



# Resources for Victims of Crime During COVID-19

**Palm Beach County Victim Services**

Are you or someone you care about a victim/survivor of violence and being impacted by COVID-19?

We want you to know that you are not alone. PBCVS is still here for you and so are many other local resources across our County.

**Palm Beach County Victim Services is continuing to provide advocacy and crisis response for victims of violent crimes. Our free, comprehensive services are available 24/7.**

**You may call our help line for assistance:**

**24/7 Help Line: 561-833-7273**

## National Hotlines

- The National Sexual Assault Hotline - 800-656-HOPE (4673)
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline - 800-799-7233
  - <https://www.thehotline.org>
- The Trans LifeLine - 1-877-565-8860
- RAINN - <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>
- Loveisrespect.org - Text LOVEIS to 22522
  - 1-866-331-9474
- Victim Connect Resource Center - [www.victimconnect.org](http://www.victimconnect.org)

These hotlines and chats are free and confidential. Both the National Sexual Assault Hotline and National Domestic Violence Hotline are available 24/7 for calls as well as chats.

## Finding a Local Shelter:

- AVDA - 1-800-355-8547
- Harmony House - 561-640-9844 or 1-800-973-9922

## Self-Care, Support & Safety Planning:

- Self-Care Workbook:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Je-9JTlpBSWx9jcObU3jjsd7773XSNSv/view>
- A Toolkit for Survivors:
  - [https://metoomvmt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-02\\_MeTooVoter\\_COVIDResponse\\_v2.pdf](https://metoomvmt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-02_MeTooVoter_COVIDResponse_v2.pdf)
- 211 Disaster Resources:
  - <https://211palmbeach.org/emergency-palmbeach>
- Staying Safe During Covid-19:
  - <https://www.thehotline.org/2020/03/13/staying-safe-during-covid-19/>

# Injunction for Protection:

County Clerks will continue to serve customers in person who have essential business including injunctions for cases of domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, stalking or prevention of child abuse.

- For More Information:
  - <https://www.15thcircuit.com/program-page/domestic-violence/faqs>
- Fill out forms & print:
  - <https://www.flcourts.org/Resources-Services/Court-Improvement/Family-Courts/Family-Law-Self-Help-Information/Family-Law-Forms#980>
- You may also contact Legal Aid Society for assistance with filing Protection Orders at
  - [561-655-8944](tel:561-655-8944)
  - <https://legalaidpbc.org/>

# Forensic Examinations // Rape Kits:

- Palm Beach County Victim Services and Certified Rape Crisis Center continue to provide Forensic Medical Examinations
- To avoid possible COVID-19 exposure we want victims to avoid unnecessary trips to the hospital.
- If you do not need to go to the hospital and are seeking a rape kit, for forensic evidence collection please give Palm Beach County Victim Services a call.
- Sexual Assault services provided by PBCVS are free and in a confidential and private setting. To reach an advocate at any time, call the PBCVS Helpline at (561) 833-7273 for information, options, and support.
- The ER should be used if you have injuries that would require immediate medical care and attention.



**You are not alone and we are here to help.**