



## Happy Mother's Day!

Things are changing around us each day as a result of COVID-19, and has caused us all to adapt and find creative new ways to spend quality time together. No matter what is going on around us, a mother's love endures through all. I hope you can connect with your family on this special day to share memories and make new ones.

I look forward to my continued service to you and the citizens of District 17, as we work to recover and make our community an even better place to live, work and raise our families.

If you or someone you know needs my assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you!

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## Florida Re-Opens Hair Salons, Barbershops & Nail Salons

Governor Ron DeSantis has posted that hair salons, barbershops and nail salons will be allowed to reopen as part of Phase 1 of Florida's Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Recovery Plan. Effective Monday, May 11th these personal services may resume operations with [enhanced safety protocols](#) in all counties approved to be in Phase 1.

The following restrictions are mandatory for barbershops, cosmetology salons, and cosmetology specialty salons:

- All customers will be by appointment only.
- Allow at least 15 minutes between the conclusion of an appointment and the beginning of the next appointment for proper disinfecting practices.
- No group appointments are permitted.
- Masks must be worn by all employees while performing personal services.

The following guidelines are encouraged to be adhered to by barbershops, cosmetology salons and cosmetology specialty salons:

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect prior to reopening. Make sure to disinfect all surfaces, tools and linens, even if they were cleaned before you originally closed. This type of cleaning should continue between each day of operation.
- Consider providing unworn masks to clients for use during their appointment.
- Remove all unnecessary, frequently touched items like magazines, newspapers, service menus and any other unnecessary paper products and decor from customer service areas.

Phase I began Monday, May 4, 2020 in all Florida counties excluding Miami-Dade and Broward counties at this time. Phase 1 begins to re-open our state safely and deliberately by focusing on protecting the vulnerable; Increasing testing; Promoting social distancing; Supporting hospitals and protecting healthcare workers; and Preventing introduction of COVID-19 from outside of the state.

For more information about these guidelines, please visit [FLGov.com/COVID-19](https://www.flgov.com/COVID-19) . You may also view the recommendations from the Florida Re-Open Task Force for Phase 2 [here](#) .

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## Everglades Restoration Project Now Underway

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has begun site work for the EAA Reservoir Project after recently receiving the required federal permits. This project includes the creation of a 6,500-acre treatment wetland, also known as a Stormwater Treatment Area (STA). This is considered one of the most important Everglades restoration projects as it provides ecological benefits, reduces harmful discharges to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and sends more clean water south to the Everglades.

With this project beginning more than 12 months early, Governor DeSantis continues his commitment to expediting the restoration of Florida's Everglades and improving statewide water quality. During the 2020 Session, the Florida Legislature invested more than \$690 million for water quality restoration, including \$322 million for Everglades restoration.

The EAA Reservoir Project is a joint Everglades restoration project between the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. SFWMD is building the Stormwater Treatment Area, which is expected to be complete in 2023. The U.S. Army Corps will build the 10,000-acre storage reservoir, which is expected to be complete in 2028.

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## Florida Reemployment Assistance Update

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) recently announced that they are making progress in paying reemployment assistance claims. Which is a great relief to many Floridians whose employment has been affected by COVID-19. As of May 8th, the [DEO Claims Dashboard](#) reports that the Department has paid 494,944 claimants, for a total of more than \$1.2 billion.

In order to continue processing claims and making payments, DEO will be conducting nightly maintenance. CONNECT will be available daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:59 p.m to current claimants. This schedule does not affect individuals that wish to file a new claim. Individuals that wish to file a new claim may do so 24 hours a day, seven days per week at [FloridaJobs.org](https://www.floridajobs.org) and select "File a Claim."

The Department has also announced that for weeks beginning May 10,2020, claimants will need to request benefit payments for each week available & will be prompted to answer a series of questions each applicable week.

For additional information regarding Reemployment Assistance benefit programs, please visit [FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19](https://www.floridajobs.org/COVID-19) or call (833) 352-7759. As always, please contact me if I can assist you in anyway. My staff and I stand ready to help.

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## Florida Education Impact Survey

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has launched an education impact survey for Florida educators and parents to share their thoughts and opinions on the recent crisis response from FDOE, their local school district, and their school.

This short, 2-minute survey, is intended to be completed by parents, educators and students throughout Florida to include and incorporate their opinions on the next steps for education due to COVID-19. This survey does not request any personal information and answers will remain strictly anonymous.

Please visit [FLDOE.org](https://www.fl DOE.org) to provide your input on how to move forward, together, to mitigate the spread and ensure Florida students continue to receive a great education!

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## District 17 Highlights

### Brevard County Meals on Wheels

This past week I had the pleasure of joining Aging Matters in Brevard to support their Meals on Wheels program. Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that are helping to fight senior hunger and isolation each day.

Meals on Wheels allows senior adults to live at home when they are no longer able to cook for themselves. Trained volunteers visit Brevard seniors each weekday around noon. They provide a hot meal, a friendly visit, and safety check. Volunteers can refer participants to additional services and will even initiate an emergency response if necessary.

Meals on Wheels relies on dedicated volunteers to make this program possible. To learn more about the Meals on Wheels nutrition programs, including eligibility requirements or volunteer opportunities, please visit [AgingMattersBrevard.org](https://www.AgingMattersBrevard.org) or call (321) 639-8770.

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### New Staff Highlight

I am happy to introduce the addition of a new staff member to my team, Mr. Jacob Dimond. Jacob is a Melbourne native that attended West Shore High School, and graduated from Florida State University in 2018 with a degree in Political Science and History. Prior to joining our team, Jacob interned with Congressman Bill Posey in his Washington D.C. office.

*"I'm incredibly excited to be back home and working with Senator Mayfield to serve the people of District 17,"* said Jacob Dimond.

To contact Jacob, please email him at [Dimond.Jacob@flsenate.gov](mailto:Dimond.Jacob@flsenate.gov) or call our Vero Beach District Office at (772) 473-0172.



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