



OFFICE OF THE MANAGER
EMERGENCY ORDER No. 20-06
NOSE AND MOUTH MASK MANDATE

WHEREAS: based on the imminent threat to the life, health and wellbeing of our residents imposed by the novel, COVID-19 virus, and pursuant to powers provided in Florida Statutes § 252.38 and the Town of Miami Lakes Code, on March 12, 2020, the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) declared a State of Emergency to be in existence; and

WHEREAS: the novel and highly contagious COVID-19 virus possess a serious threat to the health and welfare of Town residents, business owners and guests; and

WHEREAS: on April 2, 2020, the Town Council held a virtual Special Call Meeting where they discussed the Centers for Disease Control (the “CDC”) recommendations, and deliberated the various Emergency Orders entered by the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, and the Town; and

WHEREAS: specifically, the Town Council discussed the State, County and Town stay at home orders which provide that only essential businesses and activities are allowed to continue during this time of crisis in order to truncate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order 20-91 and 20-89, and Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, as amended from time to time, identified several essential businesses that are allowed to remain open and operate provided that they adhere to 6 foot social distancing requirement; and

WHEREAS: the CDC has suggested that individuals wear protective covering over their nose and mouth in order to stymie the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: on April 3, 2020, the Town of Miami Lakes adopted Emergency Order 20-05 requiring pharmacies, grocery stores, restaurants and eateries, and gas stations staff and onsite worker to wear a protective covering over their nose and mouth; and

WHEREAS: the increase in infections in Miami-Dade County, including within the Town of Miami Lakes makes it necessary to expand the scope of Emergency Oder 20-05 to include all workers, staff, and patrons.

THEREFORE: as Town Manager of the Town of Miami Lakes, I, Edward Pidermann pursuant to Emergency Management Powers granted under Florida Statutes §252.38, Section 8.3 of the Town Charter and Section 8B-5 of Miami-Dade County Code, order all essential businesses as defined by Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-91 and 20-89, and Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, operating within the Town of Miami Lakes to adhere to the following Order effective 12:01 AM, Monday, April 13, 2020:

1. Any restaurant or eatery, grocery store, pharmacy, and gas station operating in the Town of Miami Lakes, which is operating as an essential business as defined in Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, must ensure that all occupants wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth.
2. All essential businesses as defined in Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, as amended from time to time, not identified in paragraph 1 and who may have more than 10 persons congregated within their business, must ensure that all occupants wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth.
3. The covering can be a homemade mask, a scarf, a bandana, or handkerchief, as recommended by the CDC. All CDC orders can be accessed at www.cdc.gov/cononavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.
4. All essential business as defined in Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, as amended from time to time, shall place an 8 1/2 by 11 inch notice, in 28 inch font or greater, CAPS, the following notice:
“PURSUANT TO TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES ORDER 20-06, ALL PERSONS ENTERING THIS LOCATION MUST WEAR A COVER OVER THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE POTENTIAL SPREAD OF COVID-19. THIS ORDER SHALL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.”
5. This Order shall not be interpreted to restrict any employee or customer from accessing any essential retail or commercial establishment to address any emergency or other exigent circumstance, even if a mask is not readily available at the time such emergency or other exigent circumstance occurs.
6. The Town's Police Department is authorized to carry out this Order, and to take any necessary action to enforce this Order.
7. This Order shall remain in effect until it is amended or rescinded by a subsequent order, or until the expiration of Town's declaration of Emergency.
8. Failure to comply with this Order shall constitute a misdemeanor subject to fines and imprisonment punishable as provided in Florida Statute §§ 775.082 and 775.083.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Miami Lakes to be affixed this 7th day of April at 5:50 p.m./a.m. (EST).

ATTEST:



Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

GINA INGUANZO, Town Clerk