



Beaches

General Guidelines

(Effective June 1, 2020 at 12:01 AM)



The following guidelines are outlined within Miami-Dade County's Emergency Order 23-20 Amendment No. 1 for reopening certain retail and commercial establishments in Miami-Dade County.

To view the List of Establishments or to obtain a copy of the entire handbook, visit: <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/emergency-orders.page>

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Color Identification System

The color flag identification system below will be used to communicate each day where we are on the continuum of the New Normal. Depending upon the situation, we may take intermediate steps between these phases, but knowing what color phase we are in will help you navigate your activities.

Color



Phase

Most stringent closures; only essential businesses open; social distancing and facial covering requirements in place



Parks and Open Spaces open; preparations taking place to reopen other sectors with strict capacity requirements in place; social distancing and facial covering requirements in place



Limited opening of non-essential businesses and other facilities; strict capacity requirements in place; social distancing and facial covering requirements in place

Current Phase: Yellow



More expansive opening of businesses and facilities; capacity requirements expanded; social distancing and facial covering requirements in place



New Normal is in place; all businesses and facilities open; social distancing and facial coverings encouraged

Initial Reopening Plan



The Yellow flag phase began on May 18, 2020 and allowed selected non-essential businesses to open with stringent capacity and safety rules in place. The guidebook now includes protocols for the reopening of beaches, hotels and other accommodations. Protocols for wellness facilities, including gyms, yoga studios and other facilities, as well as summer camps and entertainment venues will be released in the next edition with designated start dates.

While designated businesses are permitted to open, you are not required to open. Furthermore, if we experience a surge in cases, we may be required to return to the Orange flag phase. Should this happen, we will communicate this to the community with adequate time to prepare prior to the effective date.

As you prepare to reopen your establishment, please consider these examples of general safeguarding guidelines for reopening. All guidelines are categorized by workforce protection measures, employee protection measures, non-employee (or customer) protection measures, business process adaptations, employer-led public health interventions and industry-wide safeguards. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, but rather examples of actions to be taken so that you may protect your employees and your customers. If a particular commercial establishment supports multiple business lines, only those permitted to operate may be opened in any particular phase. You may wish to enforce more stringent guidelines or procedures.

General Reopening Guidelines

- I. Workforce protection
 - a. **Facial coverings must be worn inside businesses and commercial establishments or wherever social distancing is not possible**
 - b. **Do not allow employees who have flu like symptoms to report to work for 14 days after the onset symptoms**
 - c. Provide or coordinate safe transportation to work allowing for social distancing
 - d. Allow for flexible schedules for childcare and sick time
 - e. Staggered breaks to reduce large group gatherings
 - f. **Install hand sanitizer at entry points and through site**

- II. Employee protection
 - a. **Enforce personal protective equipment (e.g., face masks, gloves)**
 - b. **Ensure employees (and customers) stay more than 6 feet apart (use visual markers to help with implementation)**
 - c. **Enhanced sanitization of all common areas / touch points (doors, stairwell handles, light switch, elevator switch, etc.)**
 - d. **Procure increased amounts of soap, hand sanitizer, cleaning materials and protective equipment**

- III. Non-employee Protection
 - a. **Visually mark separation 6 ft. apart for areas where people would group (e.g., queues and elevators)**
 - b. Discourage entry to site of visitors and contractors, unless needed for operations
 - c. **Eliminate car valet services, unless self-parking is unavailable. Where self-parking is unavailable, valet may be utilized. Valet operator will step away 6 feet after opening car door (visual markers should be placed on the ground to assist). After parking, vehicle operator will switch or sanitize gloves prior to servicing the next vehicle.**
 - d. Set up self-checkout lines and contactless payments, as applicable

- IV. Business Process Adaptations
 - a. Upgrade/Install ventilation including HVAC filters per OSHA guidance
 - b. **Clean and disinfect bathrooms every two to three hours**
 - c. **Eliminate the use of common water fountains and interactive displays**
 - d. **Limit capacity of elevators to ensure social distancing**
 - e. Designate quarantine rooms for infected individuals and deep clean after use
 - f. Require non-core functions to work from home, as possible
 - g. Avoid meetings of more than 5 participants, encourage virtual meetings
 - h. Reduce seating in breakrooms / common areas to ensure minimum 6' physical distance. If not possible, close common areas
 - i. **Prior to re-open, flush plumbing and run water in sinks to eliminate stagnant water from the period of mall/store's closure**

- V. Employer-led public health interventions
 - a. **Post CDC signage in publicly trafficked locations emphasizing measures to “Stop the Spread of Germs” and to exercise social responsibility**
 - b. **Train all personnel in new operating protocols and modifications to existing codes of conduct to deal with COVID 19 issues**
 - c. Design work group shifts to minimize contacts between employees and ensure easier tracking and tracing, as possible
 - d. Implement testing programs for high risk employees (e.g., frequent contact with customers or suppliers)

- VI. Industry-wide Safeguards
 - a. Acknowledge in writing the review and understanding of relevant industry association and union organizations guidelines, including capability checklists and reference to WHO, DOH and CDC guidelines
 - b. Establish protocol to immediately disclose infection to state DOH bodies and procedure to safeguard store (e.g., deep cleaning)
 - c. Setup clear reporting protocols based on leading (e.g., thermometer temp spikes, thermal scanning spikes, increased absenteeism) and lagging indicators (e.g., staff health visits above pre-defined rate, community spread in retailer locale)
 - d. Post a contact email address and/or telephone number for employees /customers to contact if they have questions or concerns
 - e. **Any establishment that has an on-site employee or contractor who tests positive shall close for the shorter of:**
 - i. **the time needed for staff who were in contact with the positive employee or contractor to be tested and cleared by a medical professional as being COVID-19 free and the establishment to be deep-santized;**
 - ii. **14 days from the date such employee or contractor was last on-site at such establishment, if deep-santization is not performed.**
 - f. **An establishment shall be deemed to have complied with the above if, after deepsantizing, employees who were in contact with the positive employee or contractor do not report to work for 14 days after the date the positive employee or contractor was last on-site**
 - g. **Where an establishment has multiple floors or structures or square footage of more than 10,000 feet, only those structures, floors or areas where the infected person was present are required to be sanitized as a condition of re-opening, and only those employees working in such structures, floors or or areas must be tested. All employees who came into personal contact with the positive employee must be tested or, in the absence of a test, be excluded from the premises for 14 days after the date the positive employee was last onsite.**
 - h. **Under no circumstances shall an employee or contract who tested positive report to work at an establishment until that employee is cleared by a medical professional as being COVID-19 free.**

Beaches

Re-opening Strategy: Re-opening of beaches in Miami-Dade County will be a coordinated effort, occurring at the same time for the beaches in the cities of Miami Beach, Surfside, Bal Harbour Village, Sunny Isles Beach, Golden Beach and Key Biscayne, City of Miami Historic Virginia Key Beach, as well as for all Miami-Dade County beaches in Haulover Park, Crandon Park causeways, and Matheson Hammock and Homestead Bayfront Park atoll pool beaches.

The re-opening of beaches should be on a weekday to prepare for transition to higher use weekend attendance. **Target re-opening date is June 1st.**

Operating Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Health Protocols (CDC guidelines for Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities, including beaches, must be followed:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/visitors.html>):

- **No groups of more than 10 people will be permitted**
- **All beachgoers must have facial covering available and ready to use at all times; beachgoers must be able to show their mask upon request by local authority**
- **Facial coverings must be worn when social distancing of 6 feet cannot be achieved, except for members of the same household**
 - Facial coverings are not required for:
 - children under 2 years old, following CDC guidelines
 - persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition; persons who are not able to remove face coverings without assistance or on their own or
 - persons involved in strenuous activity; however the person involved in strenuous activity should have a face covering in their possession and must be able to show their mask upon request by local authority
 - while in the ocean
 - **Facial coverings must be worn in restrooms**
 - **Facial coverings must be worn when at concessions**
- Facial coverings that are wet are ineffective (beachgoers should bring an additional clean and dry face covering to replace a face covering that becomes wet or dirty)
- Social distancing is not required for family members who reside together, up to a maximum of 10 people
- Beachfront restrooms
 - **Dedicated attendants are to be stationed outside restrooms**
 - **Access to restrooms is limited to maintain 6 feet of separation between individuals**
 - **Restrooms must be cleaned and disinfected every 2 to 3 hours** (per CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>)
 - Cross ventilation should be maximized for restrooms – keeping doors and windows open if feasible

- Signage must be posted outside and inside of restrooms emphasizing the requirement of wearing face coverings and the importance of hygiene (flushing with lid closed when possible, handwashing)

Activities on Beach Sand and Beach Shore Allowed with Facial Coverings or 6 Feet of Social Distancing Between People of Different Households:

- It is suggested that areas on the beach be delineated showing sites for allowable activities (for example, with flags or cones and signs, or ropes with signs) to facilitate requirements for social distancing areas that are dedicated for passive uses (sunbathing, sitting) with enough space established for each group of people who live in the same household (up to 10 people); each of the designated sunbathing/sitting areas should be separated by at least 6 feet
- Walking (with face covering if social distancing cannot be maintained) and jogging (with face covering lowered and with joggers maintaining a social distance of 12 to 15 feet)
 - Established pathways will be made one-way
- Swimming/surfing (body, kite)/paddle-boarding/kayaking
- Sunbathing or sitting on individually-owned beach chairs and/or beach towels, where permitted – a minimum of 6 feet apart
- Eating among members of the same household (up to 10 people)
 - Outdoor showers may be used as long as social distancing is maintained; mark the approach leading to outdoor shower pads to enforce 6 feet social distancing amongst beachgoers waiting to use the showers

Activities Not Permitted:

- **No groups greater than 10 persons shall congregate**
- **No shared equipment (i.e. beach chairs, umbrellas, coolers, etc.) among people from different households**
- **No canopies or tents**
- **No organized or group activities and athletics involving groups of two or more (for example, volleyball, football, soccer, frisbee, paddle ball, etc.)**
- **No gatherings of people from different households, unless social distancing guidelines are maintained – group size shall not exceed 10 persons at any time**
- **Areas of social gathering in beach parks, including bathhouses (changing rooms), picnic pavilions, playgrounds are not to be accessible**
- **No special events, including group picnics**
- **No use of exercise equipment and playgrounds**
- **No dogs/pets on the beach**
- **No fishing on the beach, except at areas specifically designated and while following social distance guidelines**

Concessions Allowed Following CDC Guidelines, Emergency Orders & Social Distancing (where concessions are permitted):

- Concession furnishings / beach chairs / umbrellas/ beach equipment provided by concessionaries and hotels and residential buildings
 - **Distancing of at least 6 feet for patrons not of the same household**
 - **Towels must be changed and used towels sent for laundering after each guest use**
- **Furnishings must be cleaned and disinfected after each guest use** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>) **using EPA approved disinfectants** (<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>)
- **Food sales pursuant to New Normal restaurant guidelines (including no self-service)**
- **Food truck sales pursuant to New Normal restaurant guidelines**
- **Kiteboarding, kayak, paddleboards, sailboats, chair rentals, umbrellas, towel rentals pursuant to CDC recommendations and New Normal parks guidelines (including social distancing and the requirement to clean and disinfect rental equipment between each use)**

Public Safety and Enforcement:

Enforcement of Beach procedures and protocols is a priority and beachgoers can be required to leave the beach if they are violating the requirements

- **New Normal guidelines for “Workforce Protection” apply to staff, including the requirement that staff exhibiting symptoms of illness shall not report to work**
- **All staff are required to wear face coverings and PPE (gloves must be changed every 1 to 2 hours and hands must be washed between changes of gloves)**
- **Police services must be available to respond to enforcement issues**
- **Lifeguard services are required in sites they are an already established presence**
 - If surf or beach conditions at a beach become too dangerous, it will be closed for water activities
 - Lifeguards are to be provided with PPE and training and safety guidance, as necessary, regarding
 - Rescue and resuscitation of drowning victims
 - Use of appropriate social distancing, personal hygiene, and PPE
- **Enforcement is a shared responsibility of the County, coastal municipalities, condominiums, and hotels**
- **The County is establishing a pool of enforcement staff (“Beach Ambassadors”) that are available by request to supplement coastal municipalities’ staff**
 - At least 2 Ambassadors per block is recommended for high use areas and/or during peak periods (i.e., weekends and holidays)
 - After re-opening, Ambassador assignments can be reassessed to reassign the appropriate number of staff based on usage of various beaches
 - Use of Ambassadors can be phased out when there is evidence that beachgoers understand and are abiding by the requirements
- **Beach bicycles and other beach equipment may be used by enforcement staff to maximize the range of their reconnaissance**

- **Cleaning and disinfecting of restrooms and other public areas must be done pursuant to CDC guidelines** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>)
- **Post signage extensively wherever possible and develop Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to inform and educate the public of the Beaches Guidelines and Requirements; Miami-Dade County will develop signage and PSAs in 3 languages and make it available for coastal municipalities, condominiums and hotels;** these materials should be used to inform and educate all staff and beachgoers
 - Highlighting activities that are “Do’s and Don’t’s” by illustrated design
 - Identifying designated areas for allowable activities
 - Using CDC materials for:
 - “Stop the Spread of Germs” - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>
 - “Symptoms of Coronavirus” - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-symptoms.pdf>
 - “Use of Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19” - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
 - **Requiring that disposal of PPE must be in bagged trash receptacles**
 - Conveying that beachgoers will be required to leave the beach for non-compliance with requirements
 - Notifying individuals to be particularly cautious in their swimming, surfing, and other water-based activities due to the increased risks associated with rescue and resuscitation



Screening for COVID-19

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Are you experiencing symptoms?

Symptoms may appear in 2–14 days after exposure to the virus.

1



FEVER



COUGH



SHORTNESS OF BREATH

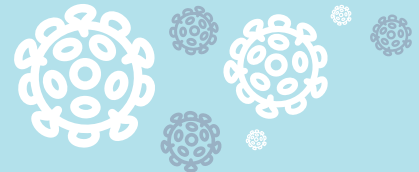
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Have you returned from international travel or a cruise within the last 14 days and have any of the symptoms above?



3

Have you been around someone diagnosed with COVID-19?



If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, call your health care provider or your county health department (CHD) by scanning the code for the local CHD finder. Or call 1-866-779-6121.



Guidance

- Self monitor for fever, cough, or other respiratory symptoms for 14 days.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Delay any additional travel plans until no longer sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash.



COVID-19

Guidance for Businesses & Employees

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Reduce Transmission Among Employees

Encourage sick employees to stay home

- Employees who have symptoms (**fever, cough, or shortness of breath**) should notify their supervisor and stay home.
- Employees should not return to work until the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers. **Learn more at tinyurl.com/vgx83aq.**
- Employees who are well but who have a sick family member at home with COVID-19 should notify their supervisor. Follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) recommended precautions at **tinyurl.com/sdf3p46**.
- Reduce the in-office workforce to 50% by encouraging employees to telecommute if possible.
- For more information, refer to the Florida Public Health Advisory at **FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov/News**.



Have Flexible Sick Leave Policies

- Ensure that sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance and that employees are aware of and understand these policies.
- Maintain flexible policies that permit employees to stay home to care for a sick family member or take care of children due to school and childcare closures.
- Employers should not require a positive COVID-19 test result or a healthcare provider’s (HCP) note for employees who are sick to validate their illness, qualify for sick leave, or to return to work. HCP offices and medical facilities may be extremely busy and not able to provide such documentation quickly.



Maintain a Healthy Work Environment

- Provide tissues and no-touch disposal receptacles if possible.
- Provide soap and water in the workplace.
- Place hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol in multiple locations to encourage hand hygiene.
- Discourage handshaking—encourage the use of other noncontact methods of greeting.
- Encourage social distancing by maintaining a distance of **6 feet** from others when possible.



Perform Routine Cleaning and Disinfection

- Routinely clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, and doorknobs.
- Discourage workers from using other workers’ phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.
- Provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces can be wiped down by employees before each use.



Advise Employees Before Travel

- Check the CDC’s Traveler’s Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.
- Advise employees to check themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, or shortness of breath) before starting travel and notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- Ensure employees who become sick while traveling or on temporary assignment understand that they should notify their supervisor and promptly call a healthcare provider for advice if needed.