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President's Message

Neil Kodsi, President Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce



February 2021 is a month to celebrate.

In February, we celebrate Black History Month. For this month's Egret we invited Roni Bennett, Executive Director of the South Florida People of Color to provide us with a special presentation. Although her editorial on page 4 describes a very dark time in our history, it is an important reminder of how far we have come and how far we still need to go.

We also Celebrate Valentine's Day in February. Now that we have several restaurants to choose from right here on 2nd Avenue, maybe you can choose to celebrate with a wonderful meal on 2nd

Avenue or at home with a take-out meal from one of these very fine establishments.

Finally, in February 2021, we celebrate increased distribution of the new vaccines for Covid-19. We are now staring at the light at the end of a very long tunnel. While we still have some more travelling down the tunnel to meet the light, we can at least see it. With that, I encourage all of you to please read the important update from Mayor Wagar below regarding vaccine distribution in Miami-Dade County.

I wish all of you a fabulous February that will hopefully lead to a magnificent March.

Mayor's Message

Crystal Wagar, Mayor, Miami Shores Village



As we begin 2021 I wanted to take a minute of your time to share some information about

COVID-19 and the vaccine process that has begun in Miami Dade County.

We here in South Florida are lucky to have such wonderful weather which allows us to utilize our sunny outdoor spaces all year around. We are much more fortunate in that regard as compared to those going through this pandemic in the northern parts of our country. For this we should be grateful.

I would be remiss however if I did not first start by mentioning that the virus is still very much alive and dangerous here in South Florida. While many restrictions have been lifted, please continue to act with caution. Please continue to social distance when you can. Please continue to wear your mask, especially in public spaces and where social distancing is not possible. Please continue to wash your hands frequently. We are all subject to and may be experiencing Covid fatigue yet we must continue to be vigilant in our approach to this disease.

I, like many of you, worry daily about my parents who are in their 70's. I have not been able to spend as much time with them and my children have missed out on precious time with their grandparents. I understand the angst in not seeing family but understand the risk in seeing them as often as we are used to. We stay vigilant in following the CDC guidelines and continue to try to operate in the best interest of not only them but for their neighbors and our own neighbors. It has been without question a daunting task.

There is hope on the horizon. As our country moves forward with dissemination of the Covid-19 Vaccine hopefully we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Though the roll-out is moving slowly, it is moving.

What are the parameters for getting the vaccine? Availability is dictated by both the Federal and State government. Those who have priority are:

1. long term facility residents and staff;
2. those who are 65 and older; and
3. Health Care personnel with direct contact with their patients. Until the Federal and State governments implement new priority tiers and distribution guidelines, the above mentioned groups are first in line for the vaccine.

If you are looking to set up an appointment for you or your loved ones please be mindful that it may take a few attempts to get your appointment set up due to the backlog of people attempting to do the same. Please be patient and keep trying if you are not able to set up an appointment right away.

For general information with regard to the vaccine and all COVID related information please go to the Miami Dade County website (www.miamidade.gov). There you can find information and answers to questions you may have around this pandemic. The web-site also gives you the County's blueprint going forward.

You can also use the following resources to schedule a vaccine appointment:

Jackson Hospital- Jacksonhealth.org

Mount Sinai- 305-674-2312

Hard Rock Stadium -which is State sponsored and does not allow for walk-ins- **1888-499-0840.**

Baptist Health- Baptisthealth.net

The Healthy Together App is another useful tool. The purpose of the App is to work collectively to protect our family members, friends, healthcare workers, first responders and our community.

If someone from Miami Dade County contacts you to conduct contact tracing please take the time to respond so that we may continue to track the history of initial contact and those whom you have come into contact with. Contract tracing is yet another useful way we can help fight this disease.

We have gotten this far together. It has not been easy and the strain on all of us will be something we all need to be mindful of for some more time. Please know that your local, state and federal elected officials and employees know that there is no bigger priority. Please be patient as we get through this last dangerous time to regain our normal.



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WHY PEOPLE OF COLOR DISTRUST THE US HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: MEDICAL APARTHEID AFFECTS ON THE COVID VACCINE

Written by **Roni Bennett**, Executive Director of South Florida People of Color

Black American, Indigenous, and Latinx people are dying from COVID-19 at a rate more than 2 ½ times greater than White people. A dark legacy of medical experimentation, along with a history of unequal access to quality healthcare, has caused the same communities who need help most to distrust the medical establishment. Dr. Cheryl Holder of FIU was quoted in a recent Miami Herald Editorial, “barely 10 percent of eligible African-American residents have been vaccinated.” Both vaccine skepticism and transportation and other access barriers are to blame.

A National Institutes of Health report attributed part of this distrust to “the historical legacy of mistreatment at the hands of the medical profession.” Medical ethicist Harriet Washington, author of the book *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*, states that “the history of medicine is carefully curated to elide most mention of African Americans.” Through deep investigative work, she uncovered the truth about centuries of exploitation, abuse, and mistreatment.

The most notorious abuse of Black Americans at the hands of the medical establishment and the U.S. Public Health Service was the Tuskegee experiment which took place over 40 years. In 1932, 400 Black American men with syphilis were recruited to study the disease's progression and were purposefully left untreated. The subjects were given useless placebos and tracked over decades as their symptoms worsened, even though penicillin was identified as a reliable treatment in 1945. Syphilis can disfigure, cause dementia, blindness, extreme chronic pain, and death. Repeated concerns with the unethical study were ignored until a whistleblower's account of the experiment to the press in 1972 shut it down. Medical Apartheid documents centuries of atrocities far worse than Tuskegee. They range from pouring boiling water on the backs of slaves to treat them for typhoid; removing slaves' arms and legs simply to show medical students how the procedures of amputation were done; locking women in literally a cage, a small laboratory, on the property of Dr. James Marion Sims, and then subjecting them to gynecological surgeries, that were experimental, over the course of at least five years; and testing novel procedures and appropriating the bodies of slaves in order to test modalities.

The COVID vaccines are being perceived differently by different groups. According to the Pew Research Center poll published in 2020, only 42% of Black Americans said they would consider taking the vaccine, compared to 63% of Hispanic and 61% of white adults. Public health officials have campaigned to increase vaccine acceptance by publicizing well-known Black people getting vaccinated.

One of the other points in Medical Apartheid is that Black people's contributions to medicine in the form of knowledge, research, and practice have also been written out of history. We owe our knowledge of vaccines to an African. An enslaved African named Onesimus owned by Cotton Mather was the first person in this country to teach doctors how to do variolation, an early vaccination. It was commonly done in Africa and in China, and he taught Cotton Mather how to do the procedure.

It is important to know that a Black American, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, a research fellow and scientific lead at the National Institute of Health, is a contributor to the development of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine. Raising the visibility of Black medical researchers could change the mentality of many Black people who view medical research as a white province and find that one other reason not to trust it.

In addition to the problem with vaccines, the distrust also stems from the fact that the health care system is deeply biased and treats Black Americans differently. Many Black people reported that their COVID-19 symptoms were not taken seriously. They were sent home, although ill. And this is the case with many other important illnesses in Black Americans. Their reports of pain and symptoms tend to be discounted more often than are whites'. So their access to health care is severely limited by these factors. These and other disparities are documented in numerous studies such as the Institute of Medicine (US) Committee on Understanding and Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care.

Our healthcare system must do a better job of protecting people, or we will continue to see these patterns of disease that affect

Indigenous, and PoC (BIPoC), marginalized groups much more severely than Whites. Overcoming systemic medical racism and the collective trauma associated with it must not be overlooked as officials rush to distribute vaccines to hard-hit communities. As we fight the coronavirus pandemic, we have an opportunity to make meaningful and lasting change.

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**"Medical Apartheid and the
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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**A conversation with Harriet
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Join South Florida People of Color in partnership with Brockway Memorial Library for the virtual documentary film screening of *When Liberty Burns: The story of the "McDuffie Riots" of 1980*. Screening will be followed by a Unity360 Virtual Community Dialogue. Registered participants will be granted access to view the film for 2 days prior to the Unity360 Community Dialogue, which will ask, "Where were you

when Liberty burned?" and dig into how this important and still-relevant Miami story has affected us personally and as a community. Fri 2/5 through Sun 2/7: Film available for screening. Sunday, 2/7: 1:00-4:00 PM Unity360 Community Dialogue. Register at unity360-libertyburns.eventbrite.com

DOCTORS CHARTER SCHOOL OF MIAMI SHORES

Students in the DCS Clubs Brother to Brother, and Sister to Sister are partnering with the Miami Dolphins Foundation to host a meal distribution at DCS on Saturday, February 6th at noon. All are welcome. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue our school's mission of embracing community service.

Our beloved middle school Principal Mr. Doug Garber retired on January 4, 2021 and was recognized by the Miami Shores Village Council on January 19, 2021 after serving our school for the past 16 years. Our Director of Students Services Ms. Yesenia Santiago has been promoted to middle school principal. Ms. Santiago has been a champion for all students and staff at our school for the past 8 years.

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