

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: CITY COMMISSION

DATE: March 25, 2020

FROM: 
RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

TIME: 5:10 p.m.

CITY OF CORAL GABLES "SAFER AT HOME" EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I declared a state of emergency for the City of Coral Gables, Florida (the "City") as authorized by Chapter 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and Section 27-2(c)(6) of the City Code in response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) (the "Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, numerous counties, municipalities, and multiple states, including municipalities in South Florida have adopted versions of "stay at home" or "safer at home" orders designed to protect the health and well-being of residents, and to strongly urge social distancing in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida has directed in Executive Order 20-83 that the State Surgeon General and State Health officer issue a public health advisory to all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition that places them at a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, urging them to stay home and to take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Declaration and recent Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, including Emergency Orders 03-20 and 10-20, further orders may be issued to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City of Coral Gables. I, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, and pursuant to the authority granted to me by Chapter 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and Section 27-2(c)(6) of the City Code, and in addition to previously ordered emergency measures declared by myself and the City Manager, hereby direct and declare the following additional emergency measures, effective March 25, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (the "Order");

1. All persons residing within the City of Coral Gables are strongly urged to remain in their residences, subject to the exceptions outlined in Paragraph 4 below.
2. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities described in Paragraph 4. This provision does not apply to gatherings within a single household or living unit.
3. All travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or use of public transit is restricted, subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 4.
4. Exceptions. Notwithstanding the "Safer at Home" order herein, all residents in the City may lawfully engage in the following activities:
 - a. **Essential Retail and Commercial Activities.** Residents may engage in essential retail and commercial activities, including travel to or from essential retail and commercial business, as defined in Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20 (a copy of which is attached hereto),

as may be further amended by Miami-Dade County and/or further amended by the City. These essential retail and commercial activities include grocery stores; convenience stores; food distribution centers; restaurants (for take-out and delivery only, subject to social distance separation of at least six (6) feet between patrons); hospitals, pharmacies, an health care providers (including doctor's offices, rehabilitation centers, and urgent care centers); gas stations and auto-repair facilities; banks; hardware stores; businesses that provide postal/shipping services and other office products; laundry service providers; childcare facilities providing services to groups of 10 or fewer (subject to limitations in County Emergency Orders); certain professional services; home-based care for seniors, adults or children; pet supply stores, veterinarian and pet boarding facilities; and offices in support of essential retail and commercial activities.

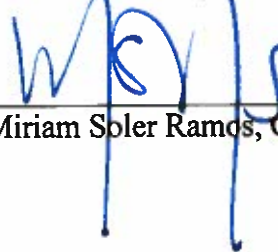
- b. **Outdoor Recreational Activities.** Residents may engage in outdoor activity and recreation in areas not otherwise closed to the public pursuant to Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders or the City's emergency measures, and are urged to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet between each other, including, without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or cycling, and such activities are in compliance with Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 10-20 declaring that no group of 10 or more individuals shall gather on a public street, alley, public way, sidewalk, or government facility open to the public in the City.
 - c. **Religious Activities.** Residents may travel to and from religious institutions and places of worship, as long as the religious institutions and places of worship reduce their occupancy to no more than ten (10) persons, and are urged maintain a distance separation of at least six (6) feet, to promote social distancing.
 - d. **Personal Support Activities.** Residents may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.
 - e. **Work in Support of Essential Activities.** Residents, visitors, and those who work in the City may continue to perform work in support of essential activities (e.g., to perform work providing essential products and services to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order or any order of a City, County, State or Federal governmental entity). Travel by personnel of essential retail and commercial businesses shall be permitted, including personnel providing essential services to residents within their homes, such as repair services, appliance repair, sanitation and extermination, landscaping and pool services, home care, housekeeping, childcare or other essential services (as provided in Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, as amended), provided persons engaging in these essential activities shall maintain reasonable social distancing practices.
 - f. **Government Employees and Emergency Personnel.** All first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel and related contractors, persons working for emergency service providers, and government employees performing work in the course and scope of their employment are categorically exempt from this directive.
 - g. **Observance of Social Distancing Practices.** As to all activities permitted under this Order, residents and visitors shall adhere to social distancing practices, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to limit all of their travel, except as absolutely necessary. Persons at high-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are strongly urged to stay in their residence, except as necessary to seek medical care.
5. Nothing herein shall limit or apply to any essential retail, commercial, governmental, or other operation or activity permitted under any Miami-Dade County Emergency Order of any emergency measure, directive or order of the City.

6. This Order is in addition to and supplements the City's emergency measures and directives and any and all actions taken by the City Manager in accordance with the Manager's authority. All requirements of the City's Code and emergency orders and directives, Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

THE EMERGENCY MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AND ORDERED ABOVE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2020 AT 11:59 PM UNTIL RESCINDED BY THE MAYOR.

C: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
ACM
Directors

Approved as to form & legal sufficiency:



Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney