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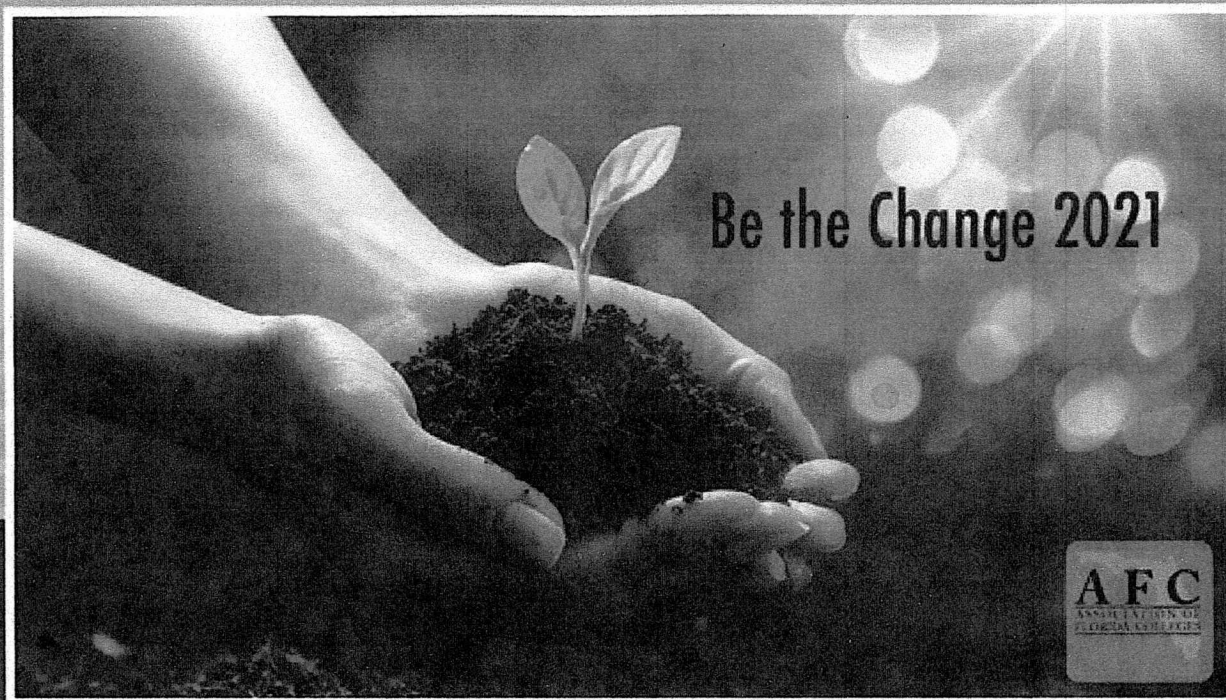
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## Meet Miami Dade College's New President, President Pumariega

### How long have you worked in Higher Education?

My career in higher education spans more than 20 years. I began my journey at MDC as a student athlete on the basketball team. I later held several positions of ascending responsibility at the College culminating in serving as the Wolfson Campus president. After leaving MDC and leading a non-profit organization, I was appointed the first female and Hispanic chancellor of the Florida College System (FCS). I also served as provost of Tallahassee Community College. Today, I am MDC's first female president.



### What is the best advice you have received?

Be kind always. Listen more than you speak, and it is important to ask the right questions.

### What is the latest book you have read?

"Believe in People: Bottom-Up Solutions for a Top-Down World" by Charles G. Koch and Brian Hooks

### What do you like to do in your free time?

During my free time, I take every opportunity to spend time with family and enjoy the outdoors.

### If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

I would love to learn to code, to develop apps and use artificial intelligence for the greater good.



# New Members

*Welcome to the following new members from December 2020 – February 2021*

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## ***FEMA pop-ups are moving to North Miami Beach, Miami Springs again. Second doses only***

***BY MICHELLE MARCHANTE***

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### **Don't fear the needle**

***Coral Gables' Dr. Arthur Bregman shares tips on overcoming trypanophobia so you can get your COVID vaccination. BY BREGMAN MEDICAL GROUP***

The federally supported vaccination pop-ups in Sweetwater and Florida City are moving again to North Miami Beach and Miami Springs to administer second doses.

The FEMA pop-up sites will remain at Ronselli Park Youth Center, 250 SW 114th Ave. in Sweetwater, and Florida City Youth Activity Center, 650 NW Fifth Ave., through Wednesday.

Then on Thursday, the sites will be at Allen Park Community Center at 1770 NE 162nd St. in North Miami Beach and at the Miami Springs Community Center at 1401 Westward Dr. The sites will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through April 7, and appointments are not needed. You can just show up and wait in line.

As for the FEMA “hub” at Miami Dade College North Campus, it will continue to offer first- and second-dose Pfizer shots until April 7. Then it will only offer second doses. The site opens every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and appointments are not needed.

Here's what else you need to know:

### **WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT SECOND DOSES AT FEMA SATELLITE SITES**

- Only second-dose Pfizer shots will be available at the two pop-ups.
- You will need to show your CDC vaccination card and a state-issued ID, such as a driver's license, to get your second shot.

- You should not get your second dose prior to the date listed on your vaccination card, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- People who get their first shot at a FEMA site can switch among the three FEMA vaccine centers in Miami-Dade for their second dose.
- Once the pop-ups finish their run in North Miami Beach and Miami Springs, the sites will move to Liberty City and Cutler Bay.



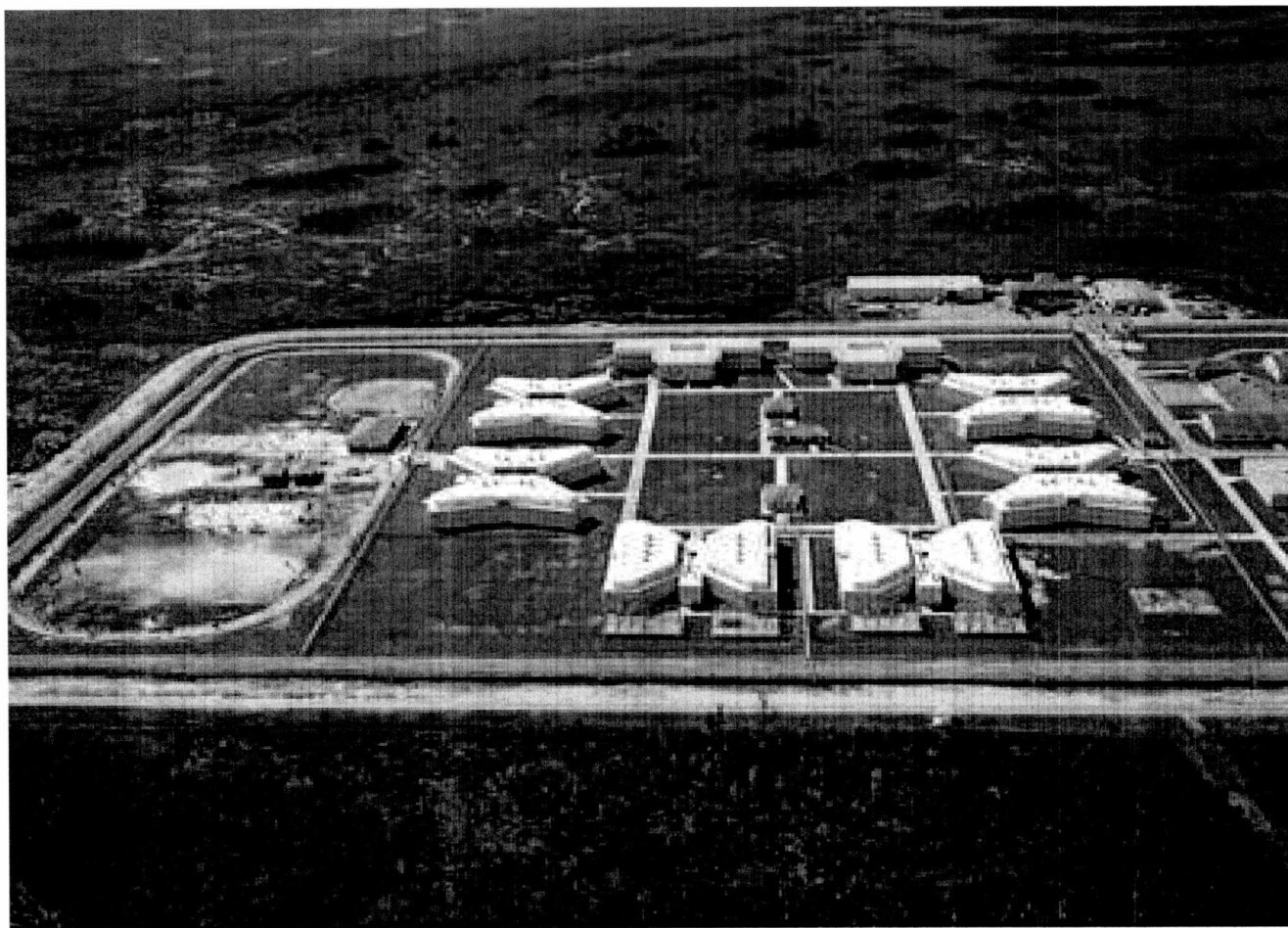
People wait to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in front of the Allen Park Community Center, 1770 NE 162nd St., in North Miami Beach on March 11. FEMA pop-up sites that will only administer second Pfizer shots are coming to North Miami Beach as well as Miami Springs. JOSE A. IGLESIAS [JIGLESIAS@ELNUEVOHERALD.COM](mailto:JIGLESIAS@ELNUEVOHERALD.COM)

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## ***MDC North launches Education Program at Everglades Correctional***

***MARZO 30, 2021***



***Everglades Correctional Institution***

Miami Dade College (MDC) North Campus has officially launched the U.S. Department of Education Second Chance Pell Experimental program at

Everglades Correctional Institution.

This is the second year in a row that MDC is selected to receive the grant that will provide need-based tuition assistance to individuals incarcerated in federal and state prisons and help them earn a postsecondary credential and gain job skills.

MDC is one of 67 colleges and universities selected nationwide and the second state college in Florida offering credit-bearing courses to incarcerated

individuals.

“As democracy’s college, MDC is committed to offering high-quality instruction to diverse populations and engaging underserved individuals everywhere,” said North Campus Interim President Fermin Vazquez. “The Pell Experiment Chance designation allows the college to truly change lives.”

The first 20 students at Everglades Correctional Institution began their college education this spring. Students are currently enrolled in composition, math, and student skills courses and are working towards earning an Associate in Arts degree. All courses in the associate program are transferrable within the Florida college system and completion guarantees admission into a bachelor’s program at MDC or a Florida state university.

MDC faculty teaching the above-mentioned courses include Dr. Minca Davis-Brantley, Social Sciences Department; Marta Brito-Villani,

Mathematics Department; and Katrina Smith, English and Communications. The program would not be possible without the dedicated work of Professors Davis-Brantley and Samantha Carlo, as well as the Second Chance Pell team.

The faculty established essential working relationships with key partners and have been at the vanguard of securing grants to help supplement the

administrative costs associated with running the program. Most recently, North Campus was awarded a two-year \$120,000 grant from The Laughing Full Foundation.

Both professors are passionate advocates for higher education in prisons. They are active members of the National Alliance for Higher Education in Prisons (NCHEP) and founding members of the Florida Coalition of Higher Education in Prison (FCHEP).

For more information, contact Dr. Michaela Tomova, Dean of Faculty at North Campus, 305-237-1409, [mtomova@mdc.edu](mailto:mtomova@mdc.edu).

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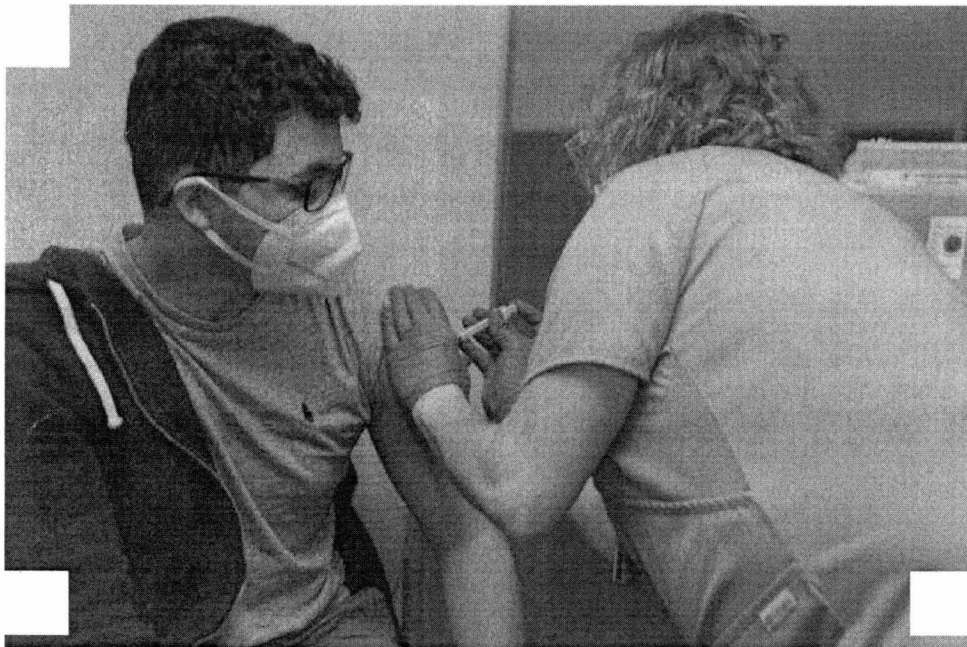


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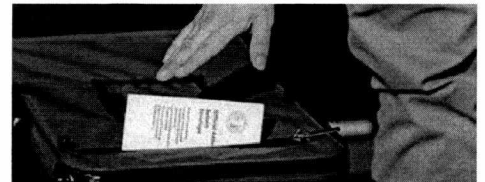
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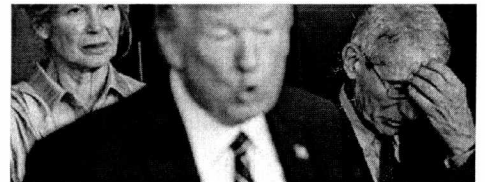
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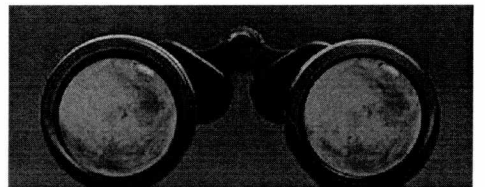
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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday announced that all Floridians 18 and older would be eligible for a shot starting on April 5. What he signed into law expands the criteria even more to include 16- and 17-year-old teenagers as "prescribed" by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

On Monday, President Joe Biden said he expects 90% of adults in the country will be eligible to get a vaccine by April 19. He previously directed the states to make all adults eligible for the vaccine by May 1.

However, there will be some restrictions on where teens can get their vaccine.

Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is the only one authorized for emergency use in people who are least 16, according to the FDA. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's vaccines are for people 18 and older.

### Which South Florida sites have Pfizer?

Many of the South Florida COVID-19 vaccination sites offer Pfizer but not all of them do. Publix and Winn-Dixie stores, for example, offer only Moderna and Johnson & Johnson.

Sites that have Pfizer include Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Marlins Park in Little Havana, the federally supported site at Miami Dade College North Campus and all of the state-run sites in Broward County, including Snyder Park in Fort Lauderdale and Tree Tops Park in Davie.

Miami-Dade County-run sites at Tropical Park, Zoo Miami and Homestead Sports Complex also sometimes have Pfizer in stock. You can preregister for a vaccine at the county's website.

No word yet on which locations will schedule appointments for teens starting on April 5. A parent or legal guardian will need to be at the appointment with the teen and the parent will need to show proof of Florida residency.

Until then, only 16- and 17-year-olds deemed by a physician to be "extremely vulnerable" to COVID-19 because of a preexisting medical condition can get a shot if they have the signed vulnerability form.

Sites that are scheduling appointments for teens with at-risk conditions include Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Navarro Discount Pharmacies, CVS and all of the state-run sites in Broward County. Teens with at-risk conditions can also schedule a dose through Jackson Health System, and no documentation or proof, besides Florida residency, is needed.

Where can you get Johnson & Johnson? What about Pfizer and Moderna? A South Florida list

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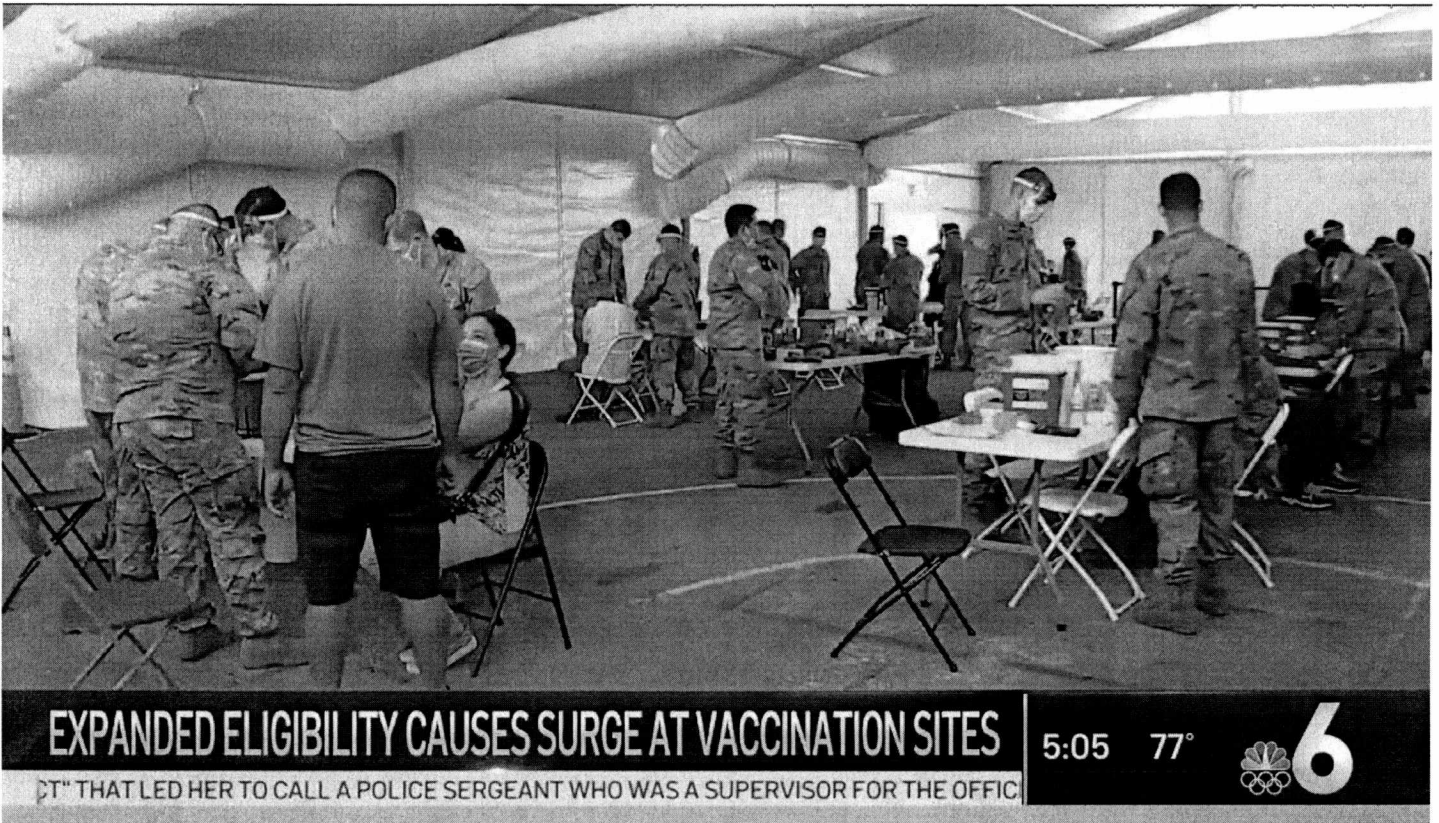
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## Florida Vaccine Updates: Gov. Forbids 'Vaccine Passports', State's Variant Cases Rising

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NBC 6's Carolina Peguero has the latest on the mission to get as many people vaccinated as possible across the Sunshine State.

As a supply of the coronavirus vaccine has become available across Florida, residents are understandably anxious to know when they will be able to stand in line for a dose.



While the state's governor says he wants vaccine passports, Florida with new order.

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## Florida Governor to Forbid 'Vaccine Passports' With Executive Order

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Monday that he would issue an executive order forbidding local governments and businesses from requiring so-called "vaccine passports" to show proof that customers have been inoculated against the coronavirus.

He made the announcement on a day when more Floridians would become eligible for vaccination and during a ceremony he convened at the state Capitol to sign into law a bill approved by the Legislature on Friday that would bar COVID-related lawsuits against businesses that have made good-faith efforts to comply with guidelines meant to stop the spread of the virus.

## Florida Begins Vaccine Eligibility Rollout for Ages 40 and Older Monday

Adult residents across the state of Florida are one step closer to being fully eligible to get the sought after COVID-19 vaccine after Monday.



Before all residents 16 and older will be eligible starting April 5th, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced last Thursday.

Floridians ages 16 and older will be eligible starting April 5th as well, but anyone ages 16 and 17 will need signed permission from their parents or guardians.

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## Miami-Dade College Site Now Staying Open Through May

The site, located at the school's North Campus at 11380 Northwest 27th Avenue, will now be staying open until May 26th after originally being scheduled to close on April 28th.

The site is also expected to administer 3,000 first doses of the Pfizer vaccine per day along with the other federally supported sites in Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville.

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## Florida's COVID-19 Variant Cases Continue to Rise as State Has Most in US: CDC

Florida's COVID-19 variant cases continue to rise as the state leads the nation in the number of cases caused by variants, according to the latest report from the Centers for Disease Control.

CDC figures released Sunday showed 2,274 cases of the U.K. variant B.1.1.7 in Florida, along with 42 cases of the Brazil variant P.1 and 14 cases of the South Africa variant B.1.351.

The next closest state to Florida, Michigan, has 1,242 variant cases reported, according to the CDC.

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# How many South Florida, Treasure Coast residents have received COVID-19 vaccine?

WPTV takes in-depth look at data from Florida Department of Health, U.S. Census Bureau



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WPTV senior reporter Michelle Quesada on Tuesday took an in-depth look at data from the Florida Department of Health and U.S. Census Bureau to see how many people have already been vaccinated in our local counties.

### **TOTAL VACCINATIONS:**

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- St. Lucie County: 77,435 (24% of population)
- Indian River County: 58,051 (42% of population)
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- Okeechobee County 7,547 (18% of population)

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Shore is in the 50 and older age group and already received his first COVID-19 vaccine.

He feels that getting the event industry up and running again will depend heavily on the younger age groups getting vaccinated.

"I would say certainly 30 and older would be a great time. That encompasses a lot of Fortune 500 companies, sales force, pharmaceutical industry, technology," Shore said.

Right now in Palm Beach County, people 25 to 44 years of age make up only 8% of the total number of people vaccinated so far. Residents 45 to 54 make up 8.5%.

Come April 5, when all Floridians 18 and older will be eligible, those percentages will certainly start to increase.



"There's already been rumblings in my industry to book events towards Q3 and Q4, so hopefully that's a good sign," Shore said.

To see the latest vaccination numbers from the Florida Department of Health, **click here.**

Floridians are encouraged to pre-register for the vaccine on a state-operated website by **clicking here.** You'll then be contacted when a vaccine appointment is available in your area.

You can currently receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida at Publix, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Sam's Club, and Winn-Dixie pharmacies, as well as at county and state-run sites and federally-operated vaccination locations in Miami, Orlando, Tampa, and Jacksonville.

Publix is currently booking appointments every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 7 a.m. To book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at Publix, **click here.**

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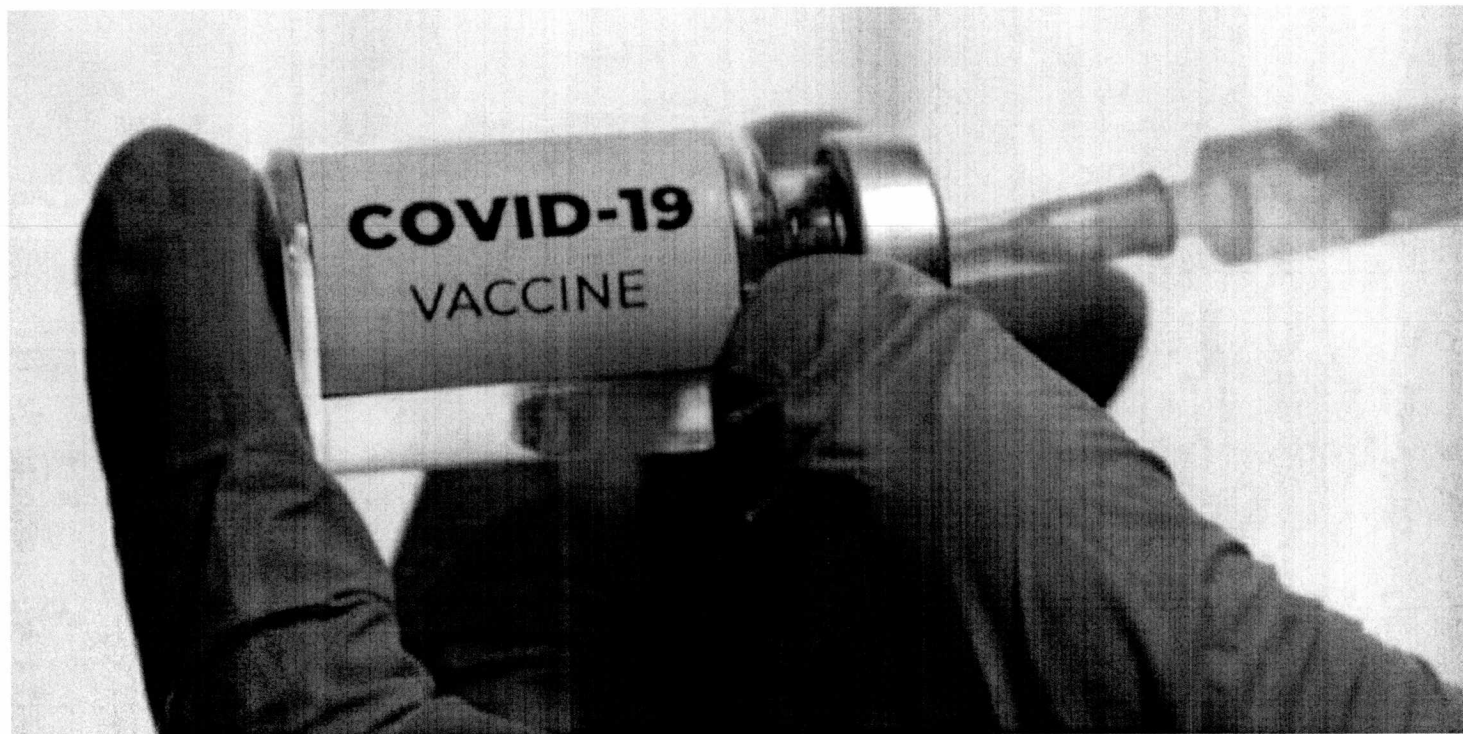
To make an appointment at Winn Dixie, **click here.**

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MARCH 26, 2021

# More South Floridians get vaccinated as Doral Legacy Park distributes doses by appointment only

Elitsa Bizios | Marisela Burgos

DORAL, FLA. (WSVN) - More South Floridians are getting their shot at prevention ahead of another drop in age eligibility to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

On Friday morning, Florida residents headed to Doral Legacy Park to get their vaccine. About 500 people made appointments to get vaccinated at the site, including Natalia Brabo, who brought her aunt to get vaccinated.

"Knowing that my family can get vaccinated, it's just such a peace of mind," she said.

Appointments are necessary to get vaccinated at Doral Legacy Park.

Cameras also captured state residents waiting in line to get vaccinated at the Miami-Dade College North Campus mass vaccination site. No appointment is necessary at the Federal Emergency Management Agency-supported site.

Vanessa Jimenez stopped by the site for her second Pfizer vaccine dose.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "I think it's the best thing that could happen. Even though you're vaccinated, you still have to continue caring because of all the different strands that COVID has."

On Monday, the eligibility requirement for getting the vaccine will drop from 50 to 40.

"Starting Monday, those 40 and up will be able to access vaccines, and then, the following Monday, after Easter, it will be 18 and up," said Florida Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez at the Doral site.

Friday afternoon, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis announced teenagers 16 and over will be allowed to get the Pfizer vaccine starting April 5. Lines are expected to get longer as the age requirement continues to be lowered.

The expanded availability comes as Nuñez said roughly 71% of seniors in the state have been vaccinated, and there has been an increase in the supply of vaccine.

"We received roughly 63,000 additional Pfizer vaccines," she said. "The prior week we had gotten zero Johnson & Johnson, and so this week, I believe we received upwards of 25,000 Johnson & Johnson vaccines."

"We're going to be at 3.5 million seniors soon that have gotten shots," said DeSantis. "On Tuesday, we did 133,000 initial doses, that's J & J or the first dose of Pfizer and Moderna, and that's not even fully reported yet."

Meanwhile, federal leaders in Washington have noticed progress across the U.S.

"I think states across the country have done a good job of prioritizing the most vulnerable, and I think that being at 71% of individuals 65 years and older across the country having received at least their first shot is real progress," White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Jeff Sientz said. "About 45% of those seniors are fully vaccinated."

For more information about vaccination sites in Florida, click here.

If you would like to pre-register for a vaccine at FEMA-supported sites in Florida, click here.

Anyone with questions and concerns about the coronavirus can call the Florida Department of Health's 24-hour hotline at 1-866-779-6121.

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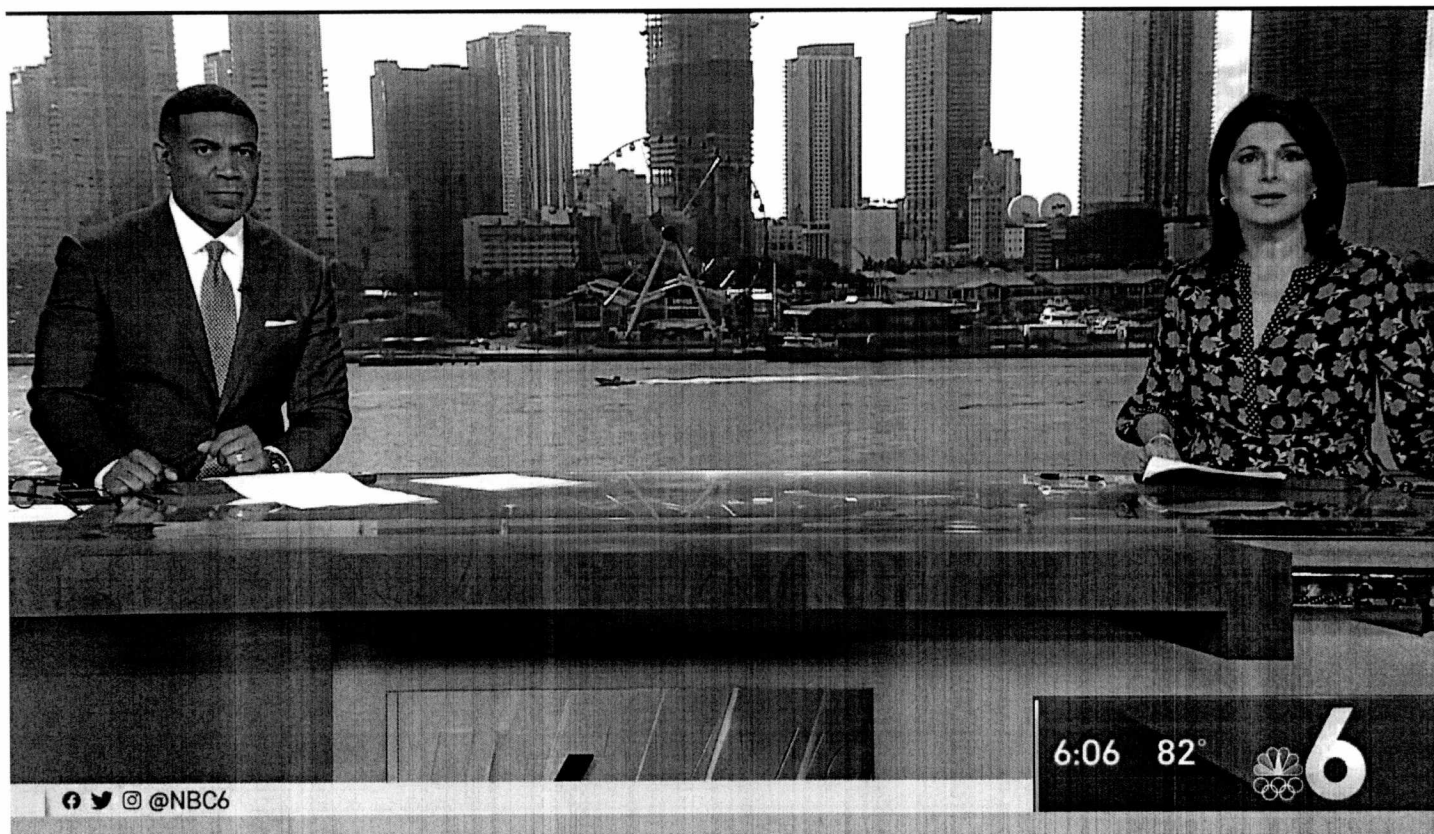
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The sites will open at 8 a.m. until doses run out.

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Publix Pharmacy will not have appointments during Easter weekend, so it is canceling its Wednesday scheduling opportunity. The online reservation system will reopen Friday, April 2nd, as usual for appointments for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Appointments to receive second doses are not impacted by this change.



the appointment. To find out if you're eligible, [click here](#).

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## Florida Governor to Forbid 'Vaccine Passports' With Executive Order

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Monday that he would issue an executive order forbidding local governments and businesses from requiring so-called "vaccine passports" to show proof that customers have been inoculated against the coronavirus.

He made the announcement on a day when more Floridians would become eligible for vaccination and during a ceremony he convened at the state Capitol to sign into law a bill approved by the Legislature on Friday that would bar COVID-related lawsuits against businesses that have made good-faith efforts to comply with guidelines meant to stop the spread of the virus.

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## Florida Begins Vaccine Eligibility Rollout for Ages 40 and Older Monday

Adult residents across the state of Florida are one step closer to being fully eligible to get the sought after COVID-19 vaccine after Monday.

Residents ages 40 and older are now eligible to get the vaccine at all locations in the Sunshine State before all residents 18 and older will be eligible starting April 5th, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced last Thursday.

Floridians ages 16 and older will be eligible starting April 5th as well, but anyone ages 16 and 17 will need signed permission from their parents or guardians.

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## Miami-Dade College Site Now Staying Open Through May

The site, located at the school's North Campus at 11380 Northwest 27th Avenue, will now be staying open until May 26th after originally being scheduled to close on April 28th.



other federally supported sites in Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville.

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Florida's COVID-19 variant cases continue to rise as the state leads the nation in the number of cases caused by variants, according to the latest report from the Centers for Disease Control.

CDC figures released Sunday showed 2,274 cases of the U.K. variant B.1.1.7 in Florida, along with 42 cases of the Brazil variant P.1 and 14 cases of the South Africa variant B.1.351.

The next closest state to Florida, Michigan, has 1,242 variant cases reported, according to the CDC.

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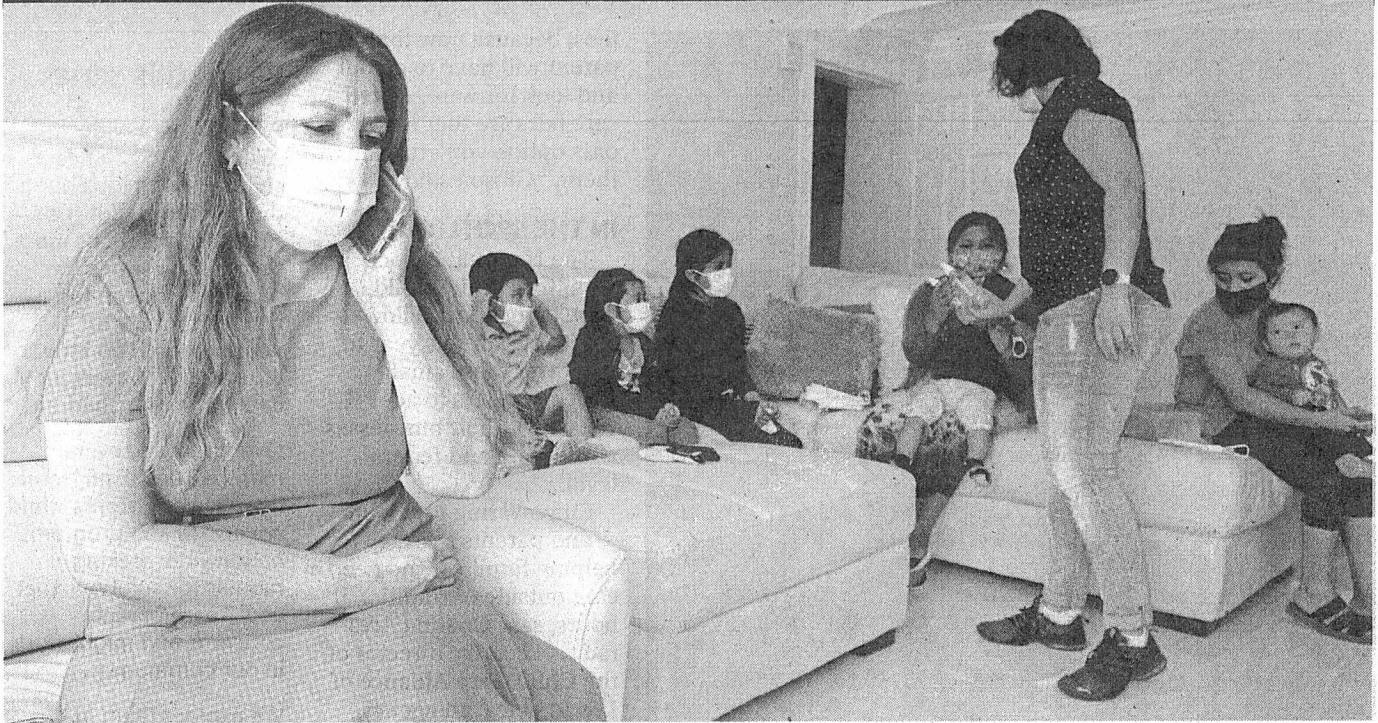
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**Gabriela Garcia**

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Gabriela Garcia never could have imagined that after winning the Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award in 2018, her literary career would take off so quickly. But when you have Roxane Gay singing your praises on Twitter, the literary world is going to take notice.

Garcia, who grew up in Miami and is now lives in California's Bay Area, worked for various publications — including *New Times* — after graduating from Fordham University in 2007. But she returned to school in 2015 to earn her MFA in creative writing at Purdue.

It was there, while working on her thesis, that she found a mentor in Gay. The resulting debut novel, *Of Women and Salt*, is set for worldwide release this week — not to mention critical acclaim, including a designation as Book of the Month for Gay's Audacious Book Club.

Tonight (Tuesday), Garcia will discuss her new book with Maite Morales, the senior program coordinator of CasaCuba at Florida International University. The virtual conversation, sponsored by Books & Books and the Miami Book Fair, begins at 7 p.m., is accessible free of charge via Crowdcast.

*Of Women and Salt* follows generations of characters (and their secrets) from Cuba to Miami and back. The story begins in cigar factories on the island, where the workers roll while listening to readings of *Cecilia Valdés*, a classic of Cuban literature by Cirilo Villaverde. A Spanish translation of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* also drives the plot. The readings are banned. The first Cuban revolution unfolds.

"I was actually in Cuba a few years ago, and I went to an exhibit at a museum, and they had these letters from Victor Hugo to Cuban independence fighters and workers during the 19th century that were on display there," Garcia tells *New Times*. "I became really interested and fascinated in that sort of dialogue between a writer and a political movement. So I started to look into that a little bit."

While examining the literary inspiration for the names of cigars her family "was always very into and grew up around, like Montecristos and Romeo y Julietas," Garcia learned that "they were all written by European white men or Spanish-descended white men in Cuba. And I was thinking about what it would be like to be someone like [the character] María Isabel in the factory. Everything she would hear, even about herself, was through this particular gaze.

"And then I thought about: Is there a way to reclaim some of those words? How are stories passed on, how do they change, who gets to tell them? And that sort of felt like a good entry point into what a lot of the novel is, which is interrogating stories, and how they're passed down, and the stories we don't tell ourselves about ourselves, and the ones we do."

Through the novel, Garcia, the daughter of a Cuban mother and a Mexican father, examines racism, sexism, and classism both in Cuba and in the U.S. in vivid ways that help readers to understand, in Garcia's poetic prose, why a Black female activist powerhouse like Angela Davis ultimately left the Communist Party. It's also the reason historian Howard Zinn insisted on telling regular people's stories — as Garcia does so well in her debut — while skewering labels, as Zinn did in *Marx in Soho*.

Stateside, *Of Women and Salt* takes the reader for a ride on Miami's Oxy Express, to the pain clinics where her characters Jeannette and Mario — along with lots of drivers with out-of-state license plates — feed their opioid addictions.

"Miami, in particular, is the place that I grew up and that I have a lot of love for," Garcia says, explaining why she didn't want to write a sanitized version of the city.

Some scenes draw on Garcia's teenage years going to all-ages clubs, including a real-life incident involving her sister.

"She was out drinking in South Beach with her friends, and then they were walking on the beach and stumbled on a body that had washed ashore," Garcia recounts. "At the time, they were underage and drinking, so they were like, 'Are we gonna get in trouble? What do we do about this?' That always stuck with me."

In the chapter titled "Privilegio," an American expat named Nancy, who's living in Mexico, believes she's self-aware. "You see in the chapter that she's not," Garcia explains, "and I think there are many moments like this." Same goes for other characters, from a Cuban keen on telling tourists what they want to hear to a race-conscious American visitor who thinks she's above it but is nevertheless open to letting a Black local take the blame for her own misdeed.

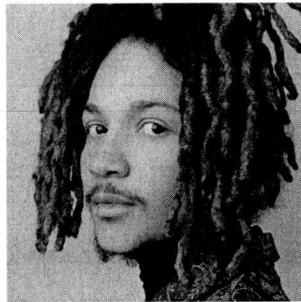
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Theme: **Finding What Speaks to Us**

**Gabriel Ramirez** is a queer Afro-Latinx poet, activist, and teaching artist who has received fellowships from The Conversation Literary Arts Festival, Palm Beach Poetry Festival, The Watering Hole, and CantoMundo. He has performed on Broadway in New York at the New

Amsterdam Theatre, United Nations, Lincoln Center, Apollo Theatre, and other venues and universities around the nation. Ramirez’s work has been featured in the Huffington Post, Vibe magazine, and on Remezcla.com, as well as in *Bettering American Poetry Anthology* (Bettering Books, 2017), *What Saves Us: Poems of Empathy and Outrage in the Age of Trump* (Northwestern University Press, 2019), and *The Breakbeat Poets Vol. 4: LatiNEXT* (Haymarket Press, 2020).

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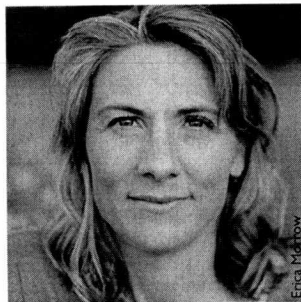
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## 2021 Big Read Keynote Address: Hope Jahren, Author of *Lab Girl*

Saturday, April 17 @ 12:00 pm

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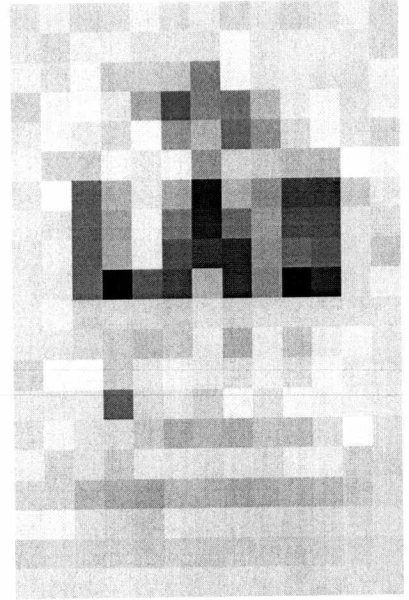
More than half a dozen Big Read communities from around the United States will join online for an insightful and inspiring lecture and Q&A by Hope Jahren, a scientist from rural Minnesota who not only knows her trees and flowers, but “has some serious literary chops” (*The Washington Post*). Her award-winning, bestselling memoir *Lab Girl* tells the story of a



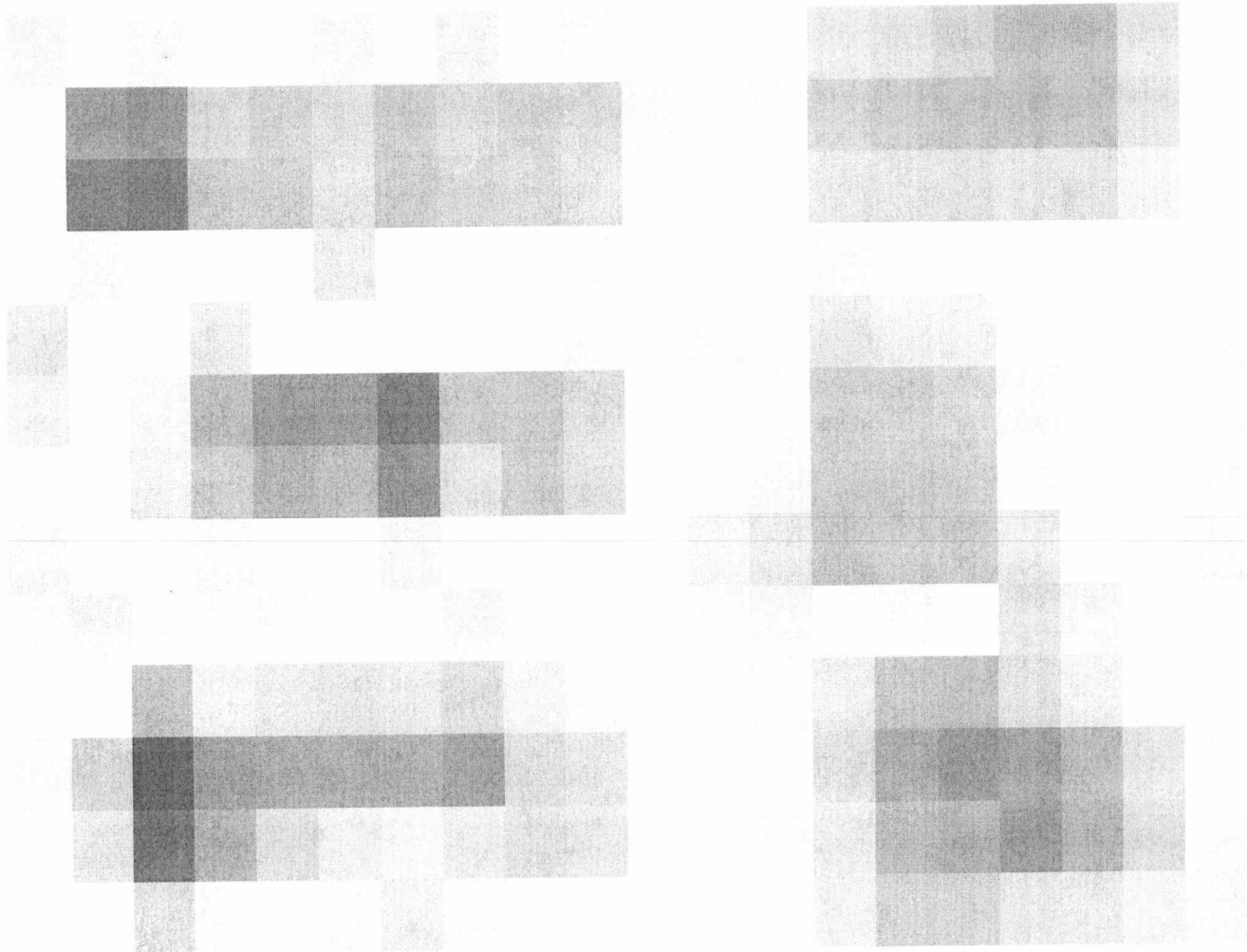
young woman who finds friendship in odd places, battles bipolar disorder, perseveres through setbacks and relishes hard-earned triumphs, and becomes a respected scientist and passionate observer of the natural world. Called one of the best books of the year by, among others, *Entertainment*

*Weekly*, *Elle*, *Time*, and NPR, the

memoir "does for botany what Oliver Sacks's essays did for neurology, what Stephen Jay Gould's writings did for paleontology" (*The New York Times*). It's "Immediately engrossing and extremely readable" (*The Guardian*). Cheryl Strayed, bestselling author of the memoir *Wild*, describes it as "deeply inspiring" and award-winning author Ann Patchett says it "makes me wish I'd been a scientist." "From the prologue on, a reader itches to call out fun facts to innocents nearby," writes the *Seattle Times*. "Jahren writes with such flair that a reviewer is tempted to just move out of the way and quote her."



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**Author Bio:** Hope Jahren is an award-winning scientist who has been pursuing independent research in paleobiology since 1996, when she completed her PhD at University of California Berkeley and began teaching and researching first at the Georgia Institute of Technology and then at Johns Hopkins University. Her best-selling books *The Story of More* and *Lab Girl* are favorites of curious readers. She is the recipient of three Fulbright Awards and is one of four scientists, and the only woman, to have been awarded both of the Young Investigator Medals given within the Earth Sciences. She was a tenured professor at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu from 2008 to 2016, where she built the Isotope Geobiology



Laboratories, with support from National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health. She currently holds the J. Tuzo Wilson professorship at the University of Oslo, Norway.

## Join the 2021 Big Read

Miami Book Fair will give away copies of *Lab Girl* throughout the months of March and April. Join our live, online, Big Read events on MiamiBookFairOnline.com, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and sign up for our newsletter. To request a free copy of *Lab Girl*, please submit the form here:

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## PEOPLE

**Miami Cancer Institute adds oncologic surgeon**

Head and neck oncologic surgeon **Meghan Crawley** has joined Baptist Health's Miami Cancer Institute.

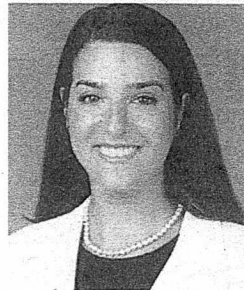
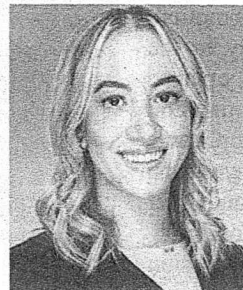
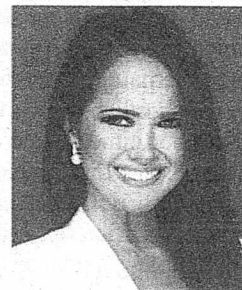
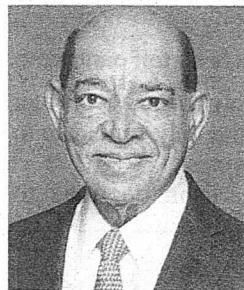
Ms. Crawley specializes in head and neck surgery and reconstruction. Previously, she completed a fellowship in head and neck oncology and microvascular reconstructive surgery at Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Ms. Crawley received a medical degree from University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She completed a residency in head and neck surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

**Kluger, Kaplan adds associate**

Kluger, Kaplan, Silverman, Katzen & Levine has added **Maia Dombey** as an associate.

Previously, Ms. Dombey worked as a law clerk at a boutique litigation firm in Miami. She graduated cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law and received a B.A. in journalism and political science from New York University.

**Meghan Crawley****Maya Dombey****Ansley Campbell****Sheldon Anderson****Jesus Socorro****Lauren K. Whaley****Cultivate PR names president**

Cultivate PR a Sissy DeMaria + Campbell + Acker Agency has appointed **Ansley Campbell** president and partner.

Ms. Campbell has managed public relations, experiential marketing, events and partnerships. She received a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from Southern Methodist University.

**Grove Bank & Trust names chairman/CEO**

**Sheldon T. Anderson** has been named chairman and CEO of Grove Bank & Trust after serving as a member of the board of directors for the past five years.

Mr. Anderson is the retired president and CEO of the Southeast Region for the Northern Trust Co. He also worked at Southeast Bank as senior vice president of

corporate banking.

Mr. Anderson sits on the Board of Trustees of Baptist Health South Florida and the Board of Directors of United Way of Miami-Dade County, U.S. Stem Cell Inc., Miami Dade College Foundation, the New World Symphony, The Miami Foundation and the Beacon Council.

**NACD Florida Chapter adds to board**

The NACD Florida Chapter has added **Jesus Socorro** to its board.

Mr. Socorro is BDO USA LLP Southeast's managing partner in the risk advisory services practice. He holds an MBA from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management and an undergraduate degree in accounting from Florida International University.

**Miami attorney's office adds litigator**

City of Miami Office of the City Attorney has added litigator **Lauren Kain Whaley**.

Mrs. Kain Whaley will serve in the litigation and appeals division. She received a juris doctorate from George Washington University Law School and a bachelor of arts from Vanderbilt University.

**PublishersDAILY** (/publications/publishers-daily/edition/)

# Newsletter Ad Network Debuts In South Florida, Set To Roll Out Nationally

by **Ray Schultz** (/publications/author/6389/ray-schultz/), Yesterday

An ad network designed to help media buyers match their brands with email newsletters has been launched by software-as-a-service platform Letterhead.

The service, the Letterhead Ad Network, is debuting in South Florida and will soon roll out nationally. It now reaches more than 176,000 readers in the area.

Created by WhereBy.us, Letterhead specializes in helping creators, writers, publishers and marketers build email newsletters and communities.

Publishers can choose from such pre-built, tested ad types as sponsorships, banners, native content and listings. Or, they can build their own format with links, images, GIFs and emojis.

The South Florida roster includes such e-letters as:

**Refresh Miami** (<https://www.refreshmiami.com/>), focusing on the Miami tech scene

**Choose 954** (<https://www.choose954.com/>), on culture and community in Broward County

**O Cinema South Beach** (<https://www.o-cinema.org/venue/virtual-cinema/>), delivering news from the nonprofit art house cinema.

The content featured in these newsletters is "authentic, engaging and representative of our community," states Ana Mantica, direct of communications and digital engagement for the Miami Dade College Foundation.

Letterhead is now looking for additional newsletter partners in the area.

Whereby.us, which has built similar communities in Seattle, Portland, Orlando and Pittsburgh, says it has had to solve the challenges faced by all content creators, including tech, workflows, strategy and best practices.

"We set out to do something new in local journalism, and are glad to be able to share the love, growth and revenue with other South Florida journalists," states **Whereby.us** (<http://whereby.us/>) founder and CEO Christopher Sopher.

## PEOPLE

## PHILANTHROPY IMPACT

Toby & Bill Rohrer have dedicated their time, talent and treasure to causes they passionately believe in — and their efforts have not only changed countless lives, they've also inspired others to make a difference with their own contributions.

Words by Jorge Arauz | Photos by Josue Acosta | March 30, 2021 | People



Bill & Toby Rohrer are amongst the most inspiring Key Biscayne residents you will ever meet. The couple has lived on the island since 1992; Bill arrived just before Hurricane Andrew, and Toby shortly thereafter. "In both cases, job opportunities brought us here independently of one another," they say. "We had briefly met in NYC and neither of us knew many people in Miami but through mutual friends, we became re-acquainted." And so it came that in 1995, the couple married at St. Christopher's Church, with Father Bob Libby, who recently passed away, officiating the wedding and becoming a close friend of the newlyweds. Today, Bill is a leading Tax Attorney, focusing primarily on international (cross-border) tax issues for HNWI and foreign funds investing in the U.S.; and Toby is a Property Manager for homeowners who have second homes or residential rental properties in Miami





Over the years, the dynamic duo has seen The Key evolve rapidly into the island paradise it is today. "Since 1992, Key Biscayne has become more densely populated and the Latin American population has now become a majority," they say. Since Bill's ancestry is European and Toby's is Colombian, they say they "characteristically fit within the island's demographics." "Because Key Biscayne is an island, it has always provided us with a strong sense of community," they say. "Thankfully, we have made lots of friends and these friends are what truly make this island our home."









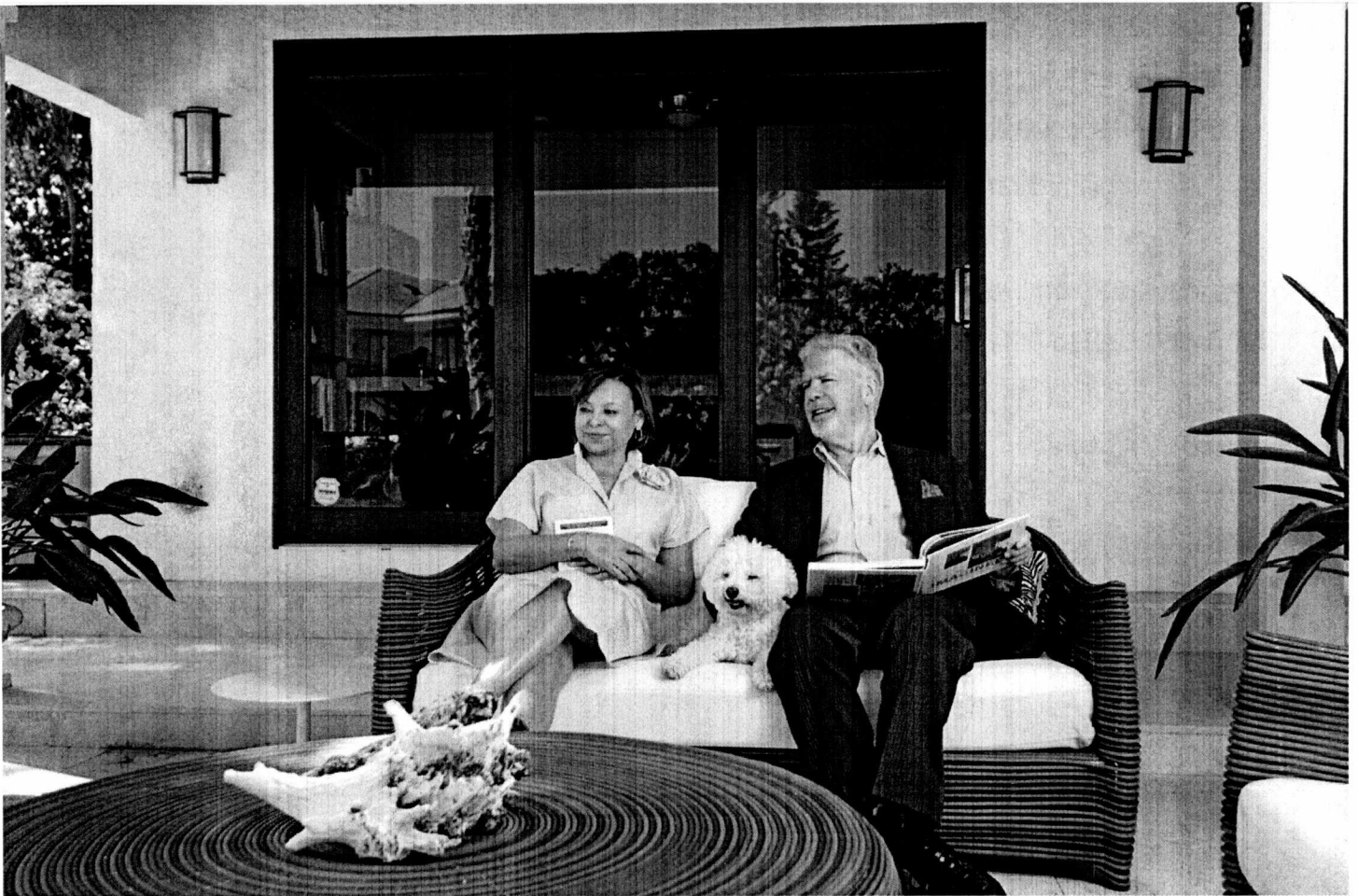
When it comes to philanthropic endeavors and the causes that are near and dear to their hearts, there's plenty they are involved with. "Some years ago, we realized that as Key Biscayne had become our home — not a temporary assignment — we knew that we must do whatever we can to contribute to the wellbeing of our island and of the community at large; as such, we are charitably minded in many ways," they say. "For years, we've been involved with United Way of Miami-Dade, the Key Biscayne Community Foundation, the Baptist Foundation, the Rotary Club, St. Christopher's as well as other local initiatives." Their biggest passion, however, is providing college scholarships for economically disadvantaged minority students. "We strongly believe that racism is systemic, and that education is the best way to permanently improve one's station in life — it has been a learning experience for us," they say. "We started sponsoring younger children, but eventually wanted to make an impact at the college level. We then began giving college scholarships in Haiti through Food For The Poor, but really wanted to make an impact closer to home."



As a result, Bill became involved with the Key Biscayne Community Foundation and was intrigued with its "sister city" initiative for Liberty City residents. Eventually, they became aware of the good work of



McCaughan from the Key Biscayne Community Foundation, discussed all the great things their respective foundations were doing for residents of Liberty City. "The only thing missing was college scholarships so we decided to 'fill the gap' by forming the Liberty City Student College Scholarship Fund, which grants college scholarships to Liberty City students, primarily through Miami-Dade College," they say. Thus far, they have provided, or committed to provide in the next few years, close to 50 college scholarships. "In the hopes that this fund will eventually develop a life of its own (continuing beyond our lifetimes), we intentionally left our names out of the fund's title," they say. "True charitable giving is not about personal recognition, it is about results. Thus far, we have received contributions from other caring residents to fund an additional 5 scholarships. We hope that is just the beginning!"



Among the many standout moments of their best giving experiences to date, the spiritual benefits make all of their hard work well worth it. "It has been extremely rewarding to talk with the scholarship awardees and see the impact that these scholarships have on children who are the first in their families to go to college and who would not otherwise be able to afford higher education," they say. In fact, Toby became so involved with the scholarship process that she was invited to join the Board of the Miami-Dade College Foundation, helping the college raise even more scholarship funds. "There are lots of well-deserving charitable causes, but it is always best to find a charitable passion, and to





disadvantaged minority families overcome long-standing systemic obstacles and improve their station in life. College education is the key. We eventually hope to see geometric results with the first child of each family earning a degree and then 'paying it forward' by helping their siblings do the same. Giving a college scholarship has a definite impact not only on the person receiving it but for the family and the community at large."

In line with the spirit of giving, they say the key is to keep the momentum going. "We are immensely proud of the work we are doing and grateful for the generous contributions of our friends and neighbors...but it is just a drop in the bucket as the need is huge," they say. "This is an exceptional community. But our lives in Key Biscayne are for the most part isolated from the reality of life 'over the bridge.' As a community, we can achieve amazing things for our hometown, and providing a college education to the children of Liberty City leaves a lasting imprint that will have positive ripple effects for generations to come."



In conclusion, above all, the Rohrs believe philanthropy is all about finding your true passion. "In so doing, try to identify ways that your giving will have the most lasting impact. Then, get involved so that you can witness the results of your charitable efforts," they say. "Finally, tell others about your passion. Hopefully, when they hear what is in your heart, they will follow your lead."





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## COL Announces New President and CEO

by: [Amanda Johnston](#)

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### 29 COL Announces New President and CEO

Effective May 24, 2021, COL has announced that Dr. Alan Leonardi will serve as President and CEO.

"We are grateful to John White for his dedication and leadership during his time at COL. It has been an honor to partner with him on key issues and projects during the last five years. We congratulate him on a job well done and wish him the best as he enters retirement," said Zdenka Willis, MTS President. "We offer a warm welcome to Alan. The MTS Board looks forward to working with Alan and to our continued and successful partnership with COL."

William (Monty) Graham, PhD, Chair, COP Board of Trustees, said Alan brings a wealth of expertise to COL, from his background in meteorology and oceanography to his leadership in developing partnerships to advance ocean knowledge. Prior to being appointed for his new role, he has served as director of NOAA's

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Office of Ocean Exploration and Research. He spent 18 years at the agency, where he has also served as acting director and deputy director of the Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation; manager for the Environmental Modeling Program; and deputy director of the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory.

In addition to his work at the federal government, Alan has ties to the academic community, having held research and adjunct faculty appointments at Miami Dade College, Broward College, and James Madison University. He received his master's and doctorate degrees in physical oceanography from Florida State University and his undergraduate degree in meteorology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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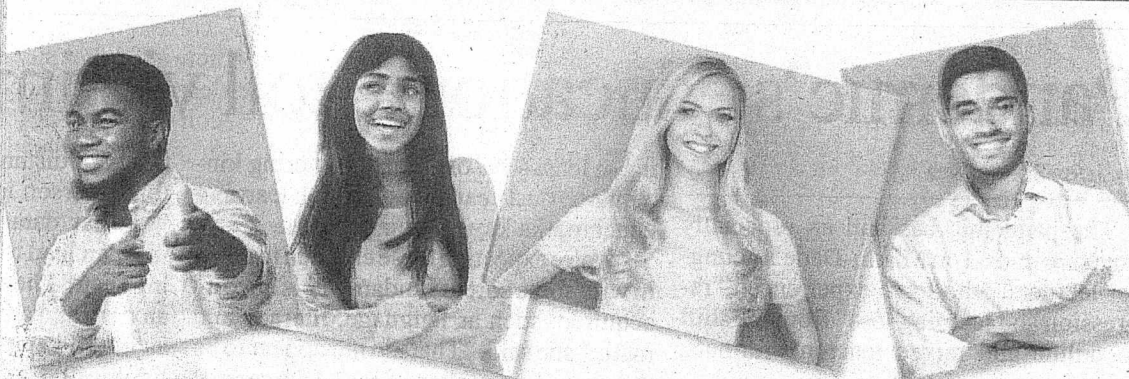
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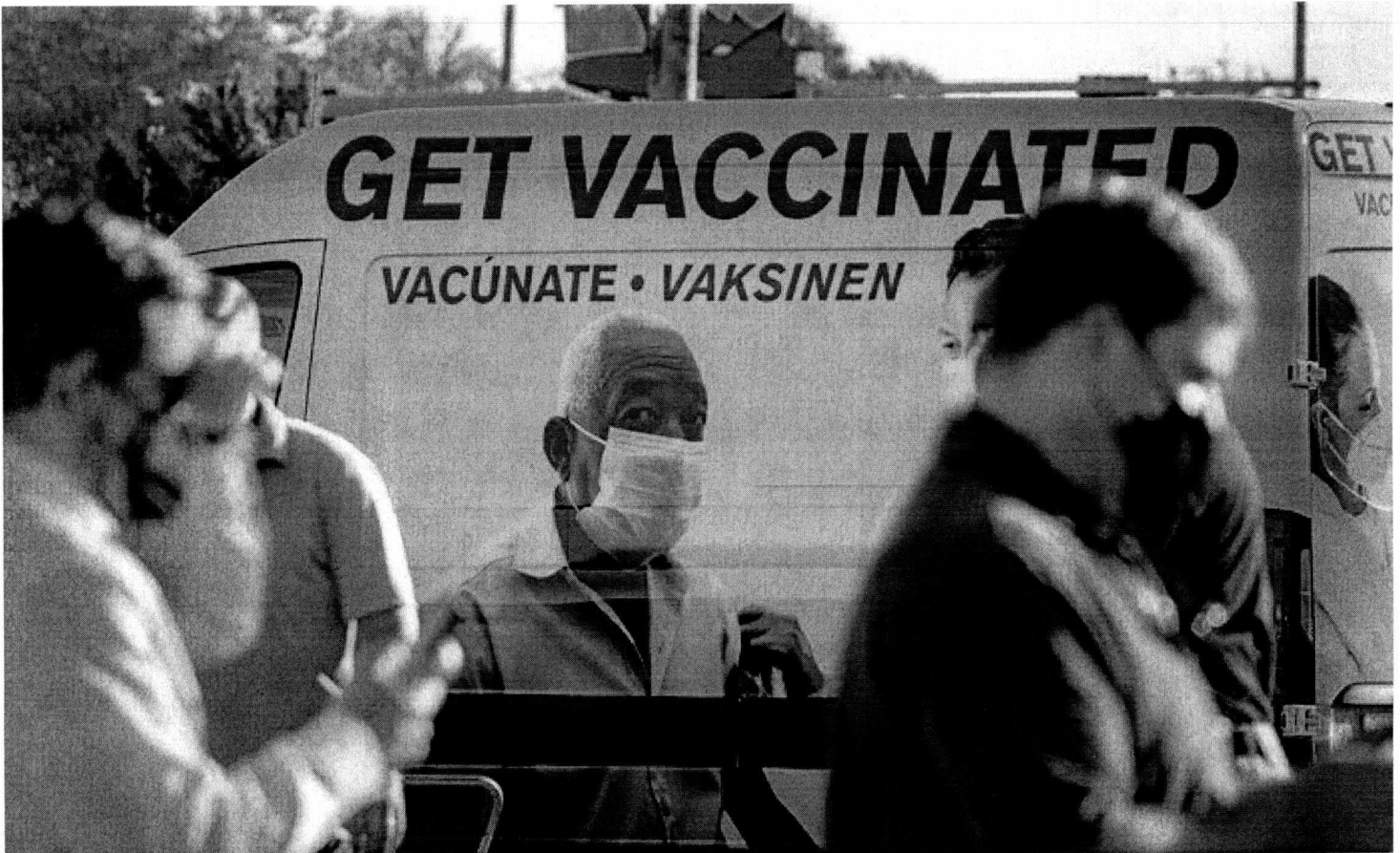


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## Florida inicia vacunación a mayores de 40 mientras suben variantes de COVID

De acuerdo a cifras oficiales, Florida ha aplicado hasta la fecha casi 8.6 millones de dosis, de las cuales 2.9 millones corresponden a segundas dosis de Pfizer o Moderna.



Florida suma hasta la fecha un total de 2,044,005 casos de covid-19 y 33,819 muertes por esta enfermedad. (Agencia EFE)

Por Agencia EFE

29 de marzo de 2021 · 4:40pm

**Miami.** Florida inició este lunes la vacunación a personas mayores de 40 años, un paso previo a la inclusión de los mayores de 18 años la próxima semana, y en momentos en que se incrementan con velocidad los casos de las variantes de COVID-19.

La ampliación del grupo de personas que desde este lunes pueden ser vacunadas ha ido de la mano con el incremento del suministro de dosis en los cuatro centros

abiertos en Florida en coordinación con la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA, en inglés) y que hasta la fecha han vacunado a más de 300,000 personas.

Según informó este lunes el Departamento de Salud estatal, los cuatro centros federales en las ciudades de Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa y Miami aplicarán desde esta jornada unas 3,000 primeras dosis de la vacuna de Pfizer, y además seguirán operando hasta el 26 de mayo, es decir, un mes después de lo inicialmente previsto.

El que opera en el Campus Norte de la universidad Miami Dade College ha estado aplicando una media de 1,200 primeras dosis diarias hasta la semana pasada y este lunes han ido a un ritmo de unas 500 vacunas cada hora, dijo su portavoz Mike Jachles al diario Miami Herald.

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## AUMENTO DE VARIANTES

La reducción del criterio de edad se da en momentos en que nuevos datos de los federales Centros para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC, en inglés) revelan un aumento vertiginoso en Florida de las variantes de la covid-19.

En este estado se han identificado hasta el momento 2,274 casos de la variante británica (B.1.1.7), 42 de la brasilera (P.1) y 14 de la surafricana (B.1.351)

Florida no solo es el estado con mayor número de casos identificados de la variante británica en el país, que aglutina un total de 10,579, sino que ha duplicado los contagios de la misma respecto a la semana pasada, cuando registró 1,042 casos.

Según dijo ayer domingo el epidemiólogo de EEUU, Anthony Fauci, el reciente repunte de casos que se observa en el país no solo se debe a las variantes, sino también al levantamiento de restricciones en algunas ciudades y estados, así como

al mayor número de viajes en medio de las vacaciones de primavera ("spring break").

Medios nacionales como CNBC han dado a conocer que el país, según el recuento independiente de la universidad Johns Hopkins, registró la semana pasada un promedio de 61,821 nuevos casos de la covid-19, o lo que es lo mismo: una subida del 12 % respecto a la semana previa.

En Florida, como señala el medio local Tallahassee Democrat, en la semana que acabó el domingo se acumularon 35,656 nuevos casos, un aumento del 13 % respecto a la semana anterior que añadió 31,541 nuevos contagios.

Florida suma hasta la fecha un total de 2,047,379 casos de la covid-19 y 33,891 muertes por esta enfermedad, según el Departamento de salud estatal.

A partir del lunes 5 de abril, los mayores de 18 años podrán ser vacunados en el llamado "Estado del Sol", aunque en el caso de la vacuna de Pfizer incluso los mayores de 16 podrán ser inmunizados.





Estados Unidos

## Estados Unidos intensifica su respuesta ante el repunte de la covid-19

30 de marzo, 2021

Estados Unidos está intensificando su respuesta ante el repunte de casos de la covid-19 de las últimas dos semanas



Personas hacen fila para recibir la vacuna contra la covid-19 en un sitio de vacunación de FEMA abierto en Miami Dade College en Miami, Florida (EE.UU.), hoy 30 de marzo de 2021. EFE/Cristobal Herrera-Ulashkevich

EFE.- Estados Unidos está intensificando su respuesta ante el repunte de casos de la covid-19 de las últimas dos semanas, una subida que ha encendido todas las alarmas, y mientras las autoridades federales llaman a la responsabilidad los estados siguen expandiendo el acceso a las vacunas para todos los adultos.

“Al ver la amenaza acelerándose, hemos acelerado también la respuesta: adelantamos dos





Según el recuento independiente del diario The Washington Post hasta este martes, la media de nuevos casos diarios de coronavirus en la última semana en EE. UU. ha superado los 63.000 por primera vez en casi un mes, lo que supone un aumento del 12 % y pone en riesgo la tendencia a la baja lograda tras las celebraciones navideñas.

Entre los estados que más han aumentado su ritmo de contagio están Michigan, Vermont, Dakota del Norte o Massachusetts, así como los estados colindantes de Nueva York, Nueva Jersey y Connecticut, que llevaban la delantera en la contención del virus.

En los últimos 14 días, nueve estados han registrado aumentos superiores al 40 % y la peor situación se da en Michigan, donde se han disparado un 133 % coincidiendo con la relajación de las restricciones para comer en el interior de los establecimientos a principios de febrero, según las cifras de The New York Times.

### **"RECONOCER QUE ESTO ES DURO"**

Este martes, la portavoz de la Casa Blanca señaló que una de las maneras en que se puede tener un impacto sobre la ciudadanía es "reconocer que esto es duro" y que ha habido una guerra contra el virus un largo tiempo, pero también reiterar, como hicieron el lunes el presidente estadounidense, Joe Biden, y las autoridades sanitarias, que dicha guerra continúa.

"Cuanta más gente haya vacunada más efectiva podemos ser, y ahí es donde estamos poniendo los esfuerzos", agregó Psaki al referirse al repunte de los contagios y la aparición de nuevas variantes, e insistió en que hay que seguir vigilantes para poder volver a la normalidad".

La portavoz de la Casa Blanca aludía a las palabras de Biden y a las de la directora de los Centros de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC, en inglés), Rochelle Walensky, quien sorprendió este lunes al salirse de su discurso preparado para expresar, con el rostro compungido, "miedo" ante lo que consideró una "catástrofe inminente" si continúa el ascenso de casos en Estados Unidos.

"Tenemos mucho que esperar, mucho potencial desde donde estamos, y muchas razones para la esperanza, pero ahora mismo estoy asustada", dijo Walensky, quien pidió a los estadounidenses "aguantar un poco más" y advirtió que los contagios pronto podrían "subir, y subir a lo grande" como ha ocurrido en Europa.

El presidente, Joe Biden, respaldó las palabras de la jefa de los CDC y opinó que deberían frenarse algunas reaperturas, llamando además a "cada gobernador, alcalde y líder local a mantener y restablecer la obligación de llevar mascarilla", en referencia a regiones que retiraron esa norma en vista de la bajada de casos hace semanas.

### **ACELERACIÓN EN LAS VACUNAS**

Biden ha pedido a las autoridades estatales asegurar que todos los adultos de la nación puedan vacunarse el próximo 1 de mayo y dijo que está redoblando esfuerzos para que la mayoría, el 90 %, dispongan de un centro de vacunación a cinco millas de su residencia antes de esa fecha, el 19 de



su programa de farmacias que las ofrecen hasta 40.000 en todo el país y abrirá una decena de centros de vacunación masiva.

La rapidez a la que insta el Gobierno federal se ha trasladado ya a varios estados que permiten vacunarse a toda su población adulta, como Texas, Kansas, Luisiana, Dakota del Norte, Ohio u Oklahoma, mientras otros como Nueva York, Indiana o Florida tienen previsto ampliar su criterio de manera escalonada por franja de edad en los próximos días.

Hasta la fecha, 95 millones de estadounidenses (28,6 % de la población) han recibido al menos una dosis de vacuna anticovid y 52 millones han recibido las dos (15,8 %), mientras prácticamente la mitad de los mayores de 65 años, que corren más riesgo, ya están inmunizados, de acuerdo a los CDC.

Compartiendo la tarea de concienciar este martes Doug Emhoff, marido de la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris, visitó un centro de vacunación en Maryland e instó a la responsabilidad, haciéndose eco del mensaje difundido ayer por Biden: "Hay esperanza, pero como dijo el presidente ayer: no podemos bajar la guardia".

"Lleven sus mascarillas, guarden distancia social y pónganse la vacuna cuando les llegue el turno, y podremos superar esto", agregó.

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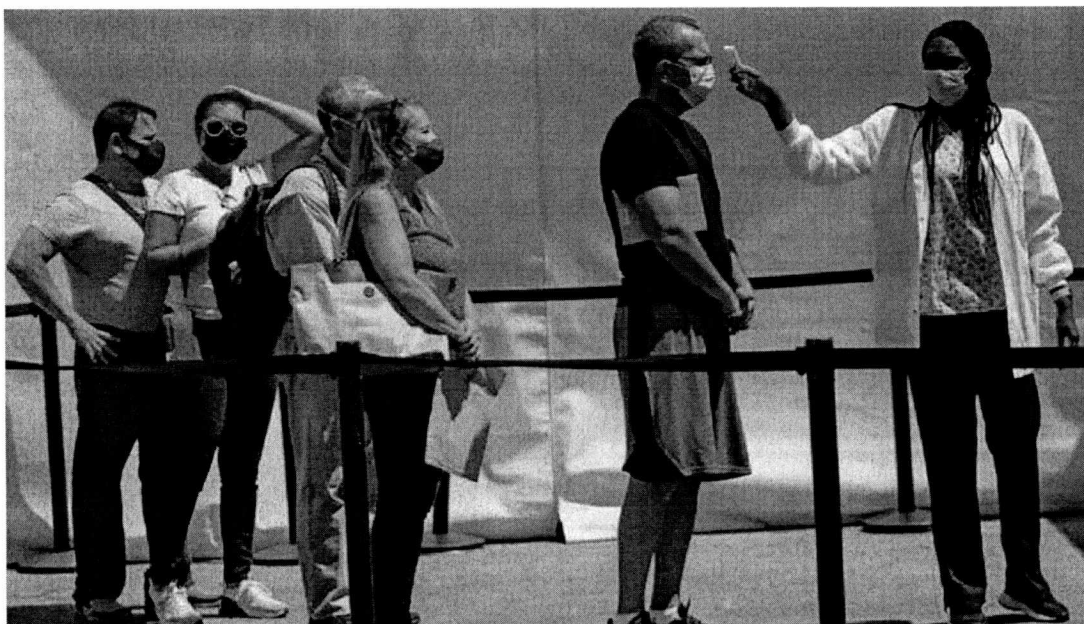


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## Florida inicia vacunación COVID-19 en mayores de 40 años

Esta semana Florida reduce el requisito de edad para acceder a la vacuna contra el covid-19. Desde la próxima, los mayores de 18 años también serán elegibles.



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El **requisito de edad en La Florida (EE UU)** para recibir la **vacuna contra el covid-19** se reduce a 40 años o más desde este lunes 29 de marzo, lo que pone a disposición la inmunización de otros 2.5 millones de personas que residen en el estado.

La próxima reducción del nivel de edad para la elegibilidad de la vacuna será el 5 abril, donde incluirá a las **personas mayores de 18 años**, como lo indicó la semana pasada el gobernador de Florida, **Ron DeSantis**.

En este momento Florida vacuna a jóvenes de 16 y 17 años considerados por un médico como "extremadamente vulnerables", y lo pueden hacer en Jackson Health, Nicklaus Children , CVS Pharmacies y Navarro Pharmacies.

#### LEA TAMBIÉN

#### ¿Cómo programar cita para la vacuna COVID-19 en Florida?

Florida ya se encuentra administrando inmunizando a personas mayores de 40 años, trabajadores de la salud con contacto directo con los pacientes y personal de centros de atención a largo plazo.

**Solo los residentes de Florida o de tiempo parcial pueden recibir la vacuna** pero no existe un requisito de residencia en el condado. Esto quiere decir, que no necesita vacunarse en el condado donde vive, pero deberá mostrar prueba de residencia en Florida. Si vive en Miami-Dade, puede vacunarse en Broward o viceversa.





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**de Florida.**

Cualquier otra persona que viva en otro estado o país ya no puede recibir la vacuna en Florida.

El domingo, el sitio de vacunación apoyado por FEMA en el Miami **Dade College North Campus** administró la dosis número 100,000. La mujer que lo recibió dijo que siente que está un paso más cerca de doblar la acera. "Me siento genial. Estoy agradecido de poder hacer esto y ahora puedo estar con mi familia ", dijo **Seadell Roundtree**, la mujer que recibió la vacuna.

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**LEA TAMBIÉN**

### **Florida: mayores de 18 años podrán empezar a recibir vacuna COVID-19**

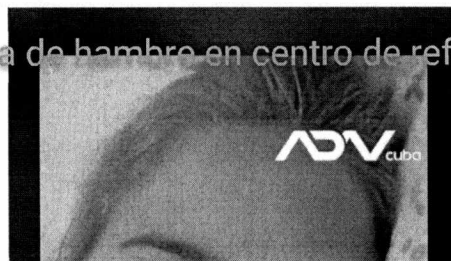
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Desde el próximo lunes el requisito de edad para la vacuna covid-19 se reduce para personas de 18 años en adelante, por lo que las autoridades sanitarias recomiendan registrarse desde ya para asegurar su cita.

Cualquier persona de 18 años o más que desee acceder al fármaco lo podrá hacer a través de la vía estatal accediendo al **sitio web** y separar su cita en el Hard Rock Stadium o Marlins Park.

También tiene la opción de llamar al número de preinscripción de vacunas de su condado. Lista completa, **aquí**.

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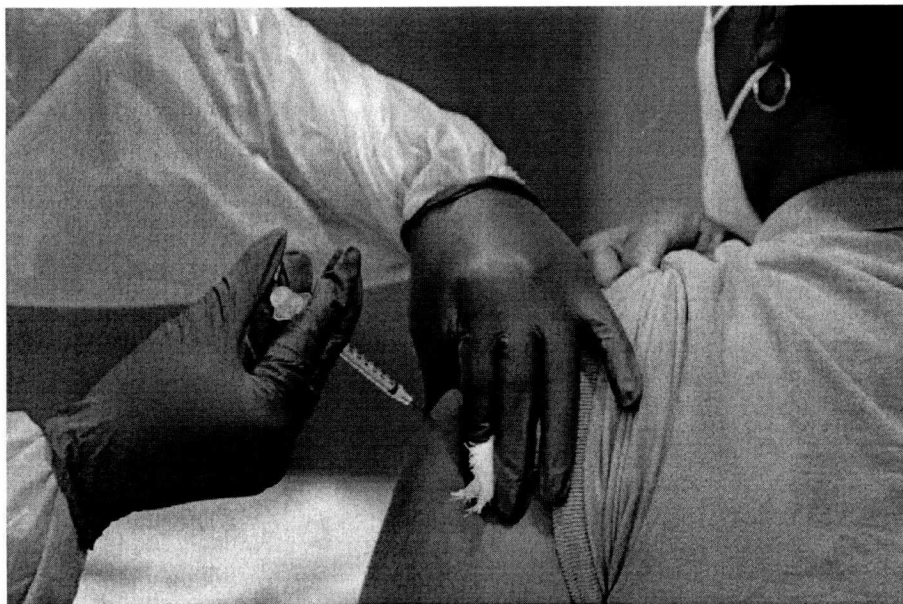
# vacunas se amplió a los residentes de Florida mayores de 40 años

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Los residentes de Florida mayores de 40 años se vacunan el lunes.

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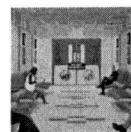
En el campus norte de Miami-Dade College, varias personas llegaron temprano al lugar para asegurar su lugar.



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“Llegué a las 5 am, esperé en la fila y fue bastante fácil, muy simple”, dijo Winston Green, quien se vacunó en el lugar.

La próxima semana, a partir del 5 de abril, el requisito de edad para vacunarse se reducirá a 18 años. También a partir de ese día, los jóvenes de 16 y 17 años podrán recibir la vacuna Pfizer.

Green dijo que ha estado esperando ser elegible para la vacuna desde que comenzó el lanzamiento.

“Desde que anunciaron que había una vacuna, probablemente cuatro o cinco meses o lo que fuera, he estado esperando esto durante mucho tiempo”.

El domingo, Seadell Roundtree recibió la vacuna COVID-19 número 100.000 en el sitio apoyado por la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias, justo después de las 10:30 a. M.

“Me siento genial. Me siento bien y estoy agradecido”, dijo Roundtree. “Ahora puedo estar con mi familia”.

Para obtener más información sobre los requisitos de elegibilidad y los lugares de vacunación en Florida, haga clic [aquí](#) . Si desea preinscribirse, haga clic [aquí](#) .

Para obtener una lista de los sitios de vacunación en el sur de Florida, haga clic [aquí](#) .

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## 15 minutos de lectura con María Juliana Villafañe

Wednesday, April 14 @ 5:00 pm

Livestreamed



Desde la Feria del Libro de Miami creemos en el poder de la lectura y la escritura para estar conectados. Como parte de nuestra programación virtual ofrecemos 15 minutos de lectura con la Feria del Libro de Miami, un espacio quincenal donde distintos autores compartirán su obra, leída de viva voz por Facebook Live.

Acompáñanos el miércoles 14 de abril a las 5 p.m. con la escritora puertorriqueña María Juliana Villafañe.

En cada sesión de "15 minutos de lectura", un escritor invitado lee sus obras en directo. Te esperamos con las lecturas virtuales quincenales para que cada vez disfrutes de una nueva lectura.

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**María Juliana Villafañe** (Puerto Rico). Poeta, narradora, guionista, dramaturga y compositora de música popular. Ha publicado los poemarios Dimensiones (Primavera Poética-Lima Lee, Perú, 2020), Volar sin alas (Ediciones Baquiana, 2012), el cuento juvenil Aurora y sus viajes intergalácticos (Planeta, 2003), Entre dimensiones (Editorial Isla Negra, Puerto Rico, 2002) y Dimensiones en el amor (Ramallo Brothers Publications, Puerto Rico, 1992), galardonado en Nueva York con el Premio Palma Julia de Burgos. Fue incluida en Sound of Poetry, Best Poets of the 90's, Awaken to a Dream, Watermark Press Publication, Washington D.C. (1991). Sus poesías han sido traducidas al inglés, francés, portugués, alemán, rumano, árabe, italiano y mongol. El jazzista Jon Lucien incluyó letras de Villafañe en varios discos: Jon Lucien by Request (2003), Endless Is Love (1997), Man from Paradise (1993) y Mother Nature's Son (1992). Su nombre forma parte de los escritores puertorriqueños residentes en los Estados Unidos que aparecen en la Enciclopedia del español en los Estados Unidos-Anuario del Instituto Cervantes (Editorial Santillana, 2008). Le fue otorgada la Medalla de Oro, como miembro de honor de la Casa del poeta peruano en el ICPNA (2004); Premio de Lírica popular, Instituto de Puerto Rico en New York (1995); Woman of the Year Award (1993), American Biographical Institute; Poet of Merit Award, American International Society of Poets (1992), y Primer lugar por la letra de la canción Vive Hoy en el III Festival iberoamericano de la canción (Puerto Rico y Argentina, 1992). [www.mariajuliana.com](http://www.mariajuliana.com)

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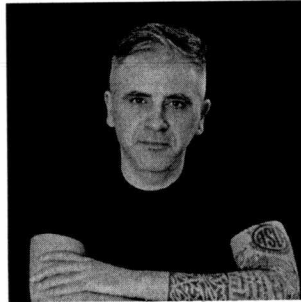
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# ¡Tómate una copa (en casa) y escribe mejor!, con Marcelo Luján

Saturday, April 17 @ 11:00 am

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TEMA: "Comencemos a contar".

Marcelo Luján nació en 1973 en el barrio de Mataderos de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires. A principios de 2001, por varias razones –todas voluntarias–, se radicó en Madrid, donde vive en la actualidad. Trabaja como coordinador de actividades culturales y talleres de creación literaria. Publicó los libros de cuentos Flores para Irene (Premio Santa Cruz de Tenerife 2003), En algún cielo (Premio Ciudad de Alcalá de Narrativa 2006) y El desvío (Premio Kutxa Ciudad de San Sebastián 2007). En 2020, su cuarta colección de cuentos, La claridad, obtuvo por unanimidad el VI Premio Internacional Ribera del Duero. También publicó libros de prosa poética: Arder en el invierno y Pequeños pies ingleses. Y las novelas La mala espera (Premio Ciudad de Getafe de Novela Negra 2009 y Segunda Mención del Premio Clarín de

Novela 2005), Moravia, y Subsuelo (Premio Dashiell Hammett, Premio Tenerife Noir, Premio Novelpol, todos en 2016). Este último título está siendo adaptado a la pantalla por Fernando Franco.

Parte de su obra fue seleccionada en campañas de fomento a la lectura y traducida al francés, italiano, checo y búlgaro.

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