BROWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S
EMERGENCY ORDER 20-17

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);

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WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, as part of a coordinated effort with the local municipalities and the adjoining counties, I reopened certain parks, golf courses, and other recreational facilities in Broward County pursuant to the guidelines in Broward County Emergency Order 20-08, as amended by Broward County Emergency Order 20-09;

WHEREAS, beginning on April 29, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued a series of Executive Orders, including Executive Orders 20-112, 20-120, and 20-123, establishing Phase 1 of a step-by-step plan for Florida’s recovery (initially excluding Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties) and permitting certain additional activities for individuals;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-122 permitting Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to participate in the Phase 1 reopening;

WHEREAS, beginning on May 21, 2020, I have issued a series of Emergency Orders including Emergency Orders 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, and 20-15, which outline the establishments currently permitted to operate in Broward County and incorporate guidelines and requirements for safe operations for opened businesses, amenities, and services; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase public awareness of the safety and sanitation measures required to protect public health, I find that requiring retail establishments and restaurants to post signage containing information regarding sanitization, social distancing, and facial covering requirements will increase compliance with applicable guidelines, further mitigating the spread of COVID-19,

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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. Signage Requirements for Retail and Restaurant Establishments

All establishments required to comply with Attachment 2 (Restaurants and Food Establishments) or Attachment 3 (Retail Establishments), as applicable, of EO 20-12, as amended, must conspicuously post signage in compliance with this Emergency Order 20-17. The signage requirements of this Emergency Order also apply to any mixed-use establishments that have a retail or food area within the establishment.

Signage requirements are as follows:

A. Restaurants and Food Establishments must post the signage attached hereto designated “Restaurants and Food Establishments Required Signage” (also available for download at https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/EmergencyOrders.aspx)

B. Retail Establishments must post the signage attached hereto designated Retail Establishments Required Signage (also available for download at https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/EmergencyOrders.aspx)

C. Signage required in subsections A. and B. above must be:
   1. At least 8½” x 11” in size, but larger if possible (each sign);
Section 2. Applicability; Severability.

This Emergency Order supersedes and replaces 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 within Broward County may establish more stringent standards within their jurisdictions, to the extent permitted by law. Any provision(s) within this Emergency Order that (i) conflict(s) with any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or (ii) conflict(s) with or are superseded by a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States solely to the extent such Executive Order (a) expressly preempts the substance of this Emergency Order or (b) imposes stricter closures than set forth herein, 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.

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Section 3. Effective Date; Duration.

This order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 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.

BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Bertha Henry
County Administrator

RECEIVED AND FILED in the Records, Taxes and Treasury Division on this 12th day of June, 2020, at ___________ a.m./p.m.
BY ORDER OF BROWARD COUNTY

Facial Coverings Required

Absent a legal exception, all patrons must wear facial coverings except while actively consuming food and beverage. This means you must wear a facial covering when entering, exiting, or otherwise away from your assigned table, including when visiting the restroom.

Staff must wear facial coverings during all in-person interactions with the public.

Social Distancing Required

Even while wearing facial coverings, patrons must, wherever possible, maintain six feet of social distancing, including while waiting to be seated.

Report Violations

If you suspect a business or person is violating these rules, you may report violations by calling 311 or contacting the municipality’s code enforcement authority.

Violations are subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

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Restaurants and Food Establishments Required Signage
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Absent a legal exception, all patrons must wear facial coverings, including while entering, exiting, or otherwise moving around an establishment.

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Even while wearing facial coverings, patrons must, wherever possible, maintain six feet of social distancing, including while waiting to transact any business at any establishment.

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