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Pasco County and Community Partners Open Comfort Station

~~Services include: portable toilets, hand-washing station and a charging station~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- A Comfort Station for our unsheltered homeless neighbors is now available on **U.S. Highway 19** in **Port Richey**. The Comfort Station has two portable toilets (one is handicapped accessible), one hand-washing station, and electric outlets to charge phones.

[The Pasco County Community Development Department](#), [the Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County](#), [the Pasco County Continuum of Care](#) and [Ace Opportunities](#) worked together to provide our neighbors this much-needed space.



WHAT: Pasco County Comfort Station
WHERE: 8317 US Highway 19, Port Richey
(West side, just south of Ridge Rd.)
WHEN: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

[Click to watch](#) a brief Comfort Station video.

“With limited options for food, public restrooms and showers, our unsheltered homeless neighbors need safe offerings to meet basic hygiene needs,” said Pasco County Community Development Director Marcy Esbjerg. “Not everyone has a ‘home’ in which to quarantine, so we are pleased to offer a Comfort Station to clean up and charge up each day.”

[Community Development's](#) mission is to improve the lives of Pasco's citizens through homeless initiatives, neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing and community partnerships using state and federal funding. They offer assistance for [new home buyers](#), [current home owners](#), as well as grants for [community partners](#).