity theft recovery plan
- How to plan for retirement

**If you're interested in attending, please call 321- 631-2740.**

## Financial Resources

Check out these online resources to help you improve your financial stability. These sites are packed with great information and interactive budgeting tools.

<https://www.mint.com/>

From money and budgeting to customized tips and more—get a clear view of your total financial life. Mint brings together everything from spending, balances, and budgets to your credit score and more. Access your financial life in one powerful app to help you reach your goals – all for free!

<https://www.mymoney.gov/mymoneyfive>

Making the most of your money starts with five building blocks for managing and growing your money -- The MyMoney Five. Keep these five principles in mind as you make day-to-day decisions and plan your financial goals.

[www.hands on banking.org](http://www.hands on banking.org)

The Hands on Banking® financial education program can help you learn more about money management. To get started, click the button below to find helpful resources. Together, we'll help you and your family take charge of your financial future.

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/YMM/default.aspx>

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater encourages you to learn more about how to protect your hard earned money, plan for the future and avoid falling victim to various financial frauds, scams and identity theft. There are also lots of great online calculators and financial educational games for children.

<https://www.bettermoneyhabits.com>

Build your financial know-how with free tools and information to help you make more confident decisions.

It's a simple way of getting real, practical knowledge, brought to you by Bank of America

[www.consumerfinance.gov/money-as-you-grow/](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/money-as-you-grow/)

Learn about resources for parents and caregivers.

[www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint)

To file a complaint about consumer financial products or services (mortgages, credit cards, student loans, bank accounts, credit reporting, auto loans, debt collection, payday loans, money transfers, and more), or call 855-411-CFPB. The CFPB call center offers assistance in 189 languages.

“Owning a Home” at [www.consumerfinance.gov/owning-a-home](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/owning-a-home)

To make informed decisions about buying a home, from interest rates to loan options to closing with ease.

[www.consumerfinance.gov/older-americans/](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/older-americans/)

To learn how to prevent elder financial exploitation and to view easy-to-understand booklets to help financial caregivers for older Americans

[www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers/](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers/)

To learn about financial resources and financial protection for service members

[www.smartaboutmoney.org](http://www.smartaboutmoney.org)

compound interest calculators, budget calculators and resources regarding money management

[www.powerpay.org](http://www.powerpay.org)

calculates your debts and offers the best payment plan

[www.choosetosave.org](http://www.choosetosave.org)

money management resources

[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)

money management resources and free materials

[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

Federal Trade Commission - money management resources and free materials

[www.americasaves.org](http://www.americasaves.org)

money management resources

## News and Highlights



[Eckerd.org/Back2School](http://Eckerd.org/Back2School)

### Drop off locations:

#### Brevard

Eckerd Connects  
2226 Sarno Road, #107  
Melbourne, FL

Eckerd Connects  
4095 US Highway 1  
Unit A  
Rockledge, FL 32955

#### Hillsborough

Eckerd Connects | Community Alternatives  
9391 N Florida Avenue  
Tampa, FL

#### Pasco

Eckerd Connects | Community Alternatives  
7916 Evolutions Way, #102  
Trinity, FL

Eckerd Connects | Community Alternatives  
36739 SR 52, #201  
Dade City, FL

#### Pinellas

Eckerd Connects | Community Alternatives  
8550 Ulmertown Road, #130  
Largo, FL

Eckerd Connects  
100 N Starcrest Drive  
Clearwater, FL



## Services Offered In Brevard County

### Family Support Services

Eckerd Connects' Family Support Services provides case management and financial assistance through rapid re-housing to children, families, and individuals who have an identified history of substance use and are currently experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness in Brevard County. Our rapid-rehousing program helps with move-in assistance, rental assistance and case management.

### Supervised Family Visitation

Eckerd Connects' Supervised Family Visitation program provides short-term therapeutic and standard supervised visitation services to families that are court-ordered through dependency and family court. Parenting classes and additional private-pay supervised visitation services are also available.

### School-Based Prevention Programs

Our School-Based Prevention Counseling and School-Based Prevention Hi-Five programs have Prevention Specialists at schools providing classroom, group, and individual services with the goal of increasing protective factors against substance use. These Prevention programs utilize evidence-based curricula to focus on strength-building and substance use prevention. Lessons are taught weekly, and sessions are designed for grades 3-6 and 6-12.

### Raising Hope Program

The Room of Hope has clothing, hygiene kits, infant needs, school supplies and other essentials which are provided to families in transition as well as children who were recently placed in the foster care system.

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance administered by Eckerd Connects. Foreign language and sign-language interpreters will be made available at no charge to the client. Eckerd Connects and Brevard Prevention Coalition are 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, equal opportunity employers. Eckerd Connects and Brevard Prevention Coalition have provided the above resources as a convenience to the public. However, Eckerd Connects and Brevard Prevention Coalition are not legally affiliated with the above agencies and organizations, nor involved with how they administer resources and services. You may contact the individual organization listed above for details on how they assist.

Visit us on the web at [ECKERD.ORG](http://ECKERD.ORG)  
and [BREVARDPREVENTION.ORG](http://BREVARDPREVENTION.ORG)  
Melbourne: (321) 253-0032  
Rockledge: (321) 735-7249