

# CITY OPERATIONS UPDATE

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**The City of Hallandale Beach continues to work with local, state, and federal officials to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. City of Hallandale Beach, Broward County and State of Florida Emergency Orders related to the Corona Virus are being followed. There have been many changes to our everyday life and highlights of current Emergency Orders are provided here:**

- By Emergency Order, all persons outside of their homes within the City of Hallandale Beach are **required to wear cloth masks** or other face coverings consistent with the current CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines for personal protective equipment. For purposes of this Order, persons should not utilize N95 rated masks unless engaged in providing health care, police, fire, or emergency management services or other persons engaged in life/safety activities. Whenever possible the masks should adhere to the CDC guidance available here.
- All persons in Hallandale Beach are following a State of Florida Emergency Order 'Safer at Home' that limits their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities.
- A nightly curfew remains in effect from 11pm to 5am.
- Gatherings of groups of people larger than 10 are prohibited. Any large gatherings should be reported to our non-emergency Police dispatch at **(954) 764-HELP (4357)**. The City's noise ordinance remains in effect.
- The Hallandale Beach City Marina is closed per Broward County Emergency Order 20-04 which closes all golf courses, movie theaters, marinas, and boat launches until further notice. This Emergency Order also provides additional clarity for allowed real estate services.
- The City of Hallandale Beach is requiring all condominium, homeowners' associations, multi-dwelling homes, and hotels to close common areas, swimming pools and gyms. The City of Hallandale Beach Code Enforcement team is enforcing these emergency orders. Report violations to **(954) 457-1390** or send an email to codeissue@cohb.org. Condos and HOA's found to be in violation of this order may face civil fines including up to a \$500 dollar fine, per day, for non-compliance. The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations issued an Emergency Order allowing association boards of Condominium, Cooperative or Homeowners' Association to exercise certain emergency powers during the state of emergency.
- The City is also following the Governor's Executive Order 20-87 **suspending all vacation rental property operations.**

- All Park Facilities, including Parks, Centers, Pool, Cemetery, and the [Beach](#), are closed until further notice. Any person found to be violating this [Emergency Order](#) by trespassing in these areas and/or disturbing the sand dunes on Hallandale Beaches faces a \$500.00 fine.
- All illegally parked vehicles parked on private property may be subject to towing by the private property owner. The City of Hallandale Beach is currently not towing vehicles on right of way, unless they are blocking a fire line or fire hydrant. Hallandale Beach Police will always place a red warning sticker on vehicles in violation before the vehicles are towed. If you are concerned your vehicle has been improperly towed, please contact the Hallandale Beach Police non-emergency line at (954) 457-1400.
- The State of Florida has issued [paper unemployment applications](#) in English, Spanish and Creole, to help applicants who cannot apply via the [website](#). The application should be printed, completed, and mailed to: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, P.O. Box 5350, Tallahassee, FL 32314-5350 The State will also be creating a way to upload the paper applications in the near future. Printed paper applications are available at the Police Station and Fire Station 7. The State of Florida announced a new [mobile-friendly online application](#) to apply for unemployment benefits.
- [Florida Power & Light Company](#) responds to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by lowering customer bills beginning May 1. FPL plans to issue a one-time decrease of nearly 25% for the typical residential customer bill as a result of lower fuel costs.
- If you or your family have an immediate need for food due to a dire economic situation, please call **(954) 457-1489**. Residents who are currently not participating in a meal program and are experiencing a food shortage due to COVID-19, can call the Area Agency on Aging of **Broward's Elder Helpline** at (954) 745-9779 for assistance.
- Broward County released a new website that shows food distribution locations throughout the County. Visit [Together4Broward](#) to find food distribution locations within your neighborhood and across Broward County.
- Broward County Schools' [Grab and Go meal distribution](#) is available at Hallandale Beach High School.
- Broward County Emergency Management Division encourages residents who are interested in becoming a [volunteer](#) for emergencies, to contact one of their County emergency response partners listed [here](#).
- Florida Blue has opened a free line to the Public Emotional Support Help Line at (833) 848-1762.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides [resources](#) to help address questions regarding FDA regulated medical products and COVID-19.
- Check with your pharmacy if you have prescription medication needs. The State of Florida is now [allowing for early refills](#).
- Seniors and those who are not comfortable with technology may hear news from Hallandale Beach read in English and Spanish on our new Senior VIP Listen Line at **(954) 457-1477**. Messages are updated regularly. You may also hear emergency information on your AM Radio by tuning in to AM 1620.
- Testing is available locally at various locations – the criteria for testing is different at each location. For more information visit [Broward County Collection Sites](#).
- The next City Commission Meeting will be April 15.
- The City will continue normal operations of Water, Wastewater, Sanitation, and Police services. Trash, Recycling, and Bulk pick up continue to follow the regular [schedule](#).

- BSO Fire Rescue will continue to provide Fire Rescue services as normal.
- The Building Division has implemented procedural changes to reduce person-to-person contact. We intend to continue our services and to minimize the inconvenience to applicants and customers. For more information visit [Building Department](#).
- The moratorium on water utility shut-offs in place for residential homes continues until further notice.
- All events, programs and activities hosted by the [City are postponed](#) until further notice.
- [Minibus operations](#) now run between 8AM-5PM every hour until further notice and continue to follow enhanced cleaning procedures to maintain a safe environment for riders. If you use our mini-bus, please practice social distancing.
- Broward County Libraries, including the Hallandale Beach Branch, are closed. For more information please visit [Libraries](#).