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**UPDATE #89 - COVID-19**

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Bal Harbour Village continues to monitor the data and information relative to COVID-19 to provide our residents with the most up-to-date information, based on information provided by Miami-Dade County, the Florida Department of Health, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Getting vaccinated is an important step to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community from COVID-19.

## **Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for COVID-19**

Monoclonal antibody treatments can prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death in high-risk patients who have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19. These treatments are widely available in Florida.

- Treatment is free and vaccination status does not matter. If you are 12 years and older and are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19, you are eligible for this treatment.
- In clinical trials, monoclonal antibody treatment showed a 70% reduction in hospitalization and death.
- For high-risk patients who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, Regeneron can give you temporary immunity to decrease your odds of catching the infection by over 80%.

**Monoclonal Antibody Treatment** is being offered for free by the Florida Department of Health at Tropical Park, located at 7900 SW 40 Street, Miami, Florida 33155 between 9 AM –5 PM for individuals 12 years and older who are high-risk that have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19. For more information, please visit Florida Department of Health's COVID-19 Response at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/monoclonal-antibody-therapy/> or call 850-344-9637. You may make an appointment at: [www.patientportalfi.com](http://www.patientportalfi.com). No prescription or referral is required for State of Florida sites.

According to the CDC, the Delta Variant is currently the predominant strain of the virus in the United States and Miami-Dade County is experiencing a sharp rise in cases of COVID-19 Delta Variant. This variant is very contagious and is more easily transmittable when compared to other variants, even in vaccinated individuals. It is extremely dangerous for those who have not been vaccinated, especially those individuals with weakened immune systems and children under the age of 12.

The CDC urges everyone, including pregnant women to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, and recommends the usage of facial coverings in public indoor places, even if fully vaccinated.

Below is a high-level summary of what CDC scientists have recently learned about the Delta variant. More information will be made available when more data are published or released in other formats.

- **The Delta variant is more contagious:** The Delta variant is highly contagious, nearly twice as contagious as previous variants.
- **Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated persons.** In two different studies from Canada and Scotland, patients infected with the Delta variant were more likely to be hospitalized than patients infected with Alpha or the original virus strains.
- **Unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern:** Although breakthrough infections happen much less often than infections in unvaccinated people, individuals infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit it to others. CDC is continuing to assess data on whether fully vaccinated people with asymptomatic breakthrough infections can transmit. However, the greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to contract, and therefore transmit the virus.
- **Fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. However, vaccinated people appear to be infectious for a shorter period:** Previous variants typically produced less virus in the body of infected fully vaccinated people (breakthrough infections) than in unvaccinated people. In contrast, the Delta variant seems to produce the same high amount of virus in both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people. However, like other variants, the amount of virus produced by Delta breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated people also goes down faster than infections in unvaccinated people. This means fully vaccinated people are likely infectious for less time than unvaccinated people.
- **The COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States are highly effective at preventing severe disease and death,** including against the Delta variant. But they are not 100% effective and some fully vaccinated people will become infected (called a breakthrough infection) and experience illness. For such people, the vaccine still provides them strong protection against serious illness and death.

### **Vaccination and Testing**

Due to these recent spikes in Covid-19 infections and hospitalizations, Miami-Dade County and Nomi Health are collaborating to accommodate the increasing demand for services by adding additional testing and vaccination locations. To find a vaccine site near you go to: [miamidade.gov/vaccine](https://miamidade.gov/vaccine).

All individuals ages **12** and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting adolescents vaccinated means their faster return to social activities and can

provide parents and caregivers peace of mind knowing their family is protected. Parents should consult with their child's healthcare provider or family doctor to learn more about the vaccine. Minors between the ages of 12 – 17 years of age may receive the **Pfizer** vaccine but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring with them a completed parental consent form which can be found here:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/information/library/covid-19-pfizer-parental-consent-form.pdf>.

Vaccines are available at CVS locations, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club locations, Winn Dixie locations, Walgreen's pharmacies, and every Publix pharmacy. CVS Publix, and Walgreens pharmacies are offering the vaccine by appointment only thru their websites <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?cid=redir-covidvaccine> (CVS), <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine> (Publix) and <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp> (Walgreens). For Winn-Dixie please visit <https://www.winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine>. COVID testing is also available at urgent care centers and community clinics. For more questions about COVID testing, call the State of Florida's COVID-19 Call Center at 1-866-779-6121.

### **Bay Harbor Islands**

The Town of **Bay Harbor Islands' 95th Street Park** has been selected to be one of the new sites. Beginning August 2, 2021, testing and vaccinations will be available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. To make an appointment for **COVID-19 testing**, go to [https://mdc.nomihealth.com/easy\\_registration/12/onsite](https://mdc.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/12/onsite).

Call 305-602-8492 for more information.

To make an appointment for the **COVID-19 vaccine**, go <https://vaccines.nomihealth.com/mdc?>.

### **Aventura**

The vaccine may also be obtained at Aventura Mall - Enter on NE 29 CT near Citibank 19501 Biscayne Blvd. 7 days a week between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

To find a vaccine site near you: [miamidade.gov/vaccine](https://www.miamidade.gov/vaccine).

### **Homebound individuals who would like to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine**

Homebound individuals can register online [https://homebound.patientportalfi.com/s/?language=en\\_US](https://homebound.patientportalfi.com/s/?language=en_US) to be contacted to schedule a vaccination appointment at home. For more information, call 833-930-3672 or email [homeboundvaccines@cdrmaguire.com](mailto:homeboundvaccines@cdrmaguire.com).

### **CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People**

On July 27, 2021 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidelines for fully vaccinated people <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>. For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 **2 weeks** after they

have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J) /Janssen).

For those individuals who are fully vaccinated:

- You can participate in many of the activities that you did before the pandemic.
- To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public and where required by laws, rules, regulations, or local guidance.

### **Local COVID-19 Testing Information**

Miami-Dade County offers free COVID-19 testing at drive-up, walk-in and mobile sites. For locations: <http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>. COVID Testing is also available at urgent care centers, pharmacies and community clinics. Mobile testing vans are located across Miami-Dade County. For questions about mobile testing, call 786-746-7887. For additional questions about COVID testing, contact the State of Florida's COVID-19 Call Center at 1-866-779-6121.

### **Home Testing for Homebound Residents**

Miami-Dade County is offering homebound COVID testing in partnership with Nomi Health. For individuals that are homebound, please call **305-508-4455** to register. The call center is open 7 days a week, from 9 am –4 pm, and closed on holidays.

### **Questions about the Vaccine**

Get information on myths and facts about the COVID-19 vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>. You may also visit <https://jacksonhealth.org/keeping-you-safe/> for videos and other resources from Jackson Health System, featuring healthcare experts talking about the vaccine's effectiveness and safety and addressing common myths.

### **Travel Information**

As of January 26, 2021, the U.S. government is requiring all air travelers arriving in the United States from other countries to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to present the negative test result or documentation showing that the individual has recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. Air passengers will also be required to confirm that the information they present is true by signing an attestation. This order applies to all passengers 2 years of age or older, whether or not they are US citizens.

For additional details, visit: [Travelers | Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Outbreak \(floridahealthcovid19.gov\)](https://www.floridahealthcovid19.gov).

## **Statement from Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava**

“We have recently seen an enormous and alarming rise in COVID cases across our community and the country. As I’ve pledged from the beginning, if we see a spike in positivity, we would take all necessary steps to protect our community, including making updated recommendations with full transparency about the facts.

Masks are again required at all indoor County facilities for employees and for visitors, in keeping with new CDC guidance that even vaccinated people should wear masks in certain settings to maximize protection from the Delta variant. Masks continue to be required on transit and at the airport under federal regulation.

Getting vaccinated remains the single best step any of us can take to protect ourselves and our loved ones and reduce the spread of the virus. If you’ve already been vaccinated, please reach out to those in your life who have not and urge them to get the shot as well. Find a vaccine site near you: [miamidade.gov/vaccine](https://miamidade.gov/vaccine).

It's important that we all get back to the basic COVID precautions we know work:

- Get vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Wear a mask in public indoor settings. We also strongly encourage you to wear a mask in all public settings including outdoors—especially when in large crowds and around people you don’t know to be vaccinated.
- Practice social distancing in public and socialize outdoors wherever possible.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home if you’re sick, and if you have been exposed or experience COVID symptoms—even if you’re vaccinated –get tested.

We also can’t do this alone. We are calling on Miami-Dade businesses to step up and help us protect our community with smart COVID policies in your own workplaces, and by encouraging your employees to get vaccinated.

Our economy is just beginning to rebound and it’s essential that we keep building on the progress we have made. We all must do our part to control the spread and to keep our loved ones safe and our community moving forward.”

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below is a list of *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* and answers pertaining to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As this continues to be a fluid situation, please check for updates posted here: <https://www.balharbourfl.gov/bal-harbour/coronavirus>

These updates are sent via email and via WENS. If you would like to receive these directly by email, please enroll at [balharbourfl.gov/signup](https://www.balharbourfl.gov/signup) or by WENS enroll at [balharbourfl.gov/alerts](https://www.balharbourfl.gov/alerts).

### Individual and Family Guidance to Protect Against COVID-19

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The masking, social distancing, and other safety precautions included in these guidelines reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, but do not eliminate the risk entirely. We can all take these actions to protect ourselves, our families, and others throughout our communities. Getting vaccinated is an important step to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community from COVID-19.

Always:

- Stay home when sick;
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from other people if unvaccinated;
- Wear facial coverings in public indoor settings;
- Wash your hands often;
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze;
- Don't touch face (mouth, nose, eyes) after touching a surface without washing/sanitizing hands;
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms;
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers;

- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations.

## MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENT

Where can I find out about **Monoclonal Antibody Treatment**? Monoclonal Antibody Treatment is being offered for free by the Florida Department of Health at Tropical Park for individuals 12 years and older who are high-risk that have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19. For more information, please visit Florida Department of Health's COVID-19 Response at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/monoclonal-antibody-therapy/> or call 850-344-9637. You may make an appointment at: [www.patientportalfl.com](http://www.patientportalfl.com). No prescription or referral is required for State of Florida sites.

How do monoclonal antibodies work? Monoclonal antibodies help the immune system recognize and respond more effectively to the COVID-19 virus.

Monoclonal antibodies are a treatment authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use in adult and pediatric patients (12 and older) who have either been diagnosed or exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are at high risk for progression to severe illness, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19.

In clinical trials, this treatment resulted in a 70% reduction in risk for hospitalization and death, and resulted in an 82% reduction in risk for contracting COVID-19 for people who were exposed to the virus by other members of their household.

When is the best time to get this treatment? The treatment is most effective when given early and the sooner it is given the better. There is not a time limit to receive the medication, however it must be delivered prior to the occurrence of severe illness.

Who can have this treatment? This treatment is available to all eligible people, regardless of vaccination status.

High-risk patients should get treatment as quickly as possible after testing positive for COVID-19. Examples of medical conditions that may pose a higher risk for severe illness and could potentially benefit from this treatment include, but are not limited to:

- Older age (65 years of age and older);
- Individuals who are overweight;
- Chronic kidney disease;
- Diabetes;
- Pregnancy;
- Immunosuppressive disease or treatments;

- Cardiovascular disease;
- Chronic lung diseases;
- Sickle cell disease;
- Neurodevelopmental disorders such as cerebral palsy; and / or
- Having medical-related technological dependence such as tracheostomy or gastrostomy.

How much will it cost? There is no cost for the treatment. No one will be denied services due to inability to pay for administrative cost at State of Florida sites. However, insurance can be billed if available.

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AND TESTING LOCATIONS

Who can get vaccinated? All individuals ages **12** and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. **Minors 12 to 17** years of age may receive the Pfizer vaccine but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to the vaccination site and fill out a consent form which can be found here: <https://www.miamidade.gov/information/library/covid-19-pfizer-parental-consent-form.pdf>

Where can I find out about getting the COVID-19 Vaccination? Miami-Dade County has created a website to help find and schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Please visit [miamidade.gov/vaccine](https://www.miamidade.gov/vaccine) or call 305-614-2014 for more information.

Where are the current vaccination sites? COVID Vaccines are also available at urgent care centers, community clinics and pharmacies. Current vaccine locations may be found at [www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-locator.page](https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-locator.page). The vaccine may be obtained at **Aventura Mall** - Enter on NE 29 CT near Citibank 19501 Biscayne Blvd. 7 days a week between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. The **Town of Bay Harbor Islands' 95th Street Park** beginning August 2, 2021 will offer testing and vaccinations Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

To make an appointment for **COVID-19 testing**, go to [https://mdc.nomihealth.com/easy\\_registration/12/onsite](https://mdc.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/12/onsite). Call 305-602-8492 for more information. To make an appointment for the **COVID-19 vaccine**, go <https://vaccines.nomihealth.com/mdc?>

Vaccines are available at CVS locations, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club locations, Winn Dixie locations, Walgreens pharmacies, and every Publix pharmacies. CVS, Publix, and Walgreens pharmacies are offering the vaccine by appointment only thru their websites <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?cid=redir-covidvaccine> (CVS), <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine> (Publix) and <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp> (Walgreens). For

Winn-Dixie please visit <https://www.winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine>. COVID testing is also available at urgent care centers and community clinics. For more questions about COVID testing, call the State of Florida's COVID-19 Call Center at 1-866-779-6121.

**Florida Department of Health in Broward County –visit their website for details:**  
<https://browardcovidvaccine.com/>

How can I find out more information about the COVID-19 Vaccine? Get information on myths and facts about the COVID-19 vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>. You may also visit <https://jacksonhealth.org/keeping-you-safe/> for videos and other resources from Jackson Health System, featuring healthcare experts talking about the vaccine's effectiveness and safety and addressing common myths.

### **Homebound Individuals who would like to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine**

What do I do if I cannot leave my home but want to get the vaccine? Homebound individuals can register online [https://homebound.patientportalfl.com/s/?language=en\\_US](https://homebound.patientportalfl.com/s/?language=en_US) to be contacted to schedule a vaccination appointment at home. For more information, call **833-930-3672** or email [homeboundvaccines@cdrmaguire.com](mailto:homeboundvaccines@cdrmaguire.com).

If I already had COVID-19 and recovered, should I still get the vaccination? The COVID-19 vaccination should be offered to you regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection.

How long does it take to be fully protected once I have received the vaccine? People are considered fully vaccinated by the CDC two weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or two weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Can I stop wearing a facial covering and stop social distancing from others after I have been vaccinated? With the new DELTA VARIANT, the CDC recommends all individuals, including people who are considered fully vaccinated (for COVID-19 **2 weeks** after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J) /Janssen) to wear a facial covering when INDOORS in public places.

What to do if I feel that I was exposed to COVID-19? For **VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS**: you may refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic unless residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter. **NON-VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS**: The Florida Department of Health recommends that you call your primary doctor or the county health department to describe your symptoms. They will decide whether you need to be tested. If you wish to speak to someone, the Florida Department of Health has established a Call Center available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1.866.779.6121.

If at any point, you feel that you need emergency personnel, please dial 911 and inform the call taker that you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

## **LOCAL TESTING INFORMATION**

Where can I get tested for COVID-19? Miami-Dade County offers free COVID-19 testing at drive-up, walk-in and mobile sites. For locations: <http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>.

COVID Testing is also available at urgent care centers, pharmacies and community clinics. Mobile testing vans are located across Miami-Dade County. For questions about mobile testing, call 786-746-7887. In addition, a Florida Department of Health Testing site is available every Wednesday in the Town of Bay Harbour Islands. For details, visit: <https://bit.ly/36ouOUm>. For additional questions about COVID testing, contact the State of Florida's COVID-19 Call Center at 1-866-779-6121.

## **Home Testing for Homebound Residents**

What if I am not able to leave my home but I would like to be tested? Miami-Dade County is offering homebound COVID testing in partnership with Nomi Health. For individuals that are homebound, please call [305-508-4455](tel:305-508-4455) to register. The call center is open 7 days a week, from 9 am –4 pm, and closed on holidays.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION PER THE CDC**

Can someone spread the virus without being sick? People are thought to be the most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest). COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms (including those who have been fully vaccinated) and do not know that they are infected. The Delta Variant is very contagious and is more easily transmittable when compared to other variants, even in vaccinated individuals.

## **WHO NEEDS TO SELF-QUARANTINE?**

There are no longer any requirements for individuals entering the State of Florida to Self-Quarantine. Fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread SARS-CoV-2 and can now travel at low risk to themselves within the United States. International travelers need to pay close attention to the [situation at their international destinations](#) before traveling due to the spread of new variants and because the burden of COVID-19 varies globally.

CDC prevention measures continue to apply to all travelers, including those who are vaccinated. All travelers are [required to wear a mask](#) on all planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

Domestic travel (within the United States or to a U.S. territory)

- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to get a SARS-CoV-2 viral test before or after domestic travel, unless testing is required by local, state, or territorial health authorities.

- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine following domestic travel.
- For more information, see [Domestic Travel During COVID-19](#).

#### International travel

- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to get tested before leaving the United States unless required by their destination.
- Fully vaccinated air travelers coming to the United States from abroad, including U.S. citizens, are still [required](#) to have a negative SARS-CoV-2 viral test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States.
- International travelers arriving in the United States are still recommended to get a SARS-CoV-2 viral test 3-5 days after travel regardless of vaccination status.
- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine in the United States following international travel.
- For more information, see [International Travel During COVID-19](#).

Do I Still Need to wear a facial covering? **FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS** can resume activities without wearing facial coverings or physically distancing ***while outdoors only***, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Facial Coverings are now required indoors in all Miami-Dade County Public facilities and Bal Harbour Village facilities; private sector enterprises may set their own policies. The CDC recommends all individuals wear facial coverings while indoors in public locations. Individuals who refuse to wear a facial covering and / or follow social distancing protocols will be asked to leave the property. Wearing a facial covering inside Village of Bal Harbour facilities is required.

Is Facial Covering required on Public Transportation? **YES**, as the mask mandate on public transportation, on airplanes, at airports and seaports is a Federal Government Mandate.

Do I need to still practice Social Distancing? The Village of Bal Harbour is following the latest CDC guidance, which recommends you continue to socially distance if you are not fully vaccinated, and for those fully vaccinated, while indoors.

Can Restaurants and Gyms reopen to 100 percent capacity? The May 3rd Governor's order suspended restrictions on businesses imposed via emergency actions, and repealed the prior order limiting the capacity of restaurants.

If I have COVID-19 or symptoms, should I stay at home? Yes. The CDC recommends that anyone experiencing fever and flu-like symptoms remain at home until symptoms improve.

## VILLAGE SERVICES

Is Village Hall open? Village Hall is not open to the public—you must call to schedule meetings before arriving. The list of phone numbers by department can be found at <https://www.balharbourfl.gov/government/village-staff>. Regardless of vaccination status, facial coverings and social distancing are required within Village Hall.

Is the Building Department open? The Bal Harbour Building Department is open but only for pre-scheduled meetings before arriving. Walk-ins are not permitted. Regardless of vaccination status, facial coverings and social distancing are required within Village Hall. Contact Eliezer Palacio at [epalacio@balharbourfl.gov](mailto:epalacio@balharbourfl.gov) or the Building Department for any inquiries or questions.

## PARKS & RECREATION

Due to the pending construction activities associated with the New Bal Harbour Park and Community Center Project, all Recreation programming, special events and excursions have been suspended. The playground will remain closed during the construction period and will reopen as part of the Community Center opening in 2022. The basketball court is open for resident open play only.

## TRANSPORTATION

Due to Budgetary adjustments, the Bal Harbour Shuttle service has been suspended for the 2021 Fiscal Year beginning October 1.

Will Miami-Dade Transit continue to operate? Miami-Dade Transit's Metrobus system will continue to run FREE weekday routes across Miami-Dade County with reduced frequencies. For Miami-Dade County Service Updates including transit service, please visit: <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/county-updates.page>.