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FIVE DOH-BROWARD LOCATIONS CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING

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[Broward County, Fla.] — With the impact of heavy rain, extensive flooding remains at some of the DOH-Broward campuses. For the safety of the public and DOH-Broward staff, the following locations will be **closed** today, Thursday, April 13, 2023:

- Fort Lauderdale Health Center 2421 S.W. 6th Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33315
- Operations Building 2421A S.W. 6th Ave., Fort Lauderdale 33315
- Administration Building 780 SW 24th St., Fort Lauderdale 33315
- Edgar Mills Health Center 900 NW 31st Ave., Ft. Lauderdale 33311
- Children’s Reading Center and Museum 751 SW 121st Ave., Davie 33325

All other DOH-Broward locations will **remain open** today with regular operating hours and services, Thursday, April 13, 2023:

- Coral Springs WIC Center 10077 NW 29th St. Coral Springs 33065
- Lauderdale Lakes WIC Center 4481 N State Rd. 7 Lauderdale Lakes 33319
- Paul Hughes Health Center 205 NW 6th Ave. Pompano Beach 33060
- Sheridan WIC Center 7261 Sheridan St. #220 Hollywood 33024
- South Regional Health Center 4105 Pembroke Rd. Hollywood 33021

Please continue to monitor the DOH-Broward website for updates at www.Broward.Floridahealth.gov

The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) urges residents to be aware of the health risks associated with flooding. Skin contact with flood waters does not, by itself, pose a serious health risk. However, health hazards are a concern when waters are or become contaminated with bacteria or contain dangerous debris.

DOH recommends the following to prevent illness or injury from flood waters:

- Basic hygiene is critical. If you are under a boil water notice, use commercially-bottled water for mixing baby formula. Wash your hands with soap and either disinfected or boiled and cooled water, especially before preparing or eating food, after toilet use, after handling a soiled diaper, after participating in flood cleanup activities and after handling objects contaminated with flood water or sewage.
- Avoid eating or drinking anything that has been contaminated with flood waters
- **Avoid contact with flood waters, especially if you have open cuts or sores.**
- If you have any open cuts or sores and come in contact with flood waters, wash the area well with soap to prevent infection. If a wound develops redness, swelling or drainage, seek immediate medical attention.
- Residents who sustain lacerations and/or puncture wounds, are encouraged to contact their primary health care provider to make sure they are current on their tetanus vaccine and possibly get a booster.
- For more tips on flood water safety, click [here](#).

If on a septic system and your plumbing is functioning slowly:

- Conserve water as much as possible; the less water used the less sewage the septic tank must process. Minimize use of your washing machine.
- Do not have the septic tank pumped. Exceptionally high-water tables might crush a septic tank that was pumped dry. If the fundamental problem is high ground water, pumping the tank does nothing to solve that problem.
- For more tips on residential septic tanks functioning slowly or sluggish, click [here](#).

If your well is flooded:

- Heavy rainfall may have made your well water unsafe to drink. If you are unsure about the impact of flooding on your well water, use bottled water or boil water for drinking, making ice, teeth brushing and washing any areas of the skin that have been cut or injured.

- If your well is affected by flood waters, there may be disease-causing organisms in your water making it unsafe to drink, click [here](#) for more information.
- For additional questions regarding well water testing, contact DOH-Broward, Environmental Health: (954) 412-7334.

The Florida Department of Health works to support local and state response to public health needs resulting from hurricanes, tropical storms, and other severe weather conditions. Click [here](#) for more tips and resources to keep you and your family safe.

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