

EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-11 (AMENDED AND REISSUED)
ESSENTIAL BUSINESS, REQUIRED SANITATION, REQUIRED SOCIAL
DISTANCING

On March 13, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared in the City of Coral Springs relating to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”).

COVID-19 is a global pandemic that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death. According to the most recent research, COVID-19 can survive in the air for up to three hours and can survive on surfaces for a significant period of time. COVID-19 attaching to surfaces contaminates the area and therefore also causes property damage. The community mitigation strategy from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Florida State Department of Health recommend the implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus. Such recommendations include the cancelation of large gatherings and practicing social distancing.

This order is given because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

On March 23, 2020, Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-01. In that Order, Broward County declared certain businesses as essential and required closure of others.

On March 30, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-89 that deemed businesses identified in Miami-Dade Emergency Order 07-20 to also be essential businesses in Palm Beach, Broward, and Monroe Counties. Among other things, the order also requires businesses providing essential services to adhere to sanitation and cleanliness standards as well as social distancing practices.

Pursuant to Section 252.46, *Florida Statutes* and Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Coral Springs, the City has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law. The City Manager has expressly been authorized to issue Emergency Orders.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Section 1. The statements made above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Emergency Order.

Section 2. Closure of Non-Essential Businesses. In accordance with Executive Order 20-89, the City of Coral Springs incorporates Miami-Dade County’s Emergency Order 07-20 and the

amendments thereto for essential businesses herein. If Broward County deems additional businesses as essential for all incorporated area of Broward County, such businesses are further incorporated herein. All businesses not deemed essential by the foregoing orders shall close.

Section 3. Minimum Sanitation and Social Distancing Required. Any essential business shall take the following social distancing measures in addition to any other measure required by law or Emergency Order, or recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

- (1) All retail stores shall:
 - (a) Provide disinfectant wipes for shopping carts and baskets or disinfect shopping carts and baskets after each use;
 - (b) Disinfect hourly, at a minimum all check out areas, including but not limited to conveyer belts, cash registers, and credit card areas;
 - (c) Disinfect after close or before opening all areas of the store that customers may touch or come into contact;
 - (d) Require employees to wash and/or disinfect their hands at least once per hour;
 - (e) Clean and disinfect any pen or stylus used to sign receipts after each customer or waive the need to sign a receipt;
 - (f) Use best efforts to ensure that no more than ten (10) people, including staff, are gathered in any particular area of the store;
 - (g) Use best efforts to ensure that customers at check out are separated by at least six (6) feet;
 - (h) All door handles used by the general public shall be disinfected at least hourly during business hours;
- (2) All Essential Businesses that has a place where customers wait, such as medical offices, law offices, accounting offices, car dealerships, and auto repair, shall take the following measures:
 - (a) No person shall be seated within six (6) feet of another person, however, groups of people that arrive with each other as a single group may be seated next to each other;
 - (b) All seats and other items touched or used by a person shall be disinfected after each use;

- (c) All door handles used by the general public shall be disinfected at least hourly during business hours;
 - (d) No person exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms shall be permitted to wait in any customer waiting area, however; nothing prohibits any medical provider from allowing a patient through a customer waiting area to a treatment room so long as no other person is within six (6) feet of the patient exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms; and
 - (e) An open air waiting area shall be made available for patients and customers.
- (3) All businesses shall:
- (a) Prohibit any employee from entering the place of business if the employee has a fever that exceeds 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit;
 - (b) Prohibit any employee from entering the place of business if the employee is exhibiting flu like or COVID-19 like symptoms;
 - (c) If practicable, use best efforts to ensure that employees have six (6) feet between each employee and the next closest person;
 - (d) Not allow more than 25% of their approved maximum capacity (inclusive of employees and customers) into any location;
 - (e) Any person that must wait outside of a business to enter into a business shall be spaced a minimum of six (6) feet from the next closest person provided that groups that arrive as a single group may be closer than the six (6) foot distance separation requirement;
 - (f) Require any task capable of being performed remotely, online, or telephonically to be performed in such a manner;
 - (g) All products, vehicles, and other objects touched by any customer by a business shall be cleaned and disinfected after such use if such business has knowledge that a customer touched the product, vehicle, or other object.

Section 4. A violation of this Order is a violation of Section 252.50, Florida Statutes. In addition, a violation of this Order is hereby deemed to be a violation of the Code of the City of Coral Springs.

Section 5. Due to the rapid spread of COVID-19 among individuals and the great harm to the public health and to property by contamination by violators this order, a violation of this Order is

deemed irreparable and irreversible in nature. Without limiting any other remedy provided to the City, the City is hereby authorized to take all lawful actions against a violator of this Order. Such actions include, but are not limited to, blocking access to the business and disconnecting power or other utilities to the business.

Section 6. Without limiting any other remedy provided to the City, the Code Compliance Division shall enforce this order in accordance with Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and Article V of the Land Development Code of the City of Coral Springs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, hearings before the Special Magistrate are hereby authorized to be via telephone or other telecommunications media provided such hearing follows fundamental due process.

Section 7. In an effort to further social distancing and close areas where members from different households congregate and used shared equipment and seating, all pools and gyms that are amenities of a hotel, condominium or homeowners association, office, or other structure are hereby ordered closed.

Section 8. Any provision of this Emergency Order that is deemed unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be deemed inapplicable and severed from this Emergency Order with the remaining intact and in full force and effect.

Section 9. This amended Emergency Order is effective immediately. In the event that Executive Order 20-89 is not extended by the Governor at any time, the original Emergency Order 2020-11 shall replace this amended Order and the original Order shall be in full force and effect until terminated by the City of Coral Springs.

**ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS
ON APRIL 1, 2020.**

Ordered by: 
City Manager Frank Babinec

Ratified by the City Commission on April 15, 2020