



**EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2020  
CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 3**

**North Miami Beach, FL – State of Emergency Declared in North Miami Beach**

Due to the growing threat of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and consistent with the State of Emergency signed in Miami-Dade County, City of North Miami Beach City Manager Esmond K. Scott and Chief of Police William Hernandez [declared a State of Emergency for the City of North Miami Beach late Thursday](#), March 12, 2020. The State of Emergency went into effect that day at 6 p.m. and is a means to take all prudent and lawful actions necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools Closed**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho announced on Friday, March 13 that Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be closed to students this week, but the community feeding plan will be in place at school cafeterias. For more information, please visit <http://covid19.dadeschools.net/#!/>

**Miami-Dade County Community Centers For Seniors**

Miami-Dade County's EOC announced that all Miami-Dade County community centers that serve seniors will close at the end of business on Monday, March 16, 2020, until further notice. Seniors who participate or receive meals as part of a meal program at a community center that serves seniors and have NOT been contacted by a center to schedule meal delivery to their home, may call 311 to join Miami-Dade County's meal delivery program for seniors. Calling will help ensure a continuation of this vital service.

**Due to the growing threat of COVID-19, please be aware of the following impact on City events:**

All city events for the months of March, April, May, and June are canceled. Bike305 and the Job & Career Fair have been postponed. For a complete list of those events, please [visit our website](#).

**As a precautionary measure in response to COVID-19, the following meetings scheduled for the month of March have been canceled:**

- City Commission Conference - Tuesday, March 17, 5 p.m.
- Commission on Aging - Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m.
- Redevelopment Advisory Board - Thursday, March 19, 5:30 p.m.
- Education Committee - Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
- Civil Service Board - Monday, March 23, 5:15 p.m.
- Library Board - Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.
- CRA Board - Thursday, March 26, 5:30 p.m.



The City Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 will be held at 6 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Commission Chamber of City Hall. Although this meeting is open to the public, we encourage you to watch via live stream [here](#).

No other upcoming meetings have been canceled at this time. However, as we continue to receive information concerning the potential spread of the virus, other future meetings may be affected. Stay tuned for updates from the City of North Miami Beach via our [website](#).

## Parks and Recreation

- City of North Miami Beach Senior Programs: Senior Meet & Mingle, Senior Luncheon, Senior Trips, Surf and Turf ExcerSwim, and Ceramics are canceled until further notice.
- City of North Miami Beach Adult and Youth Programs: All Adult and Youth Programs are suspended until further notice.
- City of North Miami Beach Space Rentals: Please call the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at (305) 948-2957 if you have an event space reservation for the month of March.
- City of North Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Facilities: All community centers, pools, Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater and Senator Gwen Margolis Amphitheater will be closed until further notice. All organized programming and afterschool care will be suspended until further notice. All Spring Break Camps will be suspended during the week of March 23 – 27. All outdoor parks remain open. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at (305) 948-2957 for more information.
- North Miami Beach Tennis Center: The North Miami Beach Tennis Center remains open until further notice.
- North Miami Beach Little League: The North Miami Beach Little League has suspended all activities until further notice.
- On Tuesday, March 17, all community centers will reopen temporarily for the Florida Primary Election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## NMB Library

- NMB Library will be closed to the public from March 16 through March 29. Library services will continue to operate daily and provide reference services, holds and renewals from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. via phone at (305) 948-2970 or email at [DiscoveryLibrary@citynmb.com](mailto:DiscoveryLibrary@citynmb.com).
- Library users who need to check out books may call ahead and pick up at a designated time at the Library's staff door.
- Library digital service will continue to be offered online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. NMB Library staff will be available during the scheduled hours to walk our residents through electronic access of our online service via [www.nmblib.com](http://www.nmblib.com).
- For updates and tutorials, please continue to follow NMB Library on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) @NMBLibrary and on YouTube at NMB Discovery Library.
- NMB Library staff will also be available to provide assistance with the 2020 Census via phone.



## North Miami Beach Police Department and Police Athletic League (PAL)

- All community meetings, PAL events, and recruitment fair will be canceled until further notice.
- Red Light Camera Hearings set for Thursday, March 19 and Thursday, April 16 are canceled and all cases scheduled for those days are being dismissed.

## Other Announcements

- City Hall, NMB Water Customer Service, Police Department, Public Services Administration Building, and Operations Center remain open until further notice.
- Trolley service remains unaffected.
- Waste management will pick up commercial and multi-family garbage an hour earlier starting at 6 am. Residential pick up will remain the same.
- The City remains in close contact with state, national, and local health officials to monitor the latest developments on COVID-19.
- We ask that residents and visitors stay informed and continue to take proper preventative actions. For ongoing updates visit [www.citynmb.com/coronavirus](http://www.citynmb.com/coronavirus)

## PREVENTION

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 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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### **About City of North Miami Beach**

The City of North Miami Beach and its employees are dedicated to providing our citizens a full range of quality and efficient services and will work to create a better environment in which to live, work and play.

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