



TAX TALK

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Dear Friends,

As I write this message our nation is experiencing one of the most difficult chapters in its history. More than 110,000 people in the United States have died from COVID-19 including over 400 in Palm Beach County. As we continue to face record unemployment and businesses struggle to reopen, I have put together a comprehensive list of resources that can help. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors – anyone who needs a hand during this difficult time.

On a brighter note, I am excited to let you know we launched an entirely redesigned website for the agency at www.pbctax.com. The new design is ADA compliant and mobile responsive, making it easier for everyone to use.

A friendly reminder, our offices will be closed Friday, July 3 for the holiday. Have a safe and fun 4th!

Sincerely,

Anne M. Gannon
Constitutional Tax Collector, Serving Palm Beach County

YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Due to the pandemic, you must make an appointment to visit our office. Schedule yours today at www.pbctax.com.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE HELPS BUSINESS OWNERS APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

From May 22 to June 12, our agency was proud to help local business owners apply for financial assistance through the Palm Beach County CARES Restart Business Grants program. The program dedicated \$60 million in federal dollars to local businesses impacted by the pandemic. Most of the funding is earmarked for small businesses with 25 or fewer employees.

Applicants were required to provide a copy of their local business tax receipt, a document that many business owners had misplaced. On May 22, the first day of the application period, clients came to our Administrative Office in the Governmental Center seeking help.

At the time, our office was still closed due to the pandemic. Tax Collector Gannon worked with county officials and building security to safely admit clients. Once inside, our team went to work helping numerous business owners get their business tax receipt so they could apply for this important grant.

The county may reopen applications depending on how much money it disburses.

For more information, please visit Palm Beach County's Housing and Economic Sustainability webpage at discover.pbcgov.org.



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Tax Collector Gannon invites you to contact our office with questions at (561) 355-2264 or ClientAdvocate@pbctax.com



COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF RESOURCES FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

COVID-19 Testing

- Palm Beach County Public Health Information at (561) 712-6400 or public@pbcgov.org
- FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches call (561) 642-1000
- South County Civic Center call (800) 209-7919
- Belle Glade: Primary Care Clinic call (561) 642-1000
- List of over 60 local testing sites at discover.pbcgov.org/coronavirus
- Homebound residents may call the Palm Beach County Emergency Information Center (EIC) at (561) 712-6400 for a pre-qualifying assessment for in-home testing

Hunger Relief

- School District of Palm Beach County summer feeding program at 50+ school feeding sites. To learn more visit palmbeachschools.org
- Food assistance also available through the Department of Children and Families at myflfamilies.com

Veterans

- Veterans with COVID-19 symptoms should call the VA Medical Center (561) 422-8262
- Veterans in distress should call the VA 24-hour hotline at (800) 273-8255 or text 838255
- List of smartphone apps for self-help and coping strategies at www.mobile.va.gov/appstore/all
- VA-specific information at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs COVID-19 webpage at www.va.gov

Unemployment Assistance

- Florida's Reemployment Assistance Program at www.floridajobs.org or call 1-800-204-2418
- Paper applications in English, Spanish and Creole are available at all FedEx office locations
- Get help finding a job through CareerSource Palm Beach County at www.careersourcepbc.com

Senior Citizens

- Area Agency on Aging Helpline at (866) 684-5885 for assistance with food, electricity bills, Medicare and caregiver resources
- 211's Sunshine is a free program that provides a daily phone call with a friendly hello and well-being check for seniors who are feeling isolated and alone. Call 211 or visit the website at 211palmbeach.org/seniors

Mental Health Resources

- Palm Beach County Youth Services provides free telemental health services for children and families by calling (561) 242-5714
- Anyone experiencing stress, anxiety and fear due to COVID-19 may call the Catholic Charities Counseling Program hotline at (844) 848-6777

LOCAL BUSINESS TAX COLLECTION BEGINS

Business owners must pay local business tax at www.pbctax.com July 1 through Sept. 30. Property owners offering short term rentals are required to obtain a local business tax receipt for each rental unit. Check with your local municipality for additional business tax payment information requirements.

REAL★ID Deadline

Oct. 1, 2021

Don't wait. Make your appointment NOW!

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- Jul. 1** Local Business Tax Collection Begins
- Jul. 3** Independence Day Holiday, Offices Closed
- Jul. 4** Independence Day
- Jul. 20** Deadline to Register or Change Party
- Aug. 18** 2020 Primary Election: Election Day