

**PALM BEACH COUNTY COVID-19  
PUBLIC SAFETY ORDER NUMBER 1**

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, pursuant Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, Palm Beach County declared a local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which has since been extended in accordance with applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued the “15 Days to Slow the Spread” guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people, and in states with evidence of community spread, bars, restaurants, food courts, and gyms should be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, after consultation with Broward County and Palm Beach County authorities, both of which requested application of the CDC recommendations, issued Executive Order 20-70, which ordered that all restaurants, bars, taverns, pubs, night clubs, banquet halls, cocktail lounges, cabarets, breweries, cafeterias and any other alcohol and/or food service business with seating for more than ten (10) people within Broward and Palm Beach Counties be closed to on-premise service of customers; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, also pursuant to Executive Order 20-70 and as provided therein, Governor Ron DeSantis closed all movie theatres, concert halls, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, gyms, fitness studios, and beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled, and that residents and visitors in Palm Beach County remain safe and secure, especially with regard to people in large groups that may not be observing appropriate social distancing to prevent community spread of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35, and all other applicable laws, that:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Effective immediately, within Palm Beach County, including all municipalities therein, all boat docks, ramps, marinas, and any other venues utilized for launching any vessels are hereby closed until further notice.
3. Effective immediately, within Palm Beach County, including all municipalities therein, all islands, sandbars, and intracoastal lands are prohibited for use by the public.
4. Commercial fishing, commercial marine operations, and support services related thereto are permitted to operate.
5. The Sherriff of Palm Beach County and other law enforcement personnel are hereby authorized and directed to enforce this directive.
6. This Order shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court and delivered to appropriate news media for publication and radio and television broadcast.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY**

By: *Wendene C. Baker*  
County Administrator

3/22/20  
Date

**ATTEST  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: *[Signature]*  
County Attorney