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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Ban extended, but evictions loom

Moratorium here for now, but it will ultimately end

By DAVID LYONS AND BROOKE BAITINGER

Thousands of evictions have been filed in Florida courts since the coronavirus pandemic began, and renters could find themselves in a quagmire when protections ultimately end.

At least 2,672 evictions are pending in the state, with landlords just waiting for a green light to oust their tenants, according to the non-profit Community Justice Project of Miami, which provides, among other services, legal advice on housing for low-income workers. More than a third of adults in Florida had reported that they missed June's rent or mortgage payment, or said they won't be able to pay July's, according

to the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent Household Pulse Survey. Nearly half also said they lost employment, and one in eight said their households at times didn't have enough food to eat in the previous week. Although Gov. Ron DeSantis has once again extended a moratorium on evictions, his order will not last indefinitely and possibly not long enough for renters to dig themselves out of a hole.

For the second straight month, DeSantis waited until the 11th hour to announce the extension. The moratorium was scheduled to expire at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, and the new order extending it until Aug. 1 wasn't released until after 8 p.m. Tuesday. It applies only to residential property, not commercial buildings. DeSantis started the moratorium on April 2. "I don't understand the governor's decision always

to wait until the last minute when he knows people are suffering, and when he knows people are losing their homes and getting kicked out in the street," U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch said in a telephone interview Tuesday. Deutch, a Democrat whose district covers parts of Broward and Palm Beach counties, noted the House on Monday passed a housing protection and relief act that would extend a federal

moratorium on evictions of renters and homeowners for a year. It also contains \$100 billion in assistance for renters and \$75 billion for homeowners. But Republicans vowed the bill would not clear the Senate. A sudden stream of evictions would carry potential health ramifications. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declares on its website that "health de-

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## STADIUM SCREENINGS



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Children sit on top of a vehicle to watch a movie on June 18 as part of the Outdoor Theater program offered by the Miami Dolphins at Hard Rock Stadium. The two new movie venues at Hard Rock Stadium will offer an eclectic lineup of thrillers and family fare on July 4 weekend, including "Jaws," "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," "Creed," "The Never-Ending Story," "Apollo 13" and "Space Jam." Some films will be shown for fans set up on the playing field inside the stadium and others will be featured on a large screen outside the stadium on the Fountain Plaza. **Story, 1B**

## Deep-fried Oreos, funnel cakes on the menu at Fair Eats Drive-Thru

By PHILLIP VALYS

Summer is carnival season, and not even a pandemic will keep people from indulging in deep-fried Oreos.

That's the gamble behind this weekend's Fair Eats Drive-Thru, a three-day bonanza of artery-clogging carnival food rolling into the South Florida Fairgrounds July 3-5.

Call it a carnival for the social distancing set, but without the stomach-churning Gwathron or the rigged midway games. Visi-



SOUTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS/COURTESY

Customers can pick up carnival fare such as funnel cakes at the Fair Eats Drive-Thru July 3-5 at the South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach.

tors — without leaving their cars — can order 14 menu items for curbside pickup,

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See a rundown of local entertainment options for July 4 weekend. **Page 1B**

including candy apples, elephant ears, funnel cakes, small and jumbo corn dogs, turkey legs, fried Oreos and Snickers, cotton candy, chicken tenders, roasted corn and buckets of French fries.

"People are going nuts for this on our social media," says Vicki Chouris, South Florida Fairgrounds

president and CEO. "Which makes me nervous, because it could be too popular."

When the COVID-19 pandemic scuttled state and county fairs across the country this summer, South Florida Fairgrounds got creative, calling up out-of-work vendors to fire up their carnival confections, Chouris says. The idea, she says, keeps concessionaires working and patrons happy with deep-fried goodness. "The fried Snickers and

See CARNIVAL, 8A

## Hospitals cut elective surgeries

Rising coronavirus cases threaten ability to handle extra patients

By DAVID FLEISHER, ANGIE DUMICHELE AND MARC FREEMAN

Major South Florida hospitals announced plans Wednesday to restrict elective surgeries, as the resurgence of coronavirus dashed hopes that the state had come through the worst of the epidemic.

Jackson Health System, Memorial Healthcare and Baptist Health said they will limit inpatient elective surgeries, as rising coronavirus caseloads threatened to put pressure on their ability to handle more patients.

"As Jackson Health System continues to see a steady increase in the number of COVID-19 patients being admitted to our hospitals, we will limit inpatient elective surgeries and procedures to emergency and urgent cases only, effective next Monday, July 6," Jackson Health said in a state-

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Florida will start reporting how many people are hospitalized with COVID-19. **Page 8A**

ment. "Our clinical leadership has been working diligently throughout this pandemic to ensure that safety of our patients and employees is paramount." The decisions illustrate the darkening picture of the disease in Florida, where steps to reopen have run up against a series of record one-day totals for new cases over the past week. Attempting to slow the disease before it pushes hospitals to their limits, authorities took action this week to pull back, announcing a series of moves designed to limit opportunities for people to congregate at bars, restaurants

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## US 'had options' against Russia

Trump officials defend response to bounty threat

By MARY CLARE JALONICK, MATTHEW LEE AND JAMES LAFORTE Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is stepping up the defense of its response to intelligence assessments that suggested Russia had offered bounties for killing U.S. troops in Afghanistan, with the president's national security adviser saying Wednesday he had prepared a list of retaliatory options if the intelligence had been corroborated.

President Donald Trump continued to play down the assessments and insist he wasn't briefed on the matter because the intelligence didn't rise to his

level. However, National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien said both the CIA and Pentagon did pursue the lead and briefed international allies.

"We had options ready to go," O'Brien said on "Fox and Friends." "It may be impossible to get to the bottom of it."

At a State Department news conference, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the situation was handled "incredibly well" to ensure the safety of U.S. troops.

"We took this seriously, we handled it appropriately," Pompeo said, without giving additional details. He said the administration receives intelligence about threats to Americans "every single day" and that each is addressed.

Pompeo added that Russia

See RUSSIA, 5A

## Ex-felons' voting rights on hold in Florida

Court agrees to hear DeSantis' appeal of Amendment 4

By STEVEN LEMONELLO

Former felons in Florida who owe fines and fees may not get to vote this year after all.

A federal court on Wednesday delayed a May 26 ruling by Judge Robert Hinkle that was one of the

biggest expansions of voting rights in Florida history, affecting as many as 775,000 ex-felons.

Now, their ability to vote could be in limbo for months, well past deadlines to register for the August primaries and November presidential election.

The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta issued the stay after a majority of the judges agreed to Gov. Ron DeSantis's request for a rare review of Hinkle's de-

cision by the entire court.

A three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit had already upheld Hinkle's first ruling in October, which affected just the 17 plaintiffs in the lawsuit by the ACLU Campaign Legal Center and other voting rights groups. The court also denied a request by DeSantis for the full court to review that decision.

But this time, on Hinkle's more sweeping decision, judges agreed to hold a

hearing before the full court.

Appointments by President Donald Trump have made Republican-appointed judges the majority in the 11th Circuit, which had been majority Democratic-appointed before 2017.

The court set a hearing date of Aug. 12, well past the July 20 registration deadline for the Aug. 18 pri-

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## 'Plantation' school names won't change any time soon

Board members express policy support but balk at immediate renaming

By SCOTT TRAVIS

Broward School Board members soon may ban school names construed as racist, but that may not mean an automatic change for schools named after the city of Plantation.

Board member Rosalind Osgood, the only Black member on the board, proposed a change to district policy that ensures "none of our facilities are named names that infer any type of racist connotation or negativity or injurious names toward any group of people."

Osgood said the name Plantation is often-

sive to Black residents. She compared it to referring to Blacks as the "N word," "monkeys," "animals," "apes" and "those people."

While School Board members in general supported a policy change, they were less eager to immediately rename Plantation schools. At a workshop Tuesday, several suggested the School Board create a district-wide task force to review school names. Others said they want to ensure any name changes come directly from the community.

"It's something that needs to be brought up in school communities, discussed in school communities and decided in school communities," Board member Laurie Rich Levinson said.

Levinson, who is white, represents the district that includes South Plantation High and Plantation Park Elementary, both of which are majority-white schools. Osgood

represents the district that includes the city's namesake elementary, middle and high schools, all of which are majority Black.

The effort to change school names, as well as a similar push to change the name of the city of Plantation, come in the wake of protests against racial injustice following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The city's name is derived from the Everglades Plantation Co., which owned some of the fruit and rice fields in what is now the central Broward city. But for many, it also conjures up images of slave plantations.

Plantation resident Aston Bright, Jr., who is Black, spoke against changing the names of schools in his city, saying the name has nothing to do with slavery.

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### SCHOOLS



Anna Warburton, of Cooper City, with her children, Grant, 7, and Ava, 12, protest outside of the Broward School Board headquarters.

## Broward Board says masks will be worn

Except at desks, most kids in school must cover their face

By LOIS K. SOLOMON

On the bus, in the hallways, anytime they're moving around, Broward students will have to wear face coverings next year if they can't stay 6 feet away from their classmates.

When they're seated at their desks, they can take them off, according to a plan presented on Tuesday. That's because desks are set to be spread 6 feet apart, reducing the size of most classes to 14 students.

Teachers would have to wear face coverings, too. The school district would give

masks to teachers, but families would have to supply them to their children. The district is considering buying plastic face shields for kindergartners, who officials said need to see faces as they learn to read.

The School Board considered an assortment of options for the next school year as coronavirus is ravaging Florida and many other states. The first day of school, Aug. 19, is unlikely to be delayed, according to the district staff, because students will lose learning days before state assessments and employees would miss out on paychecks.

That leaves less than two months to fig-

ure out how to schedule classes, one of the board's biggest headaches. Some parents have said they are going to keep their children home as the pandemic rages, and the district will offer the option to learn online to any families that choose it.

Another option, known as the hybrid model, is under consideration: Students would spend part of each week in school and the rest of the week learning online.

The district is also considering opening school the way it used to be, five days a

See SCHOOLS, 3B

### CORONAVIRUS

## 6,563 new infections for state

COVID-19 also linked to 46 more Fla. deaths

By MARC FREEMAN

The latest batch of coronavirus test results released Wednesday confirmed that Florida is still in the thick of fast-spreading infections.

For the past week, it's been a story of record-high cases, government-imposed shutdowns, and urgent pleas for people to wear facial coverings. Florida's emergency management director on Tuesday tweeted one word 40 times in all-capital letters: "MASKS."

The reason is clear: Health officials report the state logged 6,563 new coronavirus cases on Wednesday, which is a bigger figure than each of the past two days.

It's not an all-time record for Florida, but it's close enough. Throughout the pandemic there have been only three other days with as many more people testing positive, all in the past week. The record is 9,585 cases on Saturday, followed by 8,942 on Friday, and 8,530 on Sunday.

The Department of Health also reported 46 additional deaths linked to COVID-19 for a new total of 3,650 fatalities.

The record-high daily case totals forced state and local officials to stop bars from serving alcohol, beef up enforcement of business capacity rules, and close beaches over the upcoming holiday weekend.

"For the Fourth of July, I'm more concerned about, you know, people crowding into the A/C and having private parties and things like that where you are real close," Gov. Ron DeSantis said during a news conference Wednesday in Daytona Beach. "The virus likes that kind of an environment better."

### South Florida

Over the past 24 hours, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties counted 1,969 new cases, or 30% of the

See VIRUS, 2B

## There's still fun on the Fourth

Here are options amid region's beach closings

By ROD STAFFORD HAGWOOD

Bummed that you can't be a bit of a beach bum on Independence Day?

This is the holiday weekend South Floridians usually love to grab some sand time.

But the spike in coronavirus infections throughout the state has led Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties to put the beaches back on lockdown (in Palm Beach County, even private beaches have been shut down).

As you can imagine, a lot of fireworks have been canceled, but there will be some cities going ahead with pyrotechnics you can ooh and aah over. Click here for a list.

So we went looking for other stuff you can do this weekend. Keep coming back to this post as we will be adding to it. Also, keep in mind that prices do not include taxes.

See FOURTH, 3B



"E.T." will be among the movies shown at Hard Rock Stadium this weekend.

## Big July 4 weekend at Hard Rock drive-in

'Jaws,' 'E.T.,' 'Apollo 13' among screenings set for stadium

By BEN CRANDELL

The two new movie venues at Hard Rock Stadium will offer an eclectic lineup of thrillers and family fare on July 4th Weekend, including "Jaws," "ET: The Extra-Terrestrial," "Creed," "The Never-Ending Story," "Apollo 13" and "Space Jam."

Some films will be shown for fans set up on the playing field inside the stadium (it can handle up to 230 vehicles), and others will be featured on a large screen outside the stadium on the Fountain Plaza. All screenings are at 7:15 p.m.

The films begin on Thursday, July 2, with a pairing of shark-horror classic "Jaws" in-

side the stadium and, on the screen outside, "Soul Surfer," a biopic based on the spiritual journey of pro surfer Bethany Hamilton, who was 13 when she lost her arm in a 2003 shark attack.

Yes, those films will screen at 7:15 p.m. on the same night.

The weekend also will include drive-in screenings of "ET: The Extra-Terrestrial" at 7:15 p.m. July 3 and "Creed" at 7:15 p.m. on July 5. There is no film scheduled inside the stadium on July 4.

The outdoor screen will feature "The Never-Ending Story" at 7:30 p.m. July 3, "Apollo 13" at 6:30 p.m. July 4 and "Space Jam" at 7:15 p.m. July 5.

Tickets for the in-stadium drive-in cost \$39 per car and include tailgate space with social-distancing.

Outdoor seating is sold in groups of two,

four and six for \$12, \$17 and \$19 per person. Restaurant-style dining and concessions are available for purchase.

Luxury-box seating — a "living room" arrangement of a sofa, two loungers and two armchairs under a canopy, with wait-staff service — costs \$28 per person.

A dinner-and-a-movie feature in a separate space costs \$49 per person, \$20 for kids.

Films on the schedule next week inside the stadium include "John Wick" (July 9), "Back to the Future" (July 10), "Black Panther" (July 11) and "Jerry Maguire" (July 12). The outdoor screen will have "Palm Springs" (July 9), "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" (July 10) and "Inside Out" (July 12).

For more information, go to HardRockStadium.com.

## FOURTH

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### Water Taxi's 'Red, White and Moonlight Cruises'

What: Fort Lauderdale's popular Intracoastal tour and taxi charter is having a special 4th of July event with a full bar and live entertainment. Presale tickets include two drink tickets for beer or wine.

When: July 2-4, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person pre-sale; \$35 in-person purchase.

Contact: The cruise starts at the Water Taxi's stop 1 at 335 SE Sixth Ave., which is on the New River just off of Las Olas Boulevard between the Riverside Hotel and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. 954-467-6677. Water-Taxi.com/specialty-cruises.

### Outdoor inflatable movie screens

What: Through Partyflix, you can rent an inflatable movie screen for an al fresco film night in your driveway or around the swimming pool. There are locations in West Palm Beach and Miami, so Partyflix covers all of South Florida. They provide a DVD/Blu-ray player; you provide the movie.

Cost: The prices are for viewing time; Partyflix does not charge for set up or break down. A 12-foot inflatable screen is around \$295 for two and half hours. The 14 foot inflatable screen costs \$340 and the 18 foot inflatable screen costs \$395 for the same length of time.

Contact: 855-305-3549 or Partyflix.com.

### Rapids Water Park

What: Rapids Water Park will be open over Independence Day weekend. In order to comply with social distancing, you must buy your ticket in advance online.

When: For the holiday weekend, Rapids will open an hour earlier than normal, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Cost: \$48.99 is admission on weekends and holidays.

Contact: Rapids is at 6566 North Military Trail, Riviera Beach. 561-848-6272. RapidsWaterPark.com.

### Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

What: There will be a "BBQ Pop Up" with food for sale from an à la carte menu by Joy Wallace Catering and Design at Vizcaya.

When: The BBQ fare will be served July 4 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. though the museum and gardens will be open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Also, there will be extended hours on Friday from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.



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Peter Noone will perform at Boca Raton's Funky Biscuit.

Cost: \$18

Contact: The Villa Vizcaya is at 3251 S. Miami Ave., Miami. 305-250-9133 Vizcaya.org.

### FLIFF drive-in cinema

What: You can watch the movie "Independence Day" in the parking lot at Fort Lauderdale's Pier 66 Marina South hotel resort at this flick pop-up put on by the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.

When: Friday. Gates open at 7 p.m.; all cars must be in position by 8:15 p.m.; the movie starts at 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per car.

Contact: Pier 66 Marina South, 2150 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale. FLIFF.com.

### Fourth of July fireworks watch party on kayaks

What: Blue Moon Outdoor Adventures will rent out kayaks so you can watch Fort Lauderdale's fireworks from the Intracoastal waters of George English Park. The event is for intermediate to advanced paddlers and you must at least be 16 years old.

When: July 4, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person.

### Confidante Hotel 4th weekend

What: This South Beach hotel will have all-day barbecues Friday-Sunday, evening poolside movies with cocktail service, live music, beer bucket and sangria specials all weekend, a game room and outdoor games Connect Four and Giant Jenga (sanitized between uses).

When: July 2-5.

Cost: The Confidante has a "3rd Night Free" offer going now. You should use the code "HFR3" when you make your online reservation at https://bit.ly/2Ueww0L.

Contact: 4041 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. 833-816-4530. Hyatt.com.

### Red, White & Blue in Boca

What: A virtual celebration with Independence Day-themed videos, do-it-yourself craft ideas, games, grilling tips, recipes and drink tutorials. There also will be feature videos.

When: Through July 4. Cost: Free.

Contact: Facebook.com/BocaRecreation, Instagram.com/bocarecreation and Twitter.com/BocaRecreation.

### Delray Yacht Cruises

What: According to the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Lady Atlantic and Lady Delray yacht cruises will have sightseeing sailings all weekend long.

When: 1:30 p.m. on July 3; 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. July 4, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 5.

Cost: \$28 for adults and \$25 for seniors and children.

Contact: 561-243-0686 or DelrayYachtCruises.com.

### West Palm Beach's fireworks

What: It's a secret exactly where the fireworks will take place, unlike past years with the "4th on Flagler" celebrations. All we know is this time around it's two undisclosed locations in the north and south ends of downtown West Palm Beach. You can also watch live on TV from your home by tuning in to WPBF-Ch. 25 starting at 9 p.m.

When: July 4, 9 p.m.

Cost: Free

Contact: WPB.org/government/community-events/ community-events.

### Fairchild's Mango Days of Summer

What: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is kicking off its Mango Festival for the 28th year on July 4th. The month-long event has added virtual cooking/cocktail demonstrations and a mango lecture series to the signature events, such as pop-up shops and food stands. You are encouraged to bring blankets and picnic baskets (you can also shop at the Fairchild's Glasshouse Cafe) and check out the other attractions such as the "Wings of the Tropics" butterfly exhibit and the Cloud Forest. There are guided and self-guided tours of the 83-acre garden.

When: July 4-31. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cost: Children ages 6-17 get free admission over the 4th of July weekend (usually those tickets are \$12). Admission for adults is \$25 and seniors (65 and older) are \$18.

Contact: Fairchild Garden is at 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables. 305-667-1651. FairchildGarden.org.

### An Evening with Peter Noone, Herman of Herman's Hermits

What: The British Invasion singer will have some fun playing off of the theme of Independence Day, he being

English and all. The concert at Boca Raton's Funky Biscuit will include such hits as "Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Daughter."

When: July 4, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Cost: Each reserved seat has a \$25 food or beverage minimum. Ticket prices range from \$55-\$570.

Contact: Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd. #59 Royal Palm Place, Boca Raton. 561 395-2929 for information and 561-465-3946 for reservations.

### RawBar2Go

What: If you're on your boat in Miami's Biscayne Bay, you might want to order ceviche from Keyla Castillo.

When: July 3-5, noon-8 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per serving

Contact: 954-612-6147. Instagram.com/rawbar2go.

### Tidal Cove Waterpark

What: Aventura's Tidal Cove Waterpark will be open normal hours all weekend. The water park is located at the JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort and Spa where, if you need a little staycation, has starting room rate of \$279 for Independence Day weekend and that includes admission to Tidal Cove for up to three guests.

When: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Cost: \$150 per person if not staying at Turnberry Resort.

Contact: Tidal Cove Waterpark is at 19999 W. Country Club Drive, Aventura. 786-279-6152. TidalCoveMiami.com.

### Delray Beach Historical Society

What: You can see the Delray Beach History exhibits for free through an offer by the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. You also get a 25% discount in the book and photo shop. And there will be a sale on gladioli flower bulbs, three for \$5.

When: July 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost: Free.

Contact: The 926 Bungalow, 3 NE First St., Delray Beach. 561-274-9578 or DelrayBeachHistory.org.

### Red White and Blue BBQ Bash

What: The Backyard Bar at the Palm Beach Hibiscus Bed and Breakfast will have live music, happy hour specials and BBQ.

When: July 4, 5-11 p.m.

Cost: Free. The meals will range from \$10-\$20.

Contact: The Hibiscus B&B is located at 213 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. 561-833-8171. PalmBeach-Hibiscus.com.



AMY BETH BENNETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Seventh-grader Fox Turso, 11, of Deerfield Beach, protests outside the Broward school board headquarters.

## SCHOOLS

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week. A group of parents urged this option outside the meeting Tuesday morning, pressing the board to take their work schedules and their children's academic and social needs into consideration. They said the hybrid model will not work for parents with jobs outside the home.

"How are employees going to be able to work if they have to stay home with their children?" parent Nancy Tanner asked the board.

But the school district staff said it would be hard to get all students back in the classroom and maintain social distancing. The district would have to hire 4,614 additional teachers to accommodate class sizes of 14 students. This would cost \$359 million, according to district calculations.

The board looked at a plan in which half of students, whose last names begin with A through L, would go to school two days a week, while M to Z students would be in the classroom on two other days.

The days would vary each week, which board member Laurie Rich Levinson said would prove too disruptive for families.

"You constantly have the days changing from week to week," she said. "From a working parent's perspective, we need to take another look at this."

Students with special needs, such as autism or other learning disabilities, are expected to be able to attend school five days a week, although a detailed plan has not yet emerged.

Not all schools have room to socially distance their students. Cypress Bay High in Weston, with 4,700 students, one of the largest in the state, would need half its students to agree to learn online full-time in order for the rest to come to school two days a week.

"We may have to look at additional technology at that school in particular," Superintendent Robert Runcie said.

The district has not yet figured out who should quarantine if a teacher or student comes down with coronavirus. Runcie said it may depend on with whom the sick people had direct contact.

"We need to keep children in school to the greatest extent possible," he said.

The board also considered growing its corps of school nurses. Of 237 schools, only 125 have registered nurses. Others have health support technicians, who are not medical professionals.

Contact: WPB.org/government/community-events/community-events.

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