

**** AMENDED ** DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

(COVID-19 State of Emergency – May 1, 2020)

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that is highly infectious and can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and other potential methods, and presents symptoms similar to those of influenza;

WHEREAS, in December of 2019, a new and substantial outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread rapidly to over 196 countries and territories throughout the World, including the United States, and more specifically Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida, due to the public health threat resulting from the rapid spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-274(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mayor Dean J. Trantalis issued and declared various emergency regulations on March 13, March 15, March 17, 2020, March 27, 2020, April 10, 2020, and April 17, 2020, to limit the spread and limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, and on April 29, 2020, issued Executive Order 20-112, therein ordering individuals to restrict their movements and personal interactions outside of their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities;

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, Broward County issued Emergency Order No. 20-8, therein providing for a limited reopening of certain parks, natural areas, boat ramps, marinas, golf courses, and certain pools and other amenities;

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale, while continuing to aggressively limit the community spread of COVID-19, recognizes the need to promote physical and mental health in the community, and therefore finds it necessary to ease certain restrictions for the general health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38(3) and 252.46, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to Section 2-274(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the event of a proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor, the Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale is empowered, in part, to “make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency . . .”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dean J. Trantalis, Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 2-274(c), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida:

DO HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARE:

SECTION 1 - Safer-at-Home Regulations

- A. The Governor’s Executive Order 20-112 orders that all persons in Florida limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. In accordance with Executive Order 20-112, each resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale is hereby ordered to stay at home and within the entirety of their owned or rented property. Residents may make use of all exterior portions of their homes such as patios, porches, yards, and driveways, and may leave their place of residence and travel to another place for purposes of obtaining or providing essential services or conduct essential activities.

- B. The City of Fort Lauderdale hereby adopts the list of essential services and activities applicable to Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, established by the Governor pursuant to Executive Order 20-112, including as may be amended or supplemented thereafter. All services and commercial establishments that are not deemed essential for Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties pursuant to Executive Order 20-112, as amended or supplemented, are ordered closed.

- C. In accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-06, nothing in this Declaration prohibits nonessential services solely to the extent necessary to perform Minimum Basic Operations, provided such entities and services practice, and ensure persons interacting with and within such entities and services practice, social distancing and all other measures as advised by the CDC, including keeping six (6) feet between persons and limiting group size to less than ten (10) people. Minimum Basic Operations means the minimum activities necessary to maintain the value of inventory, preserve plant and equipment condition, ensure security, process payroll, and employee benefits, and facilitate employees working remotely.

- D. All essential services and businesses, as well as all persons engaged in essential activities, shall adhere to all social distancing guidelines and all other measures advised by the CDC, including keeping six (6) feet between persons and limiting group size to less than ten (10) people.
- E. This Declaration does not limit religious services at any location, but all persons performing or attending religious services shall fully comply with all measures advised by the CDC including limiting group sizes to no more than ten (10) people and practicing social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons.
- F. This Declaration shall apply to entities and services based upon their regular course of services as of March 27, 2020. Any change to an entity's scope of services after March 27, 2020 shall not modify the characterization of the entity as essential or non-essential.
- G. All businesses providing essential services are required to:
 - 1. Deny entry to any persons without a facial covering that is required to do so pursuant to this Declaration and Broward County Emergency Order 20-07;
 - 2. Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers for use by customers and employees;
 - 3. Provide disinfecting wipes at points of entrance, cash registers, and/or other appropriate locations for customers to disinfect carts, shopping baskets, and point of sale terminals; or, alternatively, designate staff responsible for disinfecting carts, and shopping baskets after each customer use; and
 - 4. Implement procedures for custodial or janitorial staff to sanitize frequent touchpoints through the day, including point of sale terminals at registers, conveyor belts, door handles, door plates, shelves, and other appropriate locations.

SECTION 2 – Public Meetings and Events

- A. The following events, activities, and meetings are cancelled and suspended:
 - 1. All City events, including but not limited to, events approved pursuant to Chapter 15, Article V, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
 - 2. All City recreational programs and facilities, facility rentals, and organized sports leagues are cancelled and suspended. However, Parks and Recreation will continue to provide online educational experiences.
 - 3. All Special Magistrate, Code Enforcement, Board of Adjustment, Nuisance Abatement Board hearings, and Community Court are cancelled and suspended.

4. All homeowner association and civic association meetings conducted or held on City property are cancelled and suspended.
- B. Meetings of the Planning & Zoning Board, advisory boards, committees, and working groups may be scheduled and conducted on a limited basis to the extent such advisory board, quasi-judicial board, committee, or working group's advice, consent, or decision is necessary and required for the function of the City Commission.
1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, the requirements of an in-person quorum and for a meeting to occur at a public place, are suspended. However, any meetings held by any and all advisory boards, quasi-judicial boards, committees, or working groups pursuant to this Section must strictly adhere to any and all other requirements under the Florida Constitution and Florida's "Government in the Sunshine Laws, including Chapter 286, Florida Statutes.
 2. Any meetings held by any and all advisory boards, quasi-judicial boards, committees, or working groups pursuant to this Section must utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in Sec. 120.54(5)(b)(2), Florida Statutes, subject to the approval of the City Clerk, City's Information Technology Director, and City Attorney.

SECTION 3 – Beaches and Public Parks

- A. All beaches in the City of Fort Lauderdale remain closed.
- B. Basketball courts, community centers, dog parks, indoor gyms, outdoor fitness equipment, park offices, pavilions, playgrounds, restrooms, splash pads, sports fields, swimming pools within parks, and water fountains remain closed.
- C. The following City of Fort Lauderdale parks are open to public access for the limited purposes stated, and subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. All other parks remain closed.
1. Bass Park tennis courts;
 2. Bayview Park tennis courts;
 3. Benneson Park tennis courts;
 4. Bill Keith Preserve nature trail, and canoe and kayak launch;
 5. Carter Park tennis courts, track, and walking path;
 6. Dr. Elizabeth Hays Civic Park walking path;

7. George English Park tennis courts, boat ramps, and walking paths;
8. Hardy Park tennis courts and walking paths;
9. Holiday Park pickle-ball courts, tennis courts, and walking path;
10. Hortt Park tennis courts and walking path;
11. Lewis Landing Park canoe and kayak launching;
12. Mangurian Park walking path;
13. Osswald Park driving range and golf course;
14. Riverland Park walking path;
15. Riverland Woods Park boat ramps;
16. Riverside Park tennis courts and walking path;
17. Riverwalk Linear Park walking path;
18. Sailboat Bend Preserve nature trail;
19. Shirley Small Community Park tennis courts and walking path;
20. Snyder Park bike trail, disc golf, and nature trails; and
21. Warfield Park walking path.

D. City of Fort Lauderdale parks opened by this Declaration shall be used only for passive use, such as walking, hiking, biking, jogging, personal boat launching, mountain biking, disc golf, and fishing, as applicable and otherwise permitted in such parks. Passive use does not include any use that requires use of park buildings or park equipment.

E. The following guidelines shall apply to all City of Fort Lauderdale parks:

1. No groups of more than ten (10) people shall congregate in any area of any park within the City of Fort Lauderdale, and a minimum of fifty (50) feet shall be maintained between all groups of up to 10 people.
2. 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 racquetball courts and disc golf courses limited to a maximum of one person at any one time.
3. Users of walking and nature paths will be required to travel only in one direction.

4. Vehicle parking capacity in parks will be regulated, as necessary, to adhere to CDC social distancing guidelines.
 5. All CDC guidelines regarding social distancing must be observed at all times by all persons using any park in the City of Fort Lauderdale.
 6. Facial coverings must be worn at all times to the extent required herein, including but not limited to, if they are within a six-foot distance of another person.
- F. The City reserves the right to close or open certain parks or limited park amenities as deemed appropriate and as circumstances warrant without the need to modify this Declaration.

SECTION 4 – Boating and Marine Activities

- A. Boating and marine activities, including recreational and commercial boating activities, may resume on a limited basis in the City of Fort Lauderdale pursuant and with strict adherence to the requirements and limitations set forth in Broward County Emergency Order 20-08 (attached).
- B. Boat ramps located within a City park will operate and be open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Any other boat ramps will operate and be open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm daily.

SECTION 5 – Pool Decks, Pools, and Hot Tubs

- A. In accordance with Broward County Emergency Orders 20-05 and 20-08, pool decks, pools, and hot tubs, whether of a commercial or non-commercial nature shall remain closed for all purposes except as permitted in Broward County Emergency Order 20-08.
- B. The limited use of pool decks, pools, and hot tubs is contingent upon strict compliance with, and adherence to, the requirements and limitations set forth in Broward County Emergency Order 20-08.

SECTION 6 – Golf Courses

All municipal and privately-run golf courses in the City of Fort Lauderdale may reopen on a limited basis with strict compliance with, and adherence to, the requirements and limitations set forth in Broward County Emergency Order 20-08.

SECTION 7 – Facial Coverings

- A. Any and all persons, including employees, while present within the interior of any and all essential services and businesses, as defined by Executive Order 20-112, as may be amended, and any and all persons while making deliveries or providing delivery services, are **required** to wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth at all times.

- B. A covering over the nose and mouth may include a face mask, homemade mask, or other cloth covering, such as a scarf, bandana, handkerchief or other similar cloth covering. For purposes of this Declaration, persons are encouraged not to utilize N95 or medical grade surgical masks unless engaged in providing health care, police, fire, or emergency management services or other persons engaged in life-safety activities.
- C. Facial coverings should not be placed on young children under the age of two (2), and are not required to be worn by persons who otherwise have difficulty breathing, or by food service employees when doing so would pose a hazard or health issue.
- D. In addition to the foregoing requirements applicable to the interior of essential services and businesses, all other persons, including persons working, living, visiting, or doing business in the City of Fort Lauderdale, are **strongly encouraged** to wear a form of covering over the nose and mouth outside of their homes and residences.
- E. Face coverings shall not be required for any outdoor activity deemed essential and permitted under any applicable City, County, or State orders and declarations, including Executive Order 20-112, as may be amended, except as provided herein with respect to persons providing delivery services.
- F. Nothing herein shall operate to restrict any employee or person from accessing any essential service or business to address any emergency or other exigent circumstance if a covering over the nose and mouth is not readily accessible at the time of such emergency or exigent circumstance.

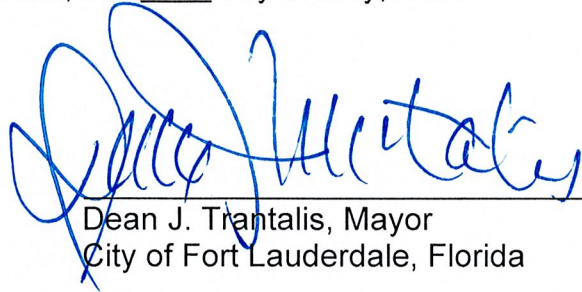
SECTION 8 – Applicability, Enforcement, Severability

- A. This Declaration supersedes the City’s Declaration of Emergency Regulations, dated March 17, 2020, City’s Declaration of Emergency “Safer at Home” Regulations, dated March 27, 2020, City’s Declaration of Emergency Regulations (Face Coverings), dated April 10, 2020, and City’s Declaration of Emergency Regulations, dated April 17, 2020.
- B. This Declaration is supplemental Broward County’s Emergency Orders 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08, and the Governor’s Executive Orders.
- C. The regulations set forth in this Declaration do not apply to Broward County, the Broward County School Board, the North Broward Hospital District, the State of Florida, and the Federal Government.
- D. Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provided in Florida Statute, Section 252.50, and Sections 1-6, 16-1, and/or 18-1, Code of Ordinances, City of Fort Lauderdale.

E. This Emergency Declaration is effective as of 12:01 am May 1, 2020 and shall remain in full force up until terminated or superseded by subsequent Declaration.

Ordered in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 1 day of May, 2020.





Dean J. Trantalis, Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Attest:



Jeff Modarelli
City Clerk