



VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. **03-20**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38 (3)(A), Florida Statutes, gives political subdivisions the authority to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring of State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Village Manager and Mayor declared an Emergency for the Village of Palmetto Bay, which has been extended every seven-day period as required by law and which is currently in effect; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the Miami-Dade County Mayor issued Emergency Order 21-20 reopening parks and recreational facilities in incorporated and unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County under limited circumstances as defined in such order to become effective on April 29, 2020 at 6am; and,

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, the Village Manager issued Emergency Order 02-20 keeping all parks and recreational facilities in the Village of Palmetto Bay closed as of April 29, 2020 at 6 am (EST); and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus poses a health risk to Village of Palmetto Bay residents, particularly elderly residents and those who are immunosuppressed or otherwise have high-risk medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, minimization of contact is necessary to avoid risk of COVID-19 infection for the residents of the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidance encouraging social distancing and maintaining a 6 foot separation between residents to slow the spread of infection and the events with more than ten attendees be cancelled or held virtually; and

WHEREAS, the CDC guidelines are based upon the amount of community spread within a community and become more stringent where there is minimal to moderate or substantial community spread; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the physical and mental health of the community that outdoor recreation be allowed to the extent that it is safe to do so following County guidelines, which have been developed in consultation with medical experts, industry experts and other municipalities throughout the county.

By virtue of the powers and duties vested in me as the Village Manager of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Miami-Dade County, Florida, in accordance with Section 252.38 of the Florida Statutes, under Chapter 14, Article III, Sec. 14-80 (a) of the Village Code, and pursuant to the Village's Declaration of a State of Emergency issued on March 13, 2020 and as extended, I hereby order the following:

1. Effective as of 7 am on Monday, May 18, 2020, Emergency Order 02-20 is canceled.

2. Defined terms:

As used herein;

- the term “facial covering” shall refer to a facial covering as described in Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 20-20; <https://www.miamidade.gov/information/library/04.09.20-emergency-order-20-20.pdf>
 - the term “family” shall mean an individual and spouse, domestic partner, parents, children, or legal guardians who reside in the same household, and inclusive of children whose custody is shared between two parents in different households;
 - “parks” shall mean parks and recreational facilities but shall not include beaches; and the term “social distancing” shall mean a minimum of six feet distance between persons.
 - Social distancing, where required herein, shall not apply to family members residing in the same dwelling solely with respect to other such family members.
3. If the CDC issues guidelines that are more restrictive than is provided for in this order, persons shall comply with the CDC guidelines.
4. Effective as of 7 am on Monday, May 18, 2020, Coral Reef Park and Palmetto Bay Park will open, under the limited circumstances set forth herein:
- Park hours at Coral Reef Park and Palmetto Bay Park will be from 7 AM until 8 PM, Monday through Sunday.
 - Visitors are encouraged to use the park for 1- or 2-hour intervals
 - The main parking lot and the east side parking lot (77th avenue entrance) will be open at Coral Reef Park from 7 AM until 8 PM, Monday through Sunday. Signage at each entrance of the parking lots will be displayed with hours and rules. Parking lots at Palmetto Bay Park shall remain closed.
 - Facial coverings shall be worn by all park visitors, except children under the age of 2, persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition, or persons engaged in strenuous physical activity.
 - Park Staff shall take extra measures to keep open facilities clean and sanitized in accordance with CDC and the Florida State Health Department guidelines.
 - No groups of 10 or more shall congregate in parks or recreational facilities. All persons, excepting family, shall observe social distancing of six-feet apart, both within groups and with others.
 - Walking and Nature Paths shall be one way (directional).
 - To ensure that social distancing is maintained and to ensure access to facilities by patrons, parks staff may limit the number of persons using trails, paths, or fields, and may limit the time that any person spends on the trails, path or field.
 - Activities at the parks shall be limited to a walking, jogging, and nature walk on trails. Bicycling and skating on trails shall be prohibited.
 - Passive uses of the parks are allowed provided that social distancing is maintained; table games, picnics and parties are prohibited.
 - Visitors are encouraged to bring water bottles as water fountains will be out of service.
 - Tennis Courts shall be open for singles play and private one on one lessons only.
 - Racquet Ball Courts will be open for individual play only. Competitive games are prohibited.
 - Coral Reef Park canoe and kayak launch will be open.
 - No recreational programming, pick-up games, organized sports, or activities will be allowed.
 - The following amenities shall remain closed/ not allowed:
 - batting Cages – closed
 - restrooms - closed.
 - playgrounds and exercise equipment,

- recreation buildings, and concessions,
 - skate park
 - basketball courts
 - volleyball courts,
 - batting Cages,
 - picnic Tables,
 - parking lot at Palmetto Bay Park
 - bleachers and dug outs,
 - restrooms and water fountains,
 - picnic shelters/pavilions/gazebo,
 - softball fields, baseball fields, football, and soccer fields (individual play only, no organized sports or pick-up games, and
 - all sports field lighting to remain off
- Virtual recreational programming shall continue to be provided online.
5. No person shall violate the terms of this Emergency Order, except upon direct authorization of the Village of Palmetto Bay Policing Unit. Any violation of this Emergency Order shall be subject to fine, imprisonment, or both in accordance with Section 14-88 of the Village Code.

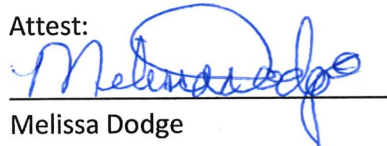
This Emergency Order shall be effective **commencing May 18, 2020 at 7:00 AM (EST)**. This Emergency Order may be cancelled or amended by action of the Village Manager.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Palmetto Bay to be affixed this 16 day of May, 2020 at 12:10 p.m. (EST).



Gregory Truitt
Interim Village Manager

Attest:



Melissa Dodge
Acting Village Clerk

