

# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

(COVID-19 State of Emergency – April 17, 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, and March 17, 2020, to limit the spread and limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19, which were confirmed and approved unanimously by the City Commission on Friday, March 20, 2020;

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 additional Emergency and “Safer at Home” Regulations on March 27, 2020, therein ordering residents to stay at home for purposes of protecting the health and well-being of the community, creating social distancing, and minimizing contact to limit community spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, 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, 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 additional Emergency Regulations regarding Face Coverings on April 10, 2020, therein ordering that any and all persons present within the interior of any and all essential services and

businesses, and any and all persons while making deliveries or providing delivery services, wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth at all times;

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-07 requiring all persons who are providing essential services, and members of the public obtaining essential services, to wear a facial covering;

WHEREAS, as of April 16, 2020, at least 3,363 persons in Broward County and 22,519 persons in the State of Florida have tested positive for COVID-19, and 94 persons have died in Broward County, and 614 persons have died throughout the State of Florida, as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of today, the City of Fort Lauderdale has confirmed cases of COVID-19 within its jurisdictional boundaries. To limit the community spread of COVID-19, it is now necessary for the City of Fort Lauderdale to extend and maintain 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 20-91 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 20-91, 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 established by the Governor pursuant to Executive Order 20-91, including as may be amended or supplemented thereafter. All services and commercial establishments that are not deemed essential pursuant to Executive Order 20-91, 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 in accordance with the City Declaration of Emergency Regulations (Face Coverings), dated April 10, 2020, 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.
  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**

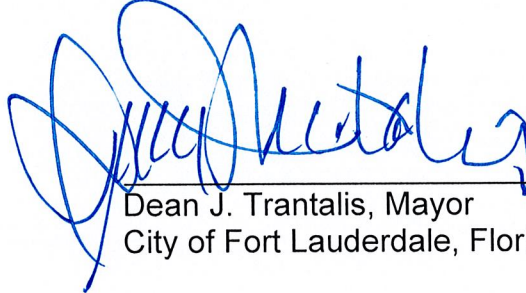
- A. In accordance with Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-70 and Executive Order 20-90, all public and private beaches are closed.
- B. All City Parks, including recreational facilities and boat ramps, are closed.

**SECTION 4 – Applicability, Enforcement, Severability**

- A. This Declaration supersedes the City’s Declaration of Emergency Regulations, dated March 17, 2020, and City’s Declaration of Emergency “Safer at Home” Regulations, dated March 27, 2020.
- B. This Declaration is supplemental to the City’s Declaration of Emergency Regulations (Face Coverings), dated April 10, 2020, Broward County’s Emergency Orders 20-05, 20-06, and 20-07, 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 April 17, 2020 and shall remain in full force up through and including May 1, 2020, unless earlier terminated by subsequent Declaration.

Ordered in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16 day of April, 2020.



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

Attest:



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Jeff Modarelli  
City Clerk