

Proclamation

Urging Shelter at Home

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has an extremely high propensity to spread person to person creating ongoing, long-term risks to individuals and especially the elderly, sick or those with compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 on Monday, March 9, 2020 declaring a state of emergency statewide, and authorizing in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to . . . [the] [p]erformance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Louis Sarbone declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY as a result of the threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), which STATE OF EMERGENCY has subsequently been continuously extended to date; and

WHEREAS, Louis Sarbone, Mayor has certified that the serious threat from COVID-19 is escalating creating a continuing emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of COVID-19 multiple states and numerous local governments have adopted various versions of "stay at home," "safer at home," and "shelter in place" orders designed to protect the health and well-being of the community, to create social distancing, and to minimize person to person contact in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of today the City is aware of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Coconut Creek as well as surrounding jurisdictions and desires to limit the potential community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has issued a number of emergency declarations closing businesses and imposing increasing restrictions designed to limit physical interaction between people thereby reducing the opportunities for community spread of COVID-19 including but not limited to EO 20-70, EO 20-71, and EO 20-80;; and

WHEREAS, Broward County has also issued emergency orders closing businesses and restricting non-essential activities in an effort to reduce the opportunities for community

spread including but not limited to Broward County Emergency Orders 20-01 and 20-02; and

WHEREAS, as of March 24, 2020 the number of statewide cases of COVID-19 had risen to 1,467 in the state of Florida and cases throughout Broward County confirm local community spread of the virus in escalating numbers; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that more drastic steps need to be taken on both a county and state-wide level in order to successfully reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-25, "Declaration of City-wide State of Emergency," the Mayor may, concurrent with or subsequent to the declaration of a City-wide State of Emergency, delineate mandatory evacuation zones, and/or set curfews and restrictions within the City in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Louis Sarbone, Mayor of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, confirm the existence of a proclaimed City-wide "**STATE OF EMERGENCY**" and do hereby urge Governor DeSantis and Broward County to impose a state-wide and county-wide "**SHELTER AT HOME**" order requiring individuals throughout the county and state to stay in their homes subject to only the limited exceptions below:

- (1) Essential Businesses. Residents and visitors may engage in travel to Essential Businesses and provide Minimum Basic Operations to non-essential businesses as identified by Broward County Emergency Order 20-01 and 20-02 as amended;
- (2) Residents and visitors may continue to perform work for and in support of any local government, the State government, the Federal government or businesses authorized to be open to the public as specified in Broward County Emergency Order 20-01 and 20-02 as amended.
- (3) Emergency Assistance. Residents and visitors may engage in travel and similar activities to obtain assistance from law enforcement, fire-rescue, or other emergency services.
- (4) Personal Support Activities. Residents and visitors may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a family member.
- (5) Outdoor Recreational Activities. Residents and visitors may engage in outdoor activity and recreation with immediate family members, caretakers, or household

members while staying six (6) feet apart from another person or group of people, provided no group consists of more than two (2) people.

AND FURTHER, I urge all Coconut Creek residents and visitors to follow the above recommended "Shelter at Home" guidelines and to fully comply with the requirements of Broward County Emergency Order 20-01 and 20-02 as amended restricting business and operational activities, for their own health and for the protection of their friends, neighbors and fellow City residents many of whom are at increased risk for infection, more serious symptoms and even death, due to age, illness or other factors which increase the severity of COVID-19 infections.

Section 1: That these emergency measures are set forth concurrent with or subsequent to the lawful declaration of a City-wide State of Emergency for the City of Coconut Creek, and such emergency measures shall take effect immediately and automatically terminate upon the termination of the City-wide State of Emergency, unless the State of Emergency is extended by the Mayor or extended or repealed by formal action of the City Commission.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 25th day of March, 2020.**



Louis Sarbone, Mayor