

CITY OPERATIONS UPDATE

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The City of Hallandale Beach continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and has taken necessary precautions to ensure the safety and well being of our community. We are working closely with County, State and Federal officials and follow guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Florida Department of Health.

Hallandale Beach Administration is developing strategies for supporting future re-opening initiatives. Municipalities are bound by County and State orders and all Municipal Emergency orders remain in effect until further notice.

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.

Hallandale Beach:

Face Coverings

By emergency declaration, 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. Broward County Emergency Order also **requires face coverings** for essential businesses. Face coverings should adhere to the **CDC guidance** available [here](#).

Safer at Home

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.

Multi-Dwelling Housing

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.

Social Distancing

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.

Residents are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines for [social distancing](#) keeping space between yourself and other people outside your home. To practiced social distancing; stay at least 6 feet from other people, do not gather in groups, and stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.

Construction

Construction on open sites and structures that are incomplete, uninhabited, unoccupied, or vacated is permitted by the State's [Emergency Order](#). Construction inside occupied structures (residences or essential businesses) **is prohibited** *unless it is essential for safety or essential maintenance or for minimum housing such as water, plumbing, electricity, air conditioning, etc..*

Hallandale Beach City staff is following the Governor's orders while urging construction executives to follow safety guidelines, including social distancing, for their employees and the general public. The City is also urging the construction to be kept to a minimum and scheduled in a way that reduces disturbances to residents that are required to stay home.

Specific questions and concerns should provide the address, a description of the construction, and the date and time it occurred and should be sent to codeissue@cohb.org.

Parking

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.

City Services

City Hall is open Virtually and can be reached at (954) 457-1489 Monday through Friday 8am - 8pm.

Normal operations of Water, Wastewater, Sanitation, and Police services continues. Trash, Recycling, and Bulk pick up continue to follow the regular [schedule](#).

City Commission & CRA meetings follow the City's [virtual/remote public meeting Emergency Declaration](#). The meetings will be broadcast and public comment will be taken in compliance with the emergency declaration.

The Building Division services are offered virtually to reduce person-to-person contact and minimize the inconvenience to applicants and customers. For more information visit [Building Department](#).

All Park Facilities, including Parks, Centers, Pool, Cemetery, and the [Beach](#), remain 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 events, programs and activities hosted by the [City are postponed](#) until further notice.

The Hallandale Beach [City Marina is closed](#) per Broward County [Emergency Order](#) which closes all golf courses, movie theaters, marinas, and boat launches until further notice.

The moratorium on water utility shut-offs in place for residential homes continues 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.

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.

Vacation Rental Properties

The City is also following the Governor's [Executive Order](#) suspending all vacation rental property operations.

Community Resources:

Communications

The State of Florida Task Force to Re-open Florida, created by Governor DeSantis, announced it has launched a [public comment submission portal](#). The portal is open to all Floridians wishing to submit public feedback. The task force has been in discussions about reopening some parts of the economy, but it wants feedback from residents before it makes final recommendations to the governor.

Assistance Programs

[Broward County](#) has compiled information on government assistance programs, financial companies, non-profit organizations and utilities willing to help those affected by the Corona Virus.

Broward County

[Broward County](#) has extended the cancellation of all events at parks, libraries, and other County facilities through May 15, 2020. The County Emergency Order is still in effect.

IRS Tax Relief

The Internal Revenue Service has rolled out [Corona Virus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments](#). The deadlines to FILE and PAY federal income taxes are extended to July 15, 2020. U.S. residents, who meet requirements, will receive the Economic Impact Payment in April.

Price Gouging

State law prohibits an unconscionable increase in the price of essential commodities needed as a direct result of a declared state of emergency. With respect to the COVID-19 declared state of emergency, the following consumer products are currently considered essential commodities: Protective masks and face shields used to protect you from others if you are sick; Sanitizing and disinfecting supplies, such as hand gel, wipes, and disinfectant sprays; All personal protective equipment (PPE), including gowns, booties, gloves, and other protective gear; COVID-19 test kits, swabs and related consumable medical supplies used in administering tests. Are you seeing any of these items being sold at unreasonably excessive prices? Report the store or individual today at the [Price Gouging Reporting Form](#).

Volunteering

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](#).

Medical/ Prescription Resources

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](#).

[United Spinal](#) is accepting applications for COVID-19 Relief grants of \$500 for individuals with SCI/D who are experiencing financial difficulty due to circumstances related to COVID-19.

COVID Testing

Testing is available locally at various locations – the criteria for testing is different at each location. For more information visit [Broward County Collection Sites](#) and [Miami Dade Collection Sites](#).