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**Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections
COVID-19 Statement**

With multiple cases of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) reported in Florida, and as it presents a particular hazard to our senior population, our office is taking precautionary measures to ensure the safety of our employees, and all of the voters of Palm Beach County.

Our staff is committed to ensuring cleanliness and safety in our offices and Polling Places. We are following the cleaning guidelines provided by the CDC. We are encouraging frequent hand washing and providing our Poll Workers with cleaning supplies so that they can sanitize voting booths and supplies. Our polling sites have disinfectant supplies and we provide gloves for our Poll Workers and any voter who requests them.

Remember, individuals have a responsibility to aid in disease prevention by minding the basic steps of proper hygiene:

- Wash hands often with soap and hot water.
- Supplement hand washing with antibacterial hand sanitizer.
- Cover mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough (not with your hands).
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes.
- Stay home if you (or a residential family member) are symptomatic: fever, cough, shortness of breath (flu-like symptoms).

For voters who did not request that a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed to them by the March 7, 2020 deadline, voters can stop by any of our four office locations to pick up their mail ballot, or designate a friend or family member to pick up their ballot for them. We encourage anyone experiencing symptoms to designate a friend or family member to pick up their vote-by-mail ballot as soon as possible from one of our offices. Downloadable forms are available on our website.

We will continue to closely monitor all changes as reported by the World Health Organization, as well as federal and state health guidelines, including those from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as they relate to the COVID-19 outbreak. We will continue to ensure a safe and sanitary voting environment for everyone.

For more information about available voting methods, please visit www.pbcelections.org

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