



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER 20-20

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 General 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 issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the County Mayor declared a State of Emergency for all of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-89, restricting the operations of non-essential businesses in certain South Florida counties and requires such establishments to take reasonable actions to comply with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the CDC believes that social distancing in the most effective way of slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the CDC recommended that persons wear masks, including cloth masks or other facial coverings, in situations where it is difficult to attain social distancing, in order to help control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19/novel Coronavirus poses a health risk to Miami-Dade County residents, particularly elderly residents and those who are immunosuppressed or otherwise have high-risk medical conditions,

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby order:

1. Persons working in or visiting grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, construction sites, public transit vehicles, vehicles for hire, and locations where social distancing measures are not possible shall wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC.

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2. A facial covering includes any covering which snugly covers the face and mouth, whether store bought or homemade, and which is secured with ties or ear loops. Examples of compliant home-made masks may be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. Persons should not utilize N95 rated masks, as those are critical supplies for health care workers, police, fire, emergency management, or other persons engaged in life/safety activities. Persons who wear masks should review the CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines regarding safely applying, removing, and cleaning masks.

3. A mask shall not be required for children under two or persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition.

4. This order does not change or alter any social distancing requirements imposed in any other Emergency Order.

5. The provisions of this order shall serve as minimum standards. Municipalities may impose more stringent standards within their jurisdictions, as permitted by law.

6. This order shall be effective as of 11:59 p.m. on April 9, 2020.

7. This order shall expire upon the expiration of the existing Miami-Dade County State of Local Emergency, except that if such State of Local Emergency is extended, this order shall also be deemed to extend for the duration of such extension. This order may be cancelled earlier by action of the County Mayor.

8. This order shall be provided to all appropriate media consistent with the requirements of section 8B-7(2)(n) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Enacted:

Signed: _____


COUNTY MAYOR

Date: 4/9/2020

Time: 18:20

Witness: _____



Cancelled:

Signed: _____

COUNTY MAYOR

Date: _____

Time: ____:____

Witness: _____