



CITY OF AVENTURA
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

**ORDER AND SUPPLEMENT TO DECLARATION OF
STATE OF EMERGENCY
(Order Number 8)**

LIMITED ACCESS AND USE OF CITY PARKS, GOLF COURSES, AND MARINAS

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, as City Manager of the City of Aventura, promulgated a Declaration of Emergency (the "Declaration"), due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus health emergency within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Aventura ("City"), pursuant to Section 2-404 of the City of Aventura Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-404 of the City's Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Manager, to adopt emergency orders which may include, but are not limited to, curfews, declaration of certain areas being off limits, and other matters related to the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommended that persons wear masks, including cloth masks or other facial coverings, while in public to help control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 spread continues to occur in Miami-Dade County, and the City of Aventura, although at a lower rate; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the physical and mental health of the community that outdoor recreation be allowed to the extent it is safe to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City, in consultation with medical experts, industry experts, Miami-Dade County, and municipalities within Miami-Dade County, has determined that it is possible to open, with restrictions, parks, golf courses, marinas and boat ramps.

THEREFORE, as City Manager for the City of Aventura, Florida, and pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 2-404 of the City of Aventura Code of Ordinances (the "City Code"), as well as that certain City of Aventura Declaration of State of Emergency, dated March 12, 2020, I hereby ORDER and PROMULGATE the following additional emergency measures:

Section 1. Declaration Supplemented.

In accordance with City Code Section 2-404, and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the Declaration of the State of Emergency within the City of Aventura, dated March 12, 2020, is hereby re-affirmed, remains in

full force and effect, and is further supplemented pursuant to this Order, as provided herein:

Section 2. Findings.

- (A) The detailed findings of Governor Desantis' Executive Orders Number 20-52, Number 20-68, Number 20-82, 20-83, 20-91, and 20-92 are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- (B) The detailed findings of Miami-Dade County Mayor Gimenez as contained in Emergency Order 21-20, dated April 27, 2020 is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. Order: Limited Access to Marinas, Golf Courses, Tennis Facilities, and City Parks

- (A) **Commencing May 4, 2020 specified City owned parks shall provide limited access, subject to the following conditions:**

- **LIMITED ACCESS TO CITY PARKS**

- (1) The following parks shall be accessible to Aventura residents with proper identification commencing on May 4, 2020, subject to the conditions contained in this Order:
 - a. Founders Park;
 - b. Waterways Park; and
 - c. Veterans Park.
- (2) City of Aventura residents shall have limited access to the parks identified in this Order only for passive use, such as walking and/or jogging while adhering to social distancing guidelines, and the use of facial coverings.
- (3) Founders Park shall be open only to senior citizens starting at 8:00 a.m., and parking will be available for only senior citizens at Founders Park from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- (4) The parks identified in this Order shall be open to all City residents from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There shall be no parking allowed at the parks except for senior citizens from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- (5) Park Amenities and Features:
 - a. Founders Park Tennis Courts – The tennis courts at Founders Park will be open for singles play only. The online reservation system will accept reservations commencing at noon on Monday, May 4, 2020. Residents should visit the City's Online Registration System ("ORS") at www.cityofaventura.com/ors to make a tennis court reservation.
 - b. Selected park trails and walkways shall be one-way flow only, except where the existing configurations does not allow such flow. Where designated for one-way flow, persons shall only move in the designated direction.
 - c. All playgrounds, exercise equipment, drinking fountains, recreation buildings, picnic shelters, bike racks, and the Founders Park SplashPad will remain closed.
 - d. Organized or competitive play on fields and paths is prohibited.
 - e. Table games, picnics, and parties are prohibited.
- (6) Rules Regarding Use of Parks:
 - a. All residents are required to enter the parks through the pedestrian gate.

- b. All residents are required to wear a face covering upon entering the parks, and for the entire duration of the individuals' presence at the park. Children under the age of two (2) are not required to wear a face covering. The term "facial covering" shall refer to a facial covering as described in Emergency Order Number 7 dated April 8, 2020.
- c. All individuals entering the park shall have their temperature taken prior to entering the park.
- d. All individuals entering the park shall maintain social distancing in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") and the Florida Department of Health ("DOH") guidelines. The term "social distancing" shall mean a minimum of six feet distance between persons. Social distancing, where required herein, shall not apply to family members residing in the same dwelling solely with respect to other such family members. The term "family" shall mean an individual and spouse, domestic partner, parents, children, or legal guardians who reside in the same household, and inclusive of children whose custody is shared between two parents in different households. If the CDC issues guidelines that are more restrictive than is provided for in this order, persons shall comply with the CDC guidelines.
- e. To ensure that social distancing is maintained and to ensure access to facilities by patrons, parks staff may limit the number of persons using trails, paths, fields, or courts, and may limit the time any person spends on such trail, path, field, or court.
- f. Only the following limited active uses are allowed: walking, jogging, skating, and sports skills practice by individuals or between family members. Sports skills practice includes, but is not limited to, activities such as shooting a basketball, dribbling a soccer ball, solo racquetball, family members throwing a ball, or similar activities.
- g. Groups of ten (10) or more individuals shall not be permitted to congregate at any time while in the park.
- h. Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact the City Community Services Department no less than 48 hours in advance of their visit. The Community Services Department telephone number is (305) 466-3883.

(B) Commencing April 29, 2020, marinas, golf courses, and private tennis facilities may open subject to the conditions contained herein.

(1) LIMITED ACCESS TO MARINAS

- Effective as of April 29, 2020, all marinas located in the City may be open, subject to the provisions of Miami Dade County Order 21-20.

(2) LIMITED ACCESS TO TENNIS FACILITIES

Effective as of April 29, 2020, private tennis facilities may open, if the following conditions are met:

- Only singles play shall be permitted on the tennis courts.
- All water stations/fountains shall be removed/closed.
- Shaking hands is prohibited.
- Staff and players shall practice social distancing and wear facial coverings while inside the facility.
- No equipment shall be transported by facility staff. Players shall be responsible for bringing their own equipment to designated areas prior to play.
- Designated signage shall be placed outside the pro-shop outlining the required social distancing and facial covering guidelines.
- Designated signage shall be placed around the facility with the phone number to call for staff
- Indoor events shall be prohibited.
- Pro-shop display areas shall be closed, but patrons may be allowed to purchase goods and supplies at the pro-shop door on a walk-up basis.
- Payment shall be made at the front door observing social distancing.
- Glass or plastic screens shall be installed between pro-shop staff and customers.
- Staff shall wear facial coverings at all times.
- Where possible, separate entry and exit doors shall be designated.
- Usage of locker room is prohibited.
- For all pro-shop lines, markers shall be placed on the floor to assist patrons to comply with social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer shall be provided in restrooms and payment areas.

Restroom use shall be one person or one family at a time, with appropriate signage to be provided.

(3) LIMITED ACCESS TO GOLF COURSES

- Effective as of April 29, 2020, golf courses may open, if the following conditions are met:

a. ON-COURSE FACILITY

- Staff and players shall practice social distancing and wear facial coverings while inside the facility.
- No clubs or other equipment shall be transported by golf course staff. Players shall be responsible for bringing their own golf equipment to designated areas prior to play.
- Designated signage shall be placed outside the pro-shop and clubhouse outlining the required social distancing and facial covering guidelines.
- Designated signage shall be placed on carts and around the clubhouse with the phone number to call for food orders and an explanation of how to pay.

- Indoor events shall be prohibited.
- Pro-shop display areas shall be closed, but patrons may be allowed to purchase goods and supplies at the pro-shop door on a walk-up basis.
- Payment shall be made at the front door observing social distancing.
- Glass or plastic screens shall be installed between pro-shop staff and customers.
- Staff shall wear facial coverings at all times.
- Where possible, separate entry and exit doors shall be designated.
- Usage of locker room and bag storage areas is prohibited.
- For all pro-shop lines, markers shall be placed on the floor to assist patrons to comply with social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer shall be provided in restrooms and payment areas.
- Restroom use shall be one person or one family at a time, with appropriate signage to be provided.
- Each cart and any rental equipment shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to players' use.
- All sand containers, scorecards, pencils, tees, towels, coolers or other shared materials shall be removed from golf carts.
- All restrooms and touch-point areas shall be disinfected no less than every two hours with CDC approved products.
- Driving-range hitting areas shall be spaced at least 10 feet apart.
- Scorecard, pencil and tees shall only be issued to individuals when requested from starter, and then discarded after their initial use.

b. GOLF-COURSE PREPARATION

- Cup Modifications:
 - A pool noodle or other blocking mechanism shall be used to fill the hole, or the cup shall be raised an inch above ground to prevent the ball from going in the hole.
 - Alternatively, an E-Z lyft touchless golf ball retrieval system or similar touchless system may be used.
- Rakes in all bunkers shall be removed:
- United States Golf Association recommendations shall be followed on bunker play depending on the course and its resources.
- All water stations shall be removed.
- All ball wash units shall be removed or locked down.
- All practice facility bag stands, chairs and PVC pipes for picking up balls shall be removed.
- All range-balls shall be cleaned, with water and soap, after every pick-up prior to making them available for golfers.
- Where possible, clientele 60 years of age and older shall be separated from younger clientele.

c. **PLAYING**

- Players shall not touch or remove the flagstick from the cup.
- All players shall stay at minimum six feet apart at all times, and a course ranger or other staff member shall monitor player compliance on the course.
- More than one player per each cart is prohibited.
- Walking is allowed while maintaining social distancing.
- To eliminate congestion and gathering on the property or in the parking lot, each golfer shall leave the golf course immediately after playing.

d. **FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

- Beverage carts on the golf course are permitted under the following circumstances:
- Beverage cart staff shall wear facial coverings at all times.
- Beverage carts shall bear signage stating that players are prohibited from touching anything on the beverage cart.
- Only a cart attendant shall distribute items from the cart. To ensure social distancing:
- Beverage cart attendant shall place purchased items on opposite side of the players golf cart; and
- For players that are walking, the beverage cart attendant shall place the purchased items on the ground for the player to pick it up.
- Players shall be encouraged to pay with credit card and cart attendants shall wipe down the credit card machine after each use.

e. **STAFF**

- Facial coverings shall be worn by all staff at all times.
- Shaking hands is prohibited.

Section 4. Enforcement


Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any provision of the Declaration of the State of Emergency, and any Supplemental Order, any Amended Supplemental Order, including this Order, shall be subject to such fine or imprisonment or both as provided by **Sections 1-14 and 2-333** of the City Code, or any other applicable penalty provision. Each day that a violation shall continue to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Order and Supplement to Declaration shall be effective as of 4 p.m., April 28, 2020, and may be further supplemented from time to time in accordance with Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the City Code. This

document shall be posted and distributed as provided by City Code Section 2-404(f).

Executed this 28th day of April 2020.

By: 
Ronald J. Wasson, City Manager
City of Aventura, Florida

Copy: Mayor and Commissioners, City Clerk, Police Chief, City Attorney, Department Directors