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PRESS RELEASE

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## City of Miami Beach Updates State of Emergency Relating to the High Impact Period

– *Eastbound Causeway Closures Move to 10 p.m. and Delivery Services  
May Continue Past Midnight* –

**Miami Beach, FL** – In response to the State of Emergency for the High Impact Period in the City of Miami Beach’s entertainment district, the Interim City Manager has implemented the following updated emergency measures, effective tonight through Monday, March 22 at 6 a.m.

- Eastbound lanes on the MacArthur Causeway and Julia Tuttle Causeway shall be completely **CLOSED** to traffic from 10 p.m. through 6 a.m., **except** to City residents, guests of hotels in the City, and employees of business establishments in the City.
- Eastbound lanes on the Venetian Causeway shall be completely **CLOSED** to traffic from 10 p.m. through 6 a.m., **except** to City residents.
- Effective from 8 p.m. through 6 a.m. a **curfew** shall be imposed **ONLY** in the area bounded by 5 Street on the south, 16 Street on the north, Pennsylvania Avenue on the west, and Ocean Drive on the east (the “High Impact Zone”). Restaurants within the High Impact Zone shall be permitted to continue to operate for delivery services **only**. Pursuant to Section 26-33(a)(1) of the City Code, the curfew shall not apply to the provision of designated essential services, such as fire, police and hospital services, including the transportation of patients thereto, utility emergency repairs, emergency calls by physicians, and individuals making deliveries from restaurants.
- From 8 p.m. through 6 a.m., Ocean Drive shall be **CLOSED** to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, except to City residents requiring access to or from their homes, guests of hotels requiring access to or from their hotels, and employees of business establishments. Other public roads within the High Impact Zone may be closed as deemed necessary by the Interim City Manager or Chief of Police.
- From 7 p.m. through 6 a.m., all sidewalk café operations, including expanded outdoor restaurant seating, shall be **SUSPENDED** in the High Impact Zone, pursuant to the City’s High Impact Ordinance and City Commission Resolution No. 2021-31599. All sidewalk café operators are directed to stack or remove tables and chairs no later than 8 p.m. each night.

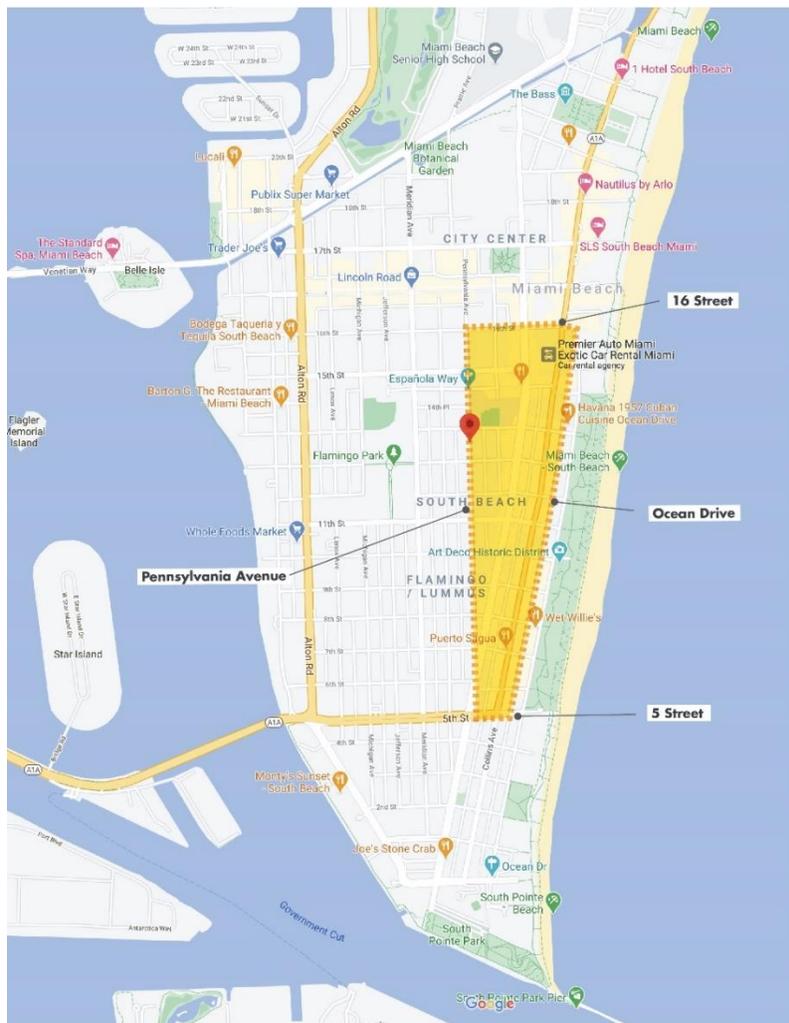
[Click here](#) to view the amended Declaration of a State of Emergency relating to the High Impact Period.

Any violation of these emergency measures shall subject the individual, operator, business entity, or organization to arrest and criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 26-36 and Section 1-14 of the City Code.

The City strongly urges all businesses in the High Impact Zone to close voluntarily during the State of Emergency. This Declaration of a State of Emergency and the measures set forth are separate from and in addition to the emergency measures currently in effect related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City Commission has authorized the Interim City Manager to extend the Declaration of a State of Emergency in one-week increments through April 13, 2021.

All other areas in Miami Beach are open for residents and visitors to patronize after the 8 p.m. curfew in the High Impact Zone, such as Lincoln Road, South of Fifth, Sunset Harbour, Collins Park, 41 Street, North Beach and more.



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