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PRESS RELEASE

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## City of Miami Beach Mandates Employees and Customers Cover their Noses & Mouths

– At Grocery Stores, Pharmacies and Restaurant Facilities –

**Miami Beach, FL** – As the coronavirus continues to claim lives across the State of Florida, the City of Miami Beach has added a requirement in [today's Emergency Order](#), effective April 7, 2020, for all employees and customers of grocery stores, pharmacies and restaurant facilities to wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth at all times when inside these establishments. The same requirement applies to individuals providing delivery services.

Acceptable coverings may include a face mask, homemade mask or other cloth covering, such as a scarf, bandana or handkerchief, and should complement — not substitute for — social distancing practices. Medical and surgical face masks, such as “N95” masks, are in short supply and should be reserved for health care personnel and other first responders with the greatest need for such personal protective equipment.

As to all **other** essential retail and commercial establishments permitted to remain open, employees and customers are strongly encouraged to wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth. All establishments are strongly encouraged to implement policies for employees to use other personal protective equipment, such as gloves, subject to the availability of such items.

The city has also revised its [“Safer at Home” Emergency Order](#) through April 9, 2020.

For additional information on the city's efforts, including all emergency measures being enforced, please visit [www.MiamiBeachFL.gov/coronavirus](http://www.MiamiBeachFL.gov/coronavirus).

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