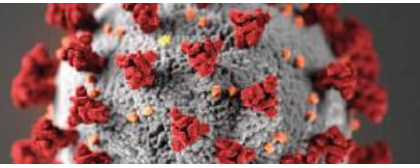




CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS



April 16, 2020

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis Issues Emergency Declaration Extending COVID-19 Safety Measures through May 1, 2020

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean J. Trantalis today issued an Emergency Declaration extending many of the safety measures put in place to limit the community spread of COVID-19 through May 1, 2020.

The Emergency Declaration, which does not impose any new restrictions, will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on April 17, 2020 and will remain in effect through May 1, 2020. It extends many of the measures already in place including those related to Safer At Home Regulations, Public Meetings and Events, and Beaches and Public Parks.

“Our community must continue to work together and do everything possible to fight this virus,” said Mayor Trantalis. “While many people may be getting restless and growing weary, now is not the time to become complacent. We must remain vigilant and continue to limit social interaction until the rate of infection declines. By doing so, we will be able to turn the tide and begin making plans for how to reopen parts of our City.”

Under the Emergency Declaration, the following guidelines are in place through May 1, 2020:

Safer At Home Regulations

-In accordance with the Governor’s [Executive Order 20-91](#), residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale are required to stay at home. Travel outside the home is limited to personal interactions to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. Essential businesses include, but are not limited to, grocery stores, healthcare facilities, gas stations, banks, laundromats, pet supply stores, childcare facilities, and hardware stores. Essential activities include religious services; walking, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, running, or swimming; caring for pets; and caring for or assisting loved ones and friends.

-All services and commercial establishments that are not deemed essential under the Governor’s [Executive Order 20-91](#) are ordered closed.

-All essential services and businesses are required to adhere to all social distancing guidelines and all other measures advised by the CDC, including maintaining a six-foot distance between individuals and limiting groups to less than 10 people.

-All businesses providing essential services are required to: (1) deny entry to individuals without a facial covering per the City’s [Emergency Regulations for Face Coverings](#), 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 or designated staff to disinfect carts, shopping baskets, and point of sale terminals; and (4) Implement procedures for custodial or janitorial staff to sanitize frequent touchpoints through the day.

Public Meetings and Events

-All City events, recreational programs and facilities, facility rentals, and organized sports leagues are cancelled and suspended.

-All Special Magistrate, Code Enforcement, Board of Adjustment, Nuisance Abatement Board hearings, and Community Court are cancelled and suspended.

-All homeowner association and civic association meetings conducted or held on City property are cancelled and suspended.

-Meetings of the Planning & Zoning Board, advisory boards, committees, and working groups may be conducted on a limited basis using technology such as telephonic and video conferencing, to the extent that decisions by these groups are needed or required for the function of the City Commission.

Beaches and Public Parks

-In accordance with the Governor's [Executive Order 20-70](#) and [Executive Order 20-90](#), all public and private beaches are closed.

-All City Parks, including recreational facilities and boat ramps, are closed.

The regulations issued by the City do not apply to Broward County, the Broward County School Board, the North Broward Hospital District, the State of Florida, and the Federal Government.

The Emergency Declaration issued today, supersedes the City's [Emergency Declaration](#) issued on March 17, 2020 and the ["Safer at Home" Regulations](#) issued on March 27, 2020. In addition, it supplements the City's [Emergency Regulations for Face Coverings](#) issued on April 10, 2020, as well as Broward County's Emergency Orders [20-05](#), [20-06](#), and [20-07](#), and the Governor's Executive Orders.

To read the City's entire order, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus.

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