BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
EMERGENCY ORDER 20-08

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, constitutes a clear and present threat to the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the people of Broward County;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis declared a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19, and on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I declared a Local State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 to be a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Florida State Department of Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons in smaller gatherings;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners authorized me to take any appropriate and necessary action to protect the health and safety of Broward County residents and visitors in connection with COVID-19, and other emergency powers, including under the state-approved emergency management plan, had previously been delegated to me (as further outlined below);
WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, Governor DeSantis executed Executive Order 20-89, ordering Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, and Monroe County to restrict access to businesses and facilities deemed nonessential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, as modified by subsequent amendments and orders prior to March 30, 2020 (collectively, the “Miami-Dade Emergency Order 07-20”);

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, ordering all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-91, as amended, supersedes any local government orders to the extent they are inconsistent with Executive Order 20-91, as amended, but permits the County to institute additional precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 where such precautions are not in conflict with the Governor’s orders;

WHEREAS, certain recreational activities are classified as essential activities under the Governor’s Executive Order 20-91;

WHEREAS, Broward County, including pursuant to Broward County Emergency Orders 20-02 and 20-05, took additional steps to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and avoid harm to the South Florida community, which steps included closing parks, golf courses, and other recreational amenities in Broward County;

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, as part of a coordinated effort with Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties, desires to reopen certain parks, golf courses, and other recreational facilities, but only as expressly stated below, to provide the
community with opportunities to exercise and obtain other health benefits during this continuing crisis;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the CDC recommended that persons wear cloth facial coverings while in public to help control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, certain clarifications and inclusions are necessary to support effective enforcement of the requirements of Broward County Emergency Order 20-07, which ordered the use of facial coverings in accordance with CDC recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bertha Henry, the Broward County Administrator, pursuant to my emergency authority under Sections 8-53 and 8-56 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, as well as the authority granted to me by the Declaration of Emergency issued by Governor DeSantis in Executive Order 20-52, by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, by the Board of County Commissioners, and by the Broward County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, hereby order as follows:

Section 1. Continuing Adherence to CDC Guidelines.

Notwithstanding the limited reopening of certain parks, natural areas, boat ramps, marinas, golf courses, and certain pools and other amenities under this Emergency Order, all individuals shall continue to adhere to the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention available at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html and attached herein as Attachment 1, as amended. These guidelines are hereafter referred to as the “CDC Guidelines.” All owners, operators, and personnel involved in the activities permitted below shall ensure compliance with these CDC Guidelines, and with all additional requirements as stated below (which may be more stringent than CDC Guidelines), by all workers providing any
good, service, or amenity and by any person receiving or availing themselves of such
good, service, or amenity.

Section 2. Parks.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, all parks in Broward County, including
Regional, Specialty, and Neighborhood Parks, Nature Centers, and Natural Areas
(collectively “Parks in Broward County”), may be open to public access on a limited basis
commencing on April 29, 2020, subject to the limitations set forth in this section and
Attachment 2 entitled “Parks in Broward County Limited Reopening Guidelines.” Hours
of operation will be determined by the respective government agency that owns or
manages the applicable park. The opening of private parks will be governed by the
municipality where they are located, but if opened, any such private parks must operate
in compliance with the minimum requirements of this Section 2 and Attachment 2.

Except as expressly provided in Attachment 2, Parks in Broward County shall be
used only for passive use, such as walking, hiking, biking, jogging, personal boat
launching, mountain biking, disc golf, fishing, and horseback riding, as applicable and
otherwise permitted in such parks. Such activities shall be done in compliance with the
guidelines set forth in Attachment 2. Conducting any such activities in a way that deviates
from said guidelines is prohibited.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, certain Parks in Broward County may remain
closed to public access as determined appropriate by the owner or operator of that park.
Tennis facilities, basketball courts, and other similar recreational amenities that are not
located in Parks in Broward County may open as determined by the owner or operator of
such facilities, provided the owner or operator ensures that the use thereof is in full
compliance with all applicable requirements of this section and Attachment 2, notwithstanding that such use is not occurring in a Park in Broward County.

Section 3. Boating and Marine Activities.

Boating and marine activities, including recreational and commercial boating activity, may resume on a limited basis in Broward County as set forth in Attachment 3 entitled “Boating and Marine Activity Requirements.” Such activities shall be done in compliance with the requirements set forth in Attachment 3. Any such activities that deviate from said guidelines and requirements remain prohibited.

Section 4. Golf Courses.

All municipal, public, and privately-run golf courses in Broward County may reopen on a limited basis in compliance with the requirements set forth in Attachment 4 entitled “Golf Course Limited Reopening Requirements.” Such activities shall be done in compliance with the requirements set forth in Attachment 4. Any such activities that deviate from said guidelines and requirements remain prohibited.

Section 5. Pool Decks, Pools, and Other Residential Recreational Amenities.

Pool decks and pools, whether of a commercial or noncommercial nature (collectively “Recreational Pool Amenities”), shall remain closed pursuant to Emergency Order 20-05 for all purposes except as expressly provided in this section.

The above-referenced closure does not apply to Recreational Pool Amenities that are: (a) required for the conduct of an essential service, as defined by the Governor’s Executive Order 20-91, as amended; or (b) located on a single family residential lot, a
single townhouse unit, or any part of a duplex lot, so long as the Recreational Pool Amenity is utilized only by the inhabitants of that lot or unit.

The above-referenced closure also does not apply to pool decks or pools in multi-family housing developments, condominium developments, condominium hotels, or single-family homeowner associations (collectively, “housing developments”) provided the pool deck and pool are used only by current residents of the housing development; six (6) foot social distancing CDC guidelines are adhered to; pool deck and pool occupancy are limited to no greater than 50% capacity; and either:

(a) the use of the pool deck and pool are supervised by a sufficient number of employees or other person(s) designated by the housing development during the hours in which they are used to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section, and employees or other designees of the housing development sanitize the facility’s pool chairs, railings, gates, tables, showers, and other equipment at the pool and pool deck on a regular basis;

or

(b) all furnishings are removed from the pool deck.

Any use of pool decks or pool areas that deviate from the CDC Guidelines or these requirements remain prohibited.

Basketball courts, tennis courts, and other outdoor Recreational Amenities, as defined in Broward County Emergency Order 20-05, that are located within housing developments may open for exclusive use by residents of the housing development subject to CDC Guidelines, provided the housing development ensures compliance with
Section 6. Beaches.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-90, all beaches in Broward County shall remain closed until further notice.

Section 7. Facial Coverings.

Section 1 and Section 2 of Emergency Order 20-07 are hereby amended as provided herein, with strikethrough text indicating deletions and underlined text indicating additions:

“Section 1. All persons who are providing essential services, as defined by the Governor’s Executive Order 20-91, as amended, shall wear a facial covering during in-person interactions with the public. Members of the public shall use a facial covering when obtaining essential services. Facial coverings should cover nose and mouth and comply with the CDC recommendations. For CDC guidance on selection, use, and sanitization of facial coverings, (see https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html). Facial coverings and other disposable personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves must be discarded properly; littering of facial coverings or other personal protective equipment is prohibited. Additionally, any worker involved in the preparation of food is required to wear a facial covering regardless of whether they are conducting in-person interactions with the public, unless doing so would pose a hazard or health issue.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 1, facial coverings should not be placed on young children under the age of two (2), or and are not required
to be worn by persons who otherwise have difficulty breathing, or by food service employees when doing so would pose a hazard or health issue. The facial covering requirements of Section 1 shall not apply to public safety, fire, and other life safety personnel, as their personal protective equipment requirements will be governed by their respective agencies. Additionally, the facial covering requirements of Section 1 shall not apply to the extent subject to a religious objection. This Emergency Order is in addition to, and does not modify, any social distancing requirements imposed by other applicable orders. The provisions of this Emergency Order shall serve as minimum standards, and municipalities may establish more stringent standards within their jurisdictions, to the extent permitted by law."

Section 8. Enforcement.

The Broward Sheriff’s Office, other law enforcement agencies, including municipal law enforcement agencies, and other personnel as provided for in the Broward County Code of Ordinances, are authorized to enforce this Emergency Order.

Section 9. Applicability; Severability.

This Emergency Order supersedes any contrary provision in any prior Broward County Emergency Order. Except as superseded, all Broward County Emergency Orders remain in full force and effect. This Emergency Order applies to incorporated and unincorporated areas within Broward County, but has no application outside of Broward County. The provisions of this Emergency Order shall serve as minimum standards, and municipalities may establish more stringent standards within their jurisdictions, to the extent permitted by law. Any provision(s) within this Emergency Order that conflict(s) with any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or conflict(s) with or are superseded
by a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Emergency Order, with the remainder of the Emergency Order remaining intact and in full force and effect. To the extent application of some or all of the provisions of this Emergency Order is prohibited on the sovereign land of a federally or state recognized sovereign Indian tribe, such application is expressly excluded from this Emergency Order.

Section 10. Effective Date; Duration.

This order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. This Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration of the existing State of Local Emergency, as same may be extended by subsequent order or declaration, unless earlier terminated by subsequent Emergency Order.
Coronavirus Disease 2019

Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation

Keep Your Distance to Slow the Spread

Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

What is social distancing?

Social distancing, also called "physical distancing," means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people
- Do not gather in groups
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings

In addition to everyday steps to prevent COVID-19, keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to this virus and slowing its spread locally and across the country and world.

When COVID-19 is spreading in your area, everyone should limit close contact with individuals outside your household in indoor and outdoor spaces. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is important to stay away from others when possible, even if you have no symptoms. Social distancing is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Why practice social distancing?

COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) for a prolonged period. Spread happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. The droplets can also be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies indicate that people who are infected but do not have symptoms likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. COVID-19 can live for hours or days on a surface, depending on factors such as sunlight and humidity. Social distancing helps limit contact with infected people and contaminated surfaces.

Although the risk of severe illness may be different for everyone, anyone can get and spread COVID-19. Everyone has a role to play in slowing the spread and protecting themselves, their family, and their community.

Tips for social distancing

- Follow guidance from authorities where you live.
- If you need to shop for food or medicine at the grocery store or pharmacy, stay at least 6 feet away from others.
  - Use mail-order for medications, if possible.
  - Consider a grocery delivery service.
  - Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others, including when you have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store.
    - Stay at least 6 feet between yourself and others, even when you wear a face covering.
- Avoid large and small gatherings in private places and public spaces, such as a friend's house, parks, restaurants, shops, or any other place. This advice applies to people of any age, including teens and younger adults. Children
should not have in-person playdates while school is out. To help maintain social connections while social distancing, learn **tips to keep children healthy while school’s out**.

- Work from home when possible.
- If possible, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.
- If you are a student or parent, talk to your school about options for digital/distance learning.

**Stay connected while staying away.** It is very important to stay in touch with friends and family that don't live in your home. Call, video chat, or stay connected using social media. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations and having to socially distance yourself from someone you love can be difficult. Read tips for stress and coping.

**What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?**

**Quarantine**

Quarantine is used to **keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others**. Someone in self-quarantine stays separated from others, and they limit movement outside of their home or current place. A person may have been exposed to the virus without knowing it (for example, when traveling or out in the community), or they could have the virus without feeling symptoms. Quarantine helps limit further spread of COVID-19.

**Isolation**

Isolation is used to **separate sick people from healthy people**. People who are in isolation should stay home. In the home, anyone sick should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific “sick” bedroom or space and using a different bathroom (if possible).

**What should I do if I might have been exposed? If I feel sick? Or have confirmed COVID-19?**

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, read about symptoms.

**If you...**

If you or someone in your home might have been exposed

**Steps to take...**

**Self-Monitor**

Be alert for symptoms. Watch for **fever,** cough, or shortness of breath.

- Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
- Practice social distancing. **Maintain 6 feet of distance from others**, and stay out of crowded places.
- Follow **CDC guidance** if symptoms develop.

**If you...**

If you feel healthy but:

- **Recently had close contact** with a person with COVID-19, or
- **Recently traveled** from somewhere outside the U.S. or on a cruise ship or river boat

**Steps to take...**

**Self-Quarantine**

- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms.

• Stay home for 14 days and self-monitor.
• If possible, stay away from people who are high-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

If you...
If you:
• Have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or
• Are waiting for test results, or
• Have symptoms such as cough, fever, or shortness of breath

Steps to take...
Self-Isolate
• Stay in a specific "sick room" or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. If possible, use a separate bathroom.
• Read important information about caring for yourself or someone else who is sick.

More Information

How to Protect Yourself

Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home

Gatherings and Community Events
ATTACHMENT 2
PARKS IN BROWARD COUNTY LIMITED REOPENING GUIDELINES

1. Passive use does not include any use that requires use of park buildings or park equipment, except limited use of bathroom facilities open to the public is permitted.

2. No groups of more than ten (10) people shall congregate in any area of any park within Broward County, and a minimum of fifty (50) feet shall be maintained between all groups of up to 10 people. All playgrounds, campgrounds, pools, outdoor exercise equipment, and other exercise courts (except as provided below) shall remain closed to the public.

3. Use of tennis courts and pickle ball courts shall be limited to a maximum of two people on the court at any one time (i.e., singles play only), and disc golf courses limited to singles play. Basketball courts are limited to individual use (no multiplayers or pick-up games are permitted, with the exception of games such as “horse”), and social distancing must be maintained at all times. Racquetball courts are limited to a maximum of one person on the court at any one time.

4. Broward County’s mountain bike trail at Markham Park will be limited to current passholders and will exclude lessons.

5. All CDC Guidelines regarding social distancing must be observed at all times by all persons using any Park in Broward County.

6. Facial coverings must be worn at all times to the extent required by applicable Broward County Emergency Orders if CDC social distancing cannot be maintained.

7. To the extent practicable, walking paths and trails shall be used only in a one-way direction to help maintain social distancing, and signage posted that appropriate social distancing of at least six (6) feet should be maintained between persons when passing.
A. Marinas, Boat Docks, Ramps, and Other Launching Venues.

1. Only one boat per launch ramp at a time is permitted.

2. Municipalities shall set the times during each day that boat ramps may be open. If no such times are set by the applicable municipality, then ramps may operate from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily.

3. No gathering of more than 10 people is permitted at any time including during boat launch, during on-water time, and when removing the boat from the water, subject to further restrictions as provided below.

4. In accordance with CDC Guidelines, in addition to practicing social distancing, launching venue staff, as well as customers, shall utilize personal protective equipment including, but not limited to, facial coverings and gloves in connection with use of marinas, boat docks, ramps, and other launching venues, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.

B. On-Water Activity.

1. Boats must remain at least fifty (50) feet apart at all times.

2. Rafting up of boats, which includes but is not limited to the roping or tying together of boats or vessels, is prohibited.

3. Beaching, landing, or anchoring of vessels on sandbars, islands, or open shorelines is prohibited.

4. Maximum Persons Based on Capacity of Boats:


   d. Boats over 60’: 10 passengers maximum, inclusive of adults and children, but not including crew members.
C. Fishing Piers and Fish Cleaning Stations.

1. Social distancing of a minimum of ten (10) feet between persons must be maintained.

2. One person per fish cleaning station at a time. Proper cleaning and sanitation processes must always be followed.

D. Rental of Jet Skis, Boats, Canoes, Kayaks, and Paddle Boards.

1. Rental of jet skis, boats, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards may resume operations provided that CDC Guidelines, including all social distancing and sanitation guidelines, are adhered to. In addition, the following restrictions shall apply:

   a. Jet ski rental operations shall be limited to single riders only.

   b. Boat rentals companies shall adhere to the same guidelines applicable to all boating activities set forth in this Order, including this attachment.

   c. Canoes/kayaks/paddle boards shall be limited to single person use or two-person use (two-person use is permitted only if they reside in the same household).

E. Charter Vessels.

1. Captain, crew members, and patrons must wear facial coverings on shore and on the vessel whenever social distancing requirements cannot be maintained.

2. Six-Pack vessels must be limited to no more than four (4) guests per vessel and must comply with all CDC Guidelines.

3. Drift fishing vessels must provide for and ensure social distancing, including delineating safe social distancing position by measures, including, but not limited to, installing tape or markings for patrons on seats, vessel railings, and the deck. Each person fishing shall have his or her own fishing pole(s), tackle, and other equipment. Equipment sharing or rental is prohibited.

4. CDC cleanliness guidelines must be posted in restrooms and/or heads. Restrooms must be sanitized and disinfected at least hourly, after each trip, and more frequently as needed. Adequate water, soap, and hand sanitizer must be provided for patrons.
5. Fish cleaning and bait table stations must be limited to one person per station at a time. Fish cleaning and bait table stations must be cleaned and disinfected between each charter.

6. If crew members are filleting, or otherwise handling, fish caught by a patron, only one person may use the fish cleaning table at a time.

F. Public Restrooms and Ship Stores

1. Access to public restrooms may be available. Safe protocol in accordance with CDC Guidelines must be followed.

2. Those entering or working at ship (bait & tackle) stores must maintain social distancing and wear a facial covering, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.
ATTACHMENT 4
GOLF COURSE LIMITED REOPENING REQUIREMENTS

A. On-Course Facility

1. Players will be responsible for bringing their golf equipment to a designated area. No clubs or other equipment will be transported by golf course staff, unless required by the ADA.

2. Designated signage must be placed outside the pro shop and clubhouse outlining the required social distancing guidelines and facial covering guidelines. All clubhouse facilities other than restrooms shall remain closed.

3. Designated signage must be placed on carts and around the clubhouse with the phone number to call for food orders and an explanation of how to pay.

4. All CDC Guidelines must be followed, including not exceeding any gathering limits as established by local or state authorities.

5. No indoor events will be conducted.

6. Pro shop entrances must be closed. Payment must be made at the front door following proper social distancing guidelines. Pro shop retail shall be by pick-up only. Staff must wear face coverings when interacting with the public, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.

7. No locker room usage and no bag storage usage shall be permitted.

8. Hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes shall be provided in all bathrooms and payment areas.

9. Bathrooms must have disinfectant wipes for golfers to wipe down everything they touched before exiting.

10. Golf courses must encourage only one person in each bathroom at any time.

11. Each rental cart and any rental equipment must be cleaned and disinfected prior to each player’s use by facility staff, and disinfectant wipes must be provided to each cart user prior to their rental.

12. All sand containers, scorecards, pencils, tees, towels, coolers, and other shared materials must be removed from golf carts after each use.

13. All bathrooms and touch-point areas must be disinfected regularly.
14. Driving range hitting areas must be spaced so that all golfers are at least ten (10) feet apart.

15. Scorecard, pencils, and tees must only be issued to individuals when requested from the starter, and must be properly discarded after use.

B. Golf Course Preparation

1. Cup Modifications: A noodle or other blocking mechanism must be used to fill the hole, or the cup must be raised an inch above ground to prevent the ball from going in the hole to prevent flagpole touching. Alternatively, an E-Z lift touchless golf ball retrieval system or similar touchless system may be used.

2. Rakes in all bunkers must be removed.

3. All water stations must be removed or locked down.

4. All ball wash units must be removed or locked down.

5. All practice facility bag stands, chairs, and PVC pipes for picking up balls must be removed.

6. All range balls must be cleaned with water and soap after every pick-up prior to making them available for use by the next golfer.

C. Playing

1. Players must not touch or remove the flagstick from the cups at any time (any putts that hit the cup or noodle will be considered holed).

2. All players must stay at least six (6) feet apart at all times, and a course ranger or other staff member must monitor player compliance on the course.

3. There must be no more than one player per cart, unless they reside in the same household.

4. Walkers must adhere to social distancing requirements.

5. All golfers must leave the golf course immediately after playing to eliminate congestion and must avoid gathering on the property or in the parking lot.

D. Food and Beverage

1. Restaurant entry will remain closed. Payment for take-out food will be made at the restaurant front door, with all persons meeting all social distancing requirements. No sit-down areas will be allowed for eating. Staff will be required to wear a facial
covering and gloves during in-person interactions with the public, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.

2. Beverage Carts on the Golf Course: Beverage cart staff must wear facial coverings and gloves during in-person interactions with the public. Signage must be placed on beverage carts stating that players are not allowed to touch anything on the beverage cart. Only a cart attendant may distribute items from the cart. The beverage cart attendant must comply with social distancing requirements, as much as possible.

3. Players must be encouraged to pay with a credit card, and cart attendants must wipe down the credit card machine after each use.

E. Golf Course Staff

1. Staff must be trained on proper hygiene, sanitation, and food handling. COVID-19 prevention and control procedures must be emphasized during training.

2. Facial coverings and gloves shall be worn during in-person interactions with the public, in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-07.