



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH EMERGENCY ORDER RECOMMENDING  
FACE COVERING**

On March 11, 2020, Miami-Dade County Mayor declared a public health emergency in Miami-Dade County (the "County"), as a result of mounting presumptive positive cases of COVID-19. The City of North Miami Beach (the "City") similarly issued its own emergency declaration on March 12, 2020 for an initial seven (7) day period and extended the emergency with subsequent declarations through April 9, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread guidance, advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing and other protective measures. In furtherance thereof, the City, on March 25, 2020, issued orders recommending residents to remain sheltered at home to the greatest extent possible, especially at-risk groups, and limiting certain other activities within the community. Governor Ron DeSantis and County Mayor Carlos Gimenez issued similar protective orders and guidance. Most pertinent to this order, on March 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 30-89, restricting the operations of non-essential business in certain South Florida counties and requiring establishments to take reasonable precautions to comply with CDC guidelines. The CDC updated those guidelines on April 3, 2020, recommending that persons should wear protective masks, including, but not limited to, cloth masks or other facial coverings, while in public to help control the spread of COVID-19. Mayor Gimenez in turn issued Emergency Order 19-20 similar recommending face coverings.

In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible and to work to ease the impact of those infected on City's first responders and healthcare facilities and providers serving our community, the City deems it in the best interest of public health to issue this additional emergency order with the following measures:

- 1. Face Covering Recommended Generally.** Consistent with CDC guidelines and in furtherance of County orders, excepted as otherwise required herein, all persons are encouraged to wear a cloth mask or face covering when moving about the City for essential services, whether employee or patron, and/or engaging in essential activities. Persons should not utilize N95 rated masks, as those exceed the standards for coverings provided by the CDC and are in critical short supply for health care workers, first responders, emergency management, and other persons engaged in life/safety activities. Face coverings may include, without limitation, scarfs, neck gaiters, bandanas, handkerchiefs, or other similar cloth coverings, whether store bought or homemade. Persons looking for additional guidance for protective face coverings should review CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines on



personal protective equipment. Individuals engaged in permitted outdoor activities may forego this recommendation, provided that all other social distancing measures and State, County and/or State orders are followed.

**2. Face Covering Required for Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, and Restaurants; Deliveries.**

All employees and customers of grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants are hereby required to wear a mask or face covering that shields the nose and mouth at all times while inside the grocery store, pharmacy, or restaurant facility. All individuals providing any kind of delivery services shall also wear a mask or face covering that shields the nose and mouth at all times while making deliveries.

**3. Face Covering Required for City Facilities.** All visitors to any open City facilities, including, but not limited to, City Hall, are hereby required to wear a mask or face covering that shields the nose and mouth at all times while inside such City facility.

**4. Essential Services Recommendations.** All essential retail establishments are strongly recommended to implement policies for employees to use appropriate personal protective equipment.

This order shall remain in place as long the State of Emergency in the City is in effect. Nothing herein shall limit or apply to any essential retail, commercial, governmental or other operation or activity permitted under any Miami-Dade County Emergency Order or North Miami Beach Emergency Order. This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City's Emergency Orders. All requirements of City Emergency Orders, Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

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