

**BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
EMERGENCY ORDER 20-09**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, constitutes a clear and present threat to the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the people of Broward County;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis declared a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19, and on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I declared a Local State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 to be a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Florida State Department of Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons in smaller gatherings;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners authorized me to take any appropriate and necessary action to protect the health and safety of Broward County residents and visitors in connection with COVID19, and other emergency powers, including under the state-approved emergency management plan, had previously been delegated to me (as further outlined below);

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, Governor DeSantis executed Executive Order 20-89, ordering Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, and Monroe County to restrict access to businesses and facilities deemed nonessential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, as modified by subsequent amendments and orders prior to March 30, 2020 (collectively, the “Miami-Dade Emergency Order 07-20”);

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, ordering all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-91, as amended, supersedes any local government orders to the extent they are inconsistent with Executive Order 20-91, as amended, but permits the County to institute additional precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 where such precautions are not in conflict with the Governor’s orders;

WHEREAS, certain recreational activities are classified as essential activities under the Governor’s Executive Order 20-91;

WHEREAS, Broward County, including pursuant to Broward County Emergency Orders 20-02 and 20-05, took additional steps to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and avoid harm to the South Florida community, which steps included closing parks, golf courses, and other recreational amenities in Broward County;

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, the County Administrator, as part of a coordinated effort with Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties, issued Emergency

Order 20-08 allowing the limited re-opening of certain recreational facilities and activities;
and

WHEREAS, certain clarifications and inclusions are necessary to reflect the County's intent with respect to certain recreational activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bertha Henry, the Broward County Administrator, pursuant to my emergency authority under Sections 8-53 and 8-56 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, as well as the authority granted to me by the Declaration of Emergency issued by Governor DeSantis in Executive Order 20-52, by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, by the Board of County Commissioners, and by the Broward County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, hereby order as follows:

Section 1. **Attachments to Emergency Order 20-08**

Attachments 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Emergency Order 20-08 are replaced with Attachments 1, 2, 3, and 4 hereto.

Section 2. **Beaches.**

Broward County beaches shall remain closed.

Section 3. **Applicability; Severability.**

This Emergency Order supersedes any contrary provision in any prior Broward County Emergency Order. Except as superseded, all Broward County Emergency Orders remain in full force and effect. This Emergency Order applies to incorporated and unincorporated areas within Broward County, but has no application outside of Broward County. The provisions of this Emergency Order shall serve as minimum standards, and municipalities may establish more stringent standards within their jurisdictions, to the extent permitted by law. Any provision(s) within this Emergency Order that conflict(s) with

any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or conflict(s) with or are superseded by a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Emergency Order, with the remainder of the Emergency Order remaining intact and in full force and effect. To the extent application of some or all of the provisions of this Emergency Order is prohibited on the sovereign land of a federally or state recognized sovereign Indian tribe, such application is expressly excluded from this Emergency Order.

Section 4. Effective Date; Duration.

This order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020. This Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration of the existing State of Local Emergency, as same may be extended by subsequent order or declaration, unless earlier terminated by subsequent Emergency Order.

BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Bertha Henry
County Administrator

RECEIVED AND FILED in the Records, Taxes and Treasury Division on this 7 day of May, 2020, at 6:10 P.m.





Coronavirus Disease 2019

Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation

Keep Your Distance to Slow the Spread

Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

What is social distancing?

Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people
- Do not gather in groups
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings

In addition to [everyday steps to prevent COVID-19](#), keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to this virus and slowing its spread locally and across the country and world.

When COVID-19 is spreading in your area, everyone should limit close contact with individuals outside your household in indoor and outdoor spaces. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is important to stay away from others when possible, even if you have no symptoms. Social distancing is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#).

Why practice social distancing?

COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) for a prolonged period. Spread happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. The droplets can also be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies indicate that people who are infected but do not have symptoms likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. COVID-19 can live for hours or days on a surface, depending on factors such as sun light and humidity. Social distancing helps limit contact with infected people and contaminated surfaces.

Although the risk of severe illness may be different for everyone, anyone can get and spread COVID-19. Everyone has a role to play in slowing the spread and protecting themselves, their family, and their community.

Tips for social distancing

- Follow guidance from authorities where you live.
- If you need to shop for food or medicine at the grocery store or pharmacy, stay at least 6 feet away from others.
 - Use mail-order for medications, if possible.
 - Consider a grocery delivery service.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a [cloth face cover](#) when around others, including when you have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store.
 - Stay at least 6 feet between yourself and others, even when you wear a face covering.
- Avoid large and small gatherings in private places and public spaces, such a friend’s house, parks, restaurants, shops, or any other place. This advice applies to people of any age, including teens and younger adults. Children

should not have in-person playdates while school is out. To help maintain social connections while social distancing, learn [tips to keep children healthy while school's out](#).

- Work from home when possible.
- If possible, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.
- If you are a student or parent, talk to your school about options for digital/distance learning.

Stay connected while staying away. It is very important to stay in touch with friends and family that don't live in your home. Call, video chat, or stay connected using social media. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations and having to socially distance yourself from someone you love can be difficult. [Read tips for stress and coping](#).

What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

Quarantine

Quarantine is used to **keep someone who *might* have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others**. Someone in self-quarantine stays separated from others, and they limit movement outside of their home or current place. A person may have been exposed to the virus without knowing it (for example, when traveling or out in the community), or they could have the virus without feeling symptoms. Quarantine helps limit further spread of COVID-19.

Isolation

Isolation is used to **separate sick people from healthy people**. People who are in isolation should stay home. In the home, anyone sick should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick" bedroom or space and using a different bathroom (if possible).

What should I do if I might have been exposed? If I feel sick? Or have confirmed COVID-19?

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, [read about symptoms](#).

If you...

If you or someone in your home might have been exposed

Steps to take...

Self-Monitor

Be alert for symptoms. Watch for **fever,* cough, or shortness of breath**.

- Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
- Practice social distancing. Maintain 6 feet of distance from others, and stay out of crowded places.
- Follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.

If you...

If you feel healthy but:

- [Recently had close contact](#) with a person with COVID-19, or
- [Recently traveled](#) from somewhere outside the U.S. or on a cruise ship or river boat

Steps to take...

Self-Quarantine

- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms.

- Stay home for 14 days **and** self-monitor.
- If possible, stay away from people who are **high-risk** for getting very sick from COVID-19.

If you...

If you:

- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or
- Are waiting for test results, or
- Have symptoms such as cough, fever, or shortness of breath

Steps to take...**Self-Isolate**

- **Stay in a specific "sick room" or area** and away from other people or animals, including pets. If possible, use a separate bathroom.
- Read important information about **caring for yourself or someone else who is sick.**

More Information

[How to Protect Yourself](#)

[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home](#)

[Gatherings and Community Events](#)

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ATTACHMENT 2
PARKS IN BROWARD COUNTY LIMITED REOPENING GUIDELINES

1. Passive use does not include any use that requires use of park buildings or park equipment, except limited use of bathroom facilities open to the public is permitted.
2. No groups of more than ten (10) people shall congregate in any area of any park within Broward County, and a minimum of fifty (50) feet shall be maintained between all groups of up to 10 people. All playgrounds, campgrounds, pools, outdoor exercise equipment, and other exercise courts (except as provided below) shall remain closed to the public.
3. Use of tennis courts and pickle ball courts shall be limited to a maximum of two people on the court at any one time (i.e., singles play only), and disc golf courses limited to singles play. Basketball courts are limited to individual use (no multiplayer or pick-up games are permitted, with the exception of games such as “horse”), and social distancing must be maintained at all times. Racquetball courts are limited to a maximum of one person on the court at any one time.
4. Broward County’s mountain bike trail at Markham Park will be limited to current passholders and will exclude lessons.
5. All CDC Guidelines regarding social distancing must be observed at all times by all persons using any Park in Broward County.
6. Facial coverings must be worn at all times to the extent required by applicable Broward County Emergency Orders if CDC social distancing cannot be maintained.
7. To the extent practicable, walking paths and trails shall be used only in a one-way direction to help maintain social distancing, and signage posted that appropriate social distancing of at least six (6) feet should be maintained between persons when passing.
8. Marinas, boat docks, ramps, and other launching venues in Parks in Broward County may operate consistent with Attachment 3.

ATTACHMENT 3
BOATING AND MARINE ACTIVITIES REQUIREMENTS

A. Marinas, Boat Docks, Ramps, and Other Launching Venues.

1. Only one boat per launch ramp at a time is permitted.
2. Municipalities shall set the times during each day that boat ramps may be open. If no such times are set by the applicable municipality, then ramps may operate from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily.
3. No gathering of more than 10 people is permitted at any time including during boat launch, during on-water time, and when removing the boat from the water, subject to further restrictions as provided below.
4. In accordance with CDC Guidelines, in addition to practicing social distancing, launching venue staff, as well as customers, shall utilize personal protective equipment including, but not limited to, facial coverings and gloves in connection with use of marinas, boat docks, ramps, and other launching venues, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.

B. On-Water Activity.

1. Boats must remain at least fifty (50) feet apart at all times.
2. Rafting up of boats, which includes but is not limited to the roping or tying together of boats or vessels, is prohibited.
3. Beaching, landing, or anchoring of vessels on sandbars, islands, or open shorelines is prohibited.
4. Maximum Persons Based on Capacity of Boats:
 - a. Boats 25' or less: 4 adult passengers maximum (plus children 17 and under). Maximum of 6 people on the boat.
 - b. Boats 26' – 36': 6 adult passengers maximum (plus children 17 and under). Maximum of 8 people on the boat.
 - c. Boats 37' – 60': 8 adult passengers maximum (plus children 17 and under). Maximum of 10 people on the boat.
 - d. Boats over 60': 10 passengers maximum, inclusive of adults and children, but not including crew members.

C. Fishing Piers and Fish Cleaning Stations.

1. Social distancing of a minimum of ten (10) feet between persons must be maintained.
2. One person per fish cleaning station at a time. Proper cleaning and sanitation processes must always be followed.

D. Rental of Jet Skis, Boats, Canoes, Kayaks, and Paddle Boards.

1. Rental of jet skis, boats, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards may resume operations provided that CDC Guidelines, including all social distancing and sanitation guidelines, are adhered to. In addition, the following restrictions shall apply:
 - a. Jet ski rental operations shall be limited to single riders only, except that multi-person use is permitted on jet skis with capacity for multiple riders if the riders all reside in the same household.
 - b. Boat rentals companies shall adhere to the same guidelines applicable to all boating activities set forth in this Order, including this attachment.
 - c. Canoes/kayaks/paddle boards shall be limited to single person use or two-person use (two-person use is permitted only if all persons reside in the same household).

E. Charter Vessels.

In addition to the capacity requirements in Section B, charter vessels must comply with the following:

1. Captain, crew members, and patrons must wear facial coverings on shore and on the vessel whenever social distancing requirements cannot be maintained.
2. Six-Pack vessels must be limited to no more than four (4) guests per vessel and must comply with all CDC Guidelines.
3. Drift fishing vessels must provide for and ensure social distancing, including delineating safe social distancing position by measures, including, but not limited to, installing tape or markings for patrons on seats, vessel railings, and the deck. Each person fishing shall have his or her own fishing pole(s), tackle, and other equipment. Equipment sharing or rental is prohibited.

4. CDC cleanliness guidelines must be posted in restrooms and/or heads. Restrooms must be sanitized and disinfected at least hourly, after each trip, and more frequently as needed. Adequate water, soap, and hand sanitizer must be provided for patrons.
5. Fish cleaning and bait table stations must be limited to one person per station at a time. Fish cleaning and bait table stations must be cleaned and disinfected between each charter.
6. If crew members are filleting, or otherwise handling, fish caught by a patron, only one person may use the fish cleaning table at a time.

F. Public Restrooms and Ship Stores

1. Access to public restrooms may be available. Safe protocol in accordance with CDC Guidelines must be followed.
2. Those entering or working at ship (bait & tackle) stores must maintain social distancing and wear a facial covering, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.

ATTACHMENT 4
GOLF COURSE LIMITED REOPENING REQUIREMENTS

A. On-Course Facility

1. Players will be responsible for bringing their golf equipment to a designated area. No clubs or other equipment will be transported by golf course staff, unless required by the ADA.
2. Designated signage must be placed outside the pro shop and clubhouse outlining the required social distancing guidelines and facial covering guidelines. All clubhouse facilities other than restrooms shall remain closed.
3. Designated signage must be placed on carts and around the clubhouse with the phone number to call for food orders and an explanation of how to pay.
4. All CDC Guidelines must be followed, including not exceeding any gathering limits as established by local or state authorities.
5. No indoor events will be conducted.
6. Pro shop entrances must be closed. Payment must be made at the front door following proper social distancing guidelines. Pro shop retail shall be by pick-up only. Staff must wear face coverings when interacting with the public, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.
7. No locker room usage and no bag storage usage shall be permitted.
8. Hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes shall be provided in all bathrooms and payment areas.
9. Bathrooms must have disinfectant wipes for golfers to wipe down everything they touched before exiting.
10. Golf courses must encourage only one person in each bathroom at any time.
11. Each rental cart and any rental equipment must be cleaned and disinfected prior to each player's use by facility staff, and disinfectant wipes must be provided to each cart user prior to their rental.
12. All sand containers, scorecards, pencils, tees, towels, coolers, and other shared materials must be removed from golf carts after each use.
13. All bathrooms and touch-point areas must be disinfected regularly.

14. Driving range hitting areas must be spaced so that all golfers are at least ten (10) feet apart.
15. Scorecard, pencils, and tees must only be issued to individuals when requested from the starter, and must be properly discarded after use.

B. Golf Course Preparation

1. Cup Modifications: A noodle or other blocking mechanism must be used to fill the hole, or the cup must be raised an inch above ground to prevent the ball from going in the hole to prevent flagpole touching. Alternatively, an E-Z lift touchless golf ball retrieval system or similar touchless system may be used.
2. Rakes in all bunkers must be removed.
3. All water stations must be removed or locked down.
4. All ball wash units must be removed or locked down.
5. All practice facility bag stands, chairs, and PVC pipes for picking up balls must be removed.
6. All range balls must be cleaned with water and soap after every pick-up prior to making them available for use by the next golfer.

C. Playing

1. Players must not touch or remove the flagstick from the cups at any time (any putts that hit the cup or noodle will be considered holed).
2. All players must stay at least six (6) feet apart at all times, and a course ranger or other staff member must monitor player compliance on the course.
3. There must be no more than one player per cart, unless they reside in the same household.
4. Walkers must adhere to social distancing requirements.
5. All golfers must leave the golf course immediately after playing to eliminate congestion and must avoid gathering on the property or in the parking lot.

D. Food and Beverage

1. Restaurant entry will remain closed. Payment for take-out food will be made at the restaurant front door, with all persons meeting all social distancing requirements. No sit-down areas will be allowed for eating. Staff will be required to wear a facial

covering and gloves during in-person interactions with the public, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.

2. Beverage Carts on the Golf Course: Beverage cart staff must wear facial coverings and gloves during in-person interactions with the public. Signage must be placed on beverage carts stating that players are not allowed to touch anything on the beverage cart. Only a cart attendant may distribute items from the cart. The beverage cart attendant must comply with social distancing requirements, as much as possible.
3. Players must be encouraged to pay with a credit card, and cart attendants must wipe down the credit card machine after each use.

E. Golf Course Staff

1. Staff must be trained on proper hygiene, sanitation, and food handling. COVID-19 prevention and control procedures must be emphasized during training.
2. Facial coverings and gloves shall be worn during in-person interactions with the public, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.