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Pinellas County takes Citizen Information Center on the road *Initiative will further assist residents with post-Irma recovery*

Pinellas County government is bringing its residents post-Hurricane Irma resources even closer to home. This week, the Pinellas County Citizen Information Center is going on the road after two weeks of offering live phone assistance to more than 55,000 callers.

County staff will be on hand at the below locations to provide information on programs and assistance available to storm survivors (including FEMA application contacts and checklists); consumer protection tips; post-storm resources in various languages, as well as answer citizen questions. Spanish-speaking County staff will also be available at each location. The events are free and open to the public.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 20, 4-7 p.m.:** Pinellas County Extension (12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo)
- **Thursday, Sept. 21, 8:30-11:30 a.m.:** Lealman and Asian Neighborhood Family Center (4255 56th Ave N, St. Petersburg)
- **Thursday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.:** Hispanic Outreach Center (612 Franklin St, Clearwater)
- **Thursday, Sept. 21, 12-3 p.m.:** East Lake Community Library (4125 E Lake Rd S, Palm Harbor)
- **Friday, Sept. 22, 8-11 a.m.:** The Centre of Palm Harbor (1500 16th St, Palm Harbor)

Pinellas County is also distributing printed materials and information at public library branches and fire stations, as well as to Pinellas County Health Care clients at Florida Department of Health in Pinellas locations. A Business Recovery Center has also been set up at Pinellas County Economic Development at the SPC EpiCenter (13805 58th St N, Suite 1-200), for businesses seeking post-storm loan assistance.

The initiative comes on the heels of an extended Emergency Operations Center activation due to Hurricane Irma's track over Pinellas County last week. For weeks, county employees and volunteers have staffed a Citizen Information Center to answer citizen questions before and after the storm.

Residents can access resources and updates on Irma recovery efforts 24/7 by checking local media outlets, the county website (www.pinellascounty.org) and county social media accounts; search hashtag #PinellasIrma.

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