

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
SAFER AT HOME ORDER
(Pursuant to COVID-19 State of Emergency – March 28, 2020)**

**City of West Park
Order #2020-02**

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread quickly among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is predicting that it is likely that widespread transmission of COVID-19 will also occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the CDC issued the 15 days to slow the spread guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 that provides that each municipality in the State of Florida is authorized to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivisions by law pertaining to the taking of whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Park is threatened by COVID-19 because of the extraordinary ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of West Park; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidelines for "community mitigation strategies" to limit the spread of COVID-19, including recommendations for social distancing, which has proven to be an effective method for containing COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Park, Florida, due to the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Eric H. Jones declared a State of Emergency in the City to ensure that emergency measures are taken to alleviate the suffering of people and protect property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric H. Jones, Mayor of the City of West Park, Florida, pursuant to Sections 252.38(3) and 252.46, Florida Statutes and the authority vested in me by Section 12-25, Code of Ordinances of the City of West Park, Florida, do hereby declare and establish a Safer At Home Order as follows:

Section 1. Each resident is hereby ordered to stay home and within the entirety of their owned or rented property. The order to stay at home does not require residents to confine themselves to the interior of their homes. Residents may make use of all exterior portions of their homes such as patios, porches, yards, and driveways. Residents may also leave their place of residence and travel to another place in accordance with Section 3, below.

Section 2. Unless a person has, a Permissible Use as provided for in Section 3, below, no person shall travel or be on or upon any public right of way, including but not limited to, streets, canals, or sidewalks, within the boundaries of the City of West Park.

Section 3. Permissible Use. Notwithstanding Section 1 and 2, all residents and visitors in the City may lawfully engage in the following activities:

1. Essential Businesses. Residents and visitors may engage in travel to Essential Businesses and provide minimum basic operations to non-essential businesses as identified in Broward County Emergency Orders 20-01 and 20-02, as further refined in Broward County Emergency Order 20-03; and as may be amended or extended. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open.
2. Emergency Assistance. Residents and visitors may engage in travel and similar activities to obtain assistance from law enforcement, fire-rescue, or other emergency services.
3. Personal Support Activities. Residents and visitors may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a friend, companion, family member, pet or livestock, support groups, or a vulnerable person.

4. Work in Support of Essential Businesses. Residents and visitors in the City may continue to perform work for and in support of businesses authorized to be open to the public in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-01, 20-02, and 20-03, and any local government, the State government, or the Federal government.
5. Outdoor Recreational Activities. In areas not otherwise closed by a separate Emergency or Executive Order, residents may engage in outdoor activity and recreation while staying six (6) feet apart from another person or group of people, and so as long as residents are in compliance with size of public gatherings as defined in Section 7 below.
6. Religious Activities. Residents and visitors may travel to and from places of worship. Places of worship must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 4 below, to the greatest extent feasible. Places of worship are encouraged to livestream their services in lieu of in-person gatherings.
7. 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 Order.
8. Public Transit. Public transit may be used for the above listed activities. People riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 4 below, to the greatest extent feasible.

Section 4. Social Distancing Requirements. A person in a public space shall:

- (1) Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away whenever practicable from another person, excluding immediate family members, caretakers or, household members;
- (2) Cover all coughs and sneezes with their elbow or tissue;
- (3) Not shake hands;
- (4) Not enter any public place if the person exhibits any flu or COVID-19 like symptoms and/or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit unless that

person is traveling to or from a hospital, doctor's office, urgent care, walk-in clinic, or pharmacy;

- (5) If a person is exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and is seeking medical treatment, the person shall first contact their medical provider by phone before appearing at the medical provider's office; and
- (6) If a person is exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and requires a prescription or a refill thereof and the pharmacy has a drive-thru window and/or delivery service, that person shall utilize the drive-thru window and/or delivery service to receive their medication.

Section 5. Essential Businesses Employee Screening. For those businesses deemed to be an Essential Business, as set forth above, these facilities are urged to implement employee screening and prohibit any employee from entering the premises if they affirmatively answer any of the below questions, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- (1) Have you returned from international travel (anywhere outside the United States) or been on a cruise within the last 14 days?
- (2) Have you been in contact with anyone who has returned from international travel or been on a cruise within the last 14 days?
- (3) Have you been in any gathering of 50 people or more in the last 14 days?
- (4) Have you traveled through any airport within the past 14 days?
- (5) Have you traveled to any area known to have high numbers of positive cases of COVID-19, including but not limited to California, Washington, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, or Washington D.C. within the past 14 days?
- (6) Have you experienced signs or symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit, cough or shortness of breath?

Section 6. Essential Businesses Cleaning Protocols. For those businesses deemed to be an Essential Business, as set forth above, these facilities must make every effort to:

- (1) Provide disinfectant wipes or equivalent for shopping carts and baskets or disinfect shopping carts and baskets after each use.
- (2) Disinfect hourly, at a minimum all check out areas, including but not limited to, conveyor belts, cash registers, and credit card areas.
- (3) Disinfect after closing or before opening all areas of the business that customers may touch or come into contact.
- (4) Require employees or independent contractors present to wash and/or disinfect their hands at least once per hour.
- (5) Clean and disinfect any pen, stylus or screen used to sign receipts after each customer or waive the need to sign a receipt.
- (6) Ensure that no more than 10 people, including staff, are gathered in any particular area of the Essential Business.
- (7) Ensure that customers at checkout are separated by at least 6 feet.
- (8) Disinfect all door handles used by the general public at least hourly during business hours.
- (9) Essential Businesses with waiting rooms must ensure that no person shall be seated within 6 feet of another person and all seats must be disinfected after each use.
- (10) Do not allow more than 25% of their approved maximum capacity into any location.

Section 7. Limit on Gatherings. All gatherings of 10 or more people shall be prohibited except for Religious Facilities and those identified in Section 3 above. Social Distancing Requirements must be observed.

Section 8. Homelessness. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to utilize Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).

Section 9. Exceptions for Utilities and Government Personnel. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit or restrict movement or use of the public rights of way for use by other local governments, the state government, and federal

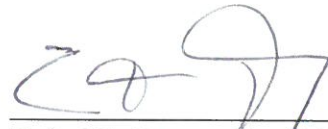
government or their employees, and utility providers and contractors while engaged in their duties.

Section 10. Enforcement. This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City's Declaration of a State of Emergency, County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders and shall be strictly adhered to at all times. This Order may be enforced by City law enforcement personnel through issuance of Notices to Appear or arrest, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and other applicable state, County and City laws, rules and regulations, or through the issuance of Code Violations and Notices of Violation pursuant to applicable provisions of Florida law, Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and Sections 10-1 through 10-17 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Emergency Order is effective as of 12:01 a.m. on March 29, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated.

Dated, in the City of West Park, Florida, this 28th day of March, 2020.




Eric H. Jones, Jr., Mayor
City of West Park, Florida