

STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NUMBER 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During  
COVID-19 Emergency)

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-51  
directing the Florida

Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and  
State Health Officer

declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida  
as a result of COVID-19;

and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-52  
declaring a state of

emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-  
19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and  
the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued the "15 Days to  
Slow the Spread" guidance

advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing  
measures, such as avoiding

gatherings of more than 10 people, and in states with evidence  
of community spread,

recommending restrictions to certain establishments conducive  
to mass gatherings and

congregations; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President extended such  
guidance to be in effect

until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the President updated the guidance, renaming it "30

Days to Slow the Spread", and along with the White House Coronavirus Task Force urged

Americans to continue to adhere to the guidelines and expand community mitigation efforts;

and

WHEREAS, the majority of individuals in Florida that have tested positive for

COVID-19 have been concentrated in its southeastern counties and other urban cores; and

WHEREAS, positive cases of COVID-19 have continued to rise in other states in close

proximity to Florida, resulting in increased risk to counties in northern Florida; and

WHEREAS, many thousands of people fled the New York City region to Florida

following New York State issuing a "shelter-in-place" order, thereby jeopardizing the health

and safety of Floridians; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-80, requiring all

individuals that fly into Florida from states with substantial community spread to self-isolate

in Florida for 14 days or the duration of their trip, whichever is shorter; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-86, requiring all

individuals that drive into Florida from states with substantial community spread to self

isolate in Florida for 14 days or the duration of their trip,  
whichever is shorter; and

WHEREAS, persistent interstate travel continues to pose a risk  
to the entire state of

Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-83,  
directing the State

Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public  
health advisory urging the public

to avoid all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more  
people and urging those who can

work remotely to do so; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to  
ensure that the spread of

COVID-19 is slowed, and that residents and visitors in Florida  
remain safe and secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by  
virtue of

the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the  
Florida Constitution; Chapter

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252, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate  
the following Executive Order

to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Safer At Home

A. Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying  
medical condition

(such as chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma,  
serious heart conditions,

immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease)

shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

B. In concert with the efforts of President Trump and the White House Corona virus

Task Force to fight COVID-19, and based on guidance provided by Florida Surgeon General

and State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Rivkees, all persons in Florida shall limit their movements

and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide

essential services or conduct essential activities.

## Section 2. Essential Services

A. For purposes of this Order and the conduct it limits, "essential services" means

and encompasses the list detailed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance

on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, v. 2 (March 28, 2020) (attached) and any

subsequent lists published.

B. Essential services also include those businesses and activities designated by

Executive Order 20-89 and its attachment which consists of a list propounded by Miami-Dade

County in multiple orders.

C. Other essential services may be added under this Order with the approval of the

State Coordinating Officer, in close coordination with the State Health Officer. The State

Coordinating Officer shall maintain an online list of essential services, as specified in this Order

along with any approved additions. The online list shall be available on the Division of

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Emergency Management's website at [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org) and the Florida Department of

Health's website at [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov).

D. Nothing in this order prohibits individuals from working from home; indeed, this

Order encourages individuals to work from home.

E. All businesses or organizations are encouraged to provide delivery, carry-out or

curbside service outside of the business or organization, of orders placed online or via telephone,

to the greatest extent practicable.

### Section 3. Essential Activities

A. For purposes of this Order and the conduct it limits, "essential activities" means

and encompasses the following:

1. Attending religious services conducted in churches, synagogues and houses

of worship; and

11. Participating in recreational activities ( consistent with social distancing

guidelines) such as walking, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, running, or

swimming; and

m. Taking care of pets; and

1v. Caring for or otherwise assisting a loved one or friend.

B. Other essential activities may be added to this list with the approval of the State

Coordinating Officer, in close coordination with the State Health Officer. The State

Coordinating Officer shall maintain an online list of essential activities, as specified in this Order

along with any approved additions.

C. A social gathering in a public space is not an essential activity. Local

jurisdictions shall ensure that groups of people greater than ten are not permitted to congregate

in any public space.

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#### Section 4. Local Orders in Response to COVID-19

This Order shall supersede any conflicting official action or order issued by local

officials in response to COVID-19 but only to the extent that such action or order allows essential

services or essential activities prohibited by this Executive Order.

#### Section 5. Previous Executive Orders

This Executive Order does not supersede any Executive Order related to COVID-19.

#### Section 6. Effective Date and Expiration Date

This Order is effective 12:01 am on April 3, 2020. This Order shall expire on April 30,

2020 unless extended by subsequent order. Executive Order 20-68 (bars, restaurants) and

Executive Order 20-71 (alcohol sales, restaurants) shall remain in effect through the duration of

Executive Order 20-52, including any extensions.