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**NMB Coronavirus Statement**

**North Miami Beach, FL (March 12, 2020)** -- The City of North Miami Beach is continuously monitoring developments with the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. At this time, the Florida Department of Health has determined there is one confirmed case of coronavirus in Miami-Dade County.

Rest assured, we are working closely with local, state, and federal agencies to assess the most up-to-date information to keep you informed.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed. The CDC recommends several steps that you and your family can take to minimize your risk and help prevent the spread of coronavirus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick, and don't send sick children to school.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then throw the tissue in the trash immediately.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- If you have fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, please seek medical attention.
- There is currently no vaccine to prevent contracting the COVID-19 virus, but there are vaccines available to help prevent the flu. Health officials still recommend an annual flu vaccination for everyone age 6 months and older.
- Reconsider travel plans, particularly to destinations in the U.S. and internationally that have reported an outbreak.

For coronavirus updates and the latest information, visit:

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

**Florida Department of Health**

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/>



**Miami-Dade County government**

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page>

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

<http://covid19.dadeschools.net/#/>

**Health hotlines**

The Florida Department of Health has activated a dedicated call center for COVID-19, which is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to midnight. The phone number is 866-779-6121, and the email is [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

State health officials ask anyone who believes they may have been exposed to COVID-19, to call their office at 305-470-5660 before visiting a medical office or healthcare facility.

In North Miami Beach, nothing is more important than the health and well-being of our residents, employees, and visitors. We urge you to stay calm, stay informed, and take care of yourself and your family.

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