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As Restaurants Open, Select Miami Beach Streets Will Close to Vehicles

—Allowing for Expanded Outdoor Seating & More Active Space for Pedestrians—

Miami Beach, FL – Starting next week, several Miami Beach roadways will partially or fully close so that restaurants mandated to reduce their capacity by 50 percent may place their displaced tables and chairs on the streets and sidewalks to comply with social distancing guidelines. This measure will also activate additional space for walkers, joggers, cyclists, skaters and other outdoor activities.

“We’re excited to expand our streets and afford restaurants the option to create outdoor dining experiences that will respect social distancing guidelines,” said Mayor Dan Gelber. “The prioritization of pedestrians over cars will also create more active promenades for residents and visitors to enjoy our beautiful city.”

The list of street closures approved by Miami-Dade County includes:

- **Washington Avenue between 7 Street and 16 Street** – Full closure of road to support expansion. Restaurants can expand using the existing sidewalks, parking lanes, and outside travel lanes (northbound and southbound). The inside travel lanes will be dedicated to pedestrians, bikes and for emergency vehicle access. Delivery access will occur from each side street via dedicated loading zones. Delivery personnel will use hand-dollies to access the businesses through Collins Court (alleyway east of Washington Avenue) or the pedestrian path on the inside lane.
- **Ocean Drive from 5 Street to 15 Street** – Full closure of Ocean Drive to support expansion. Restaurants can expand using the existing west sidewalk, parking lanes and southbound lane. The northbound travel lane and east side parking lane will be dedicated to pedestrians, bikes and for emergency vehicle access. Delivery access will occur from each side street via dedicated loading zones. Delivery personnel will use hand-dollies to access the businesses through Ocean Court (alleyway west of Ocean Drive) or the pedestrian path on the northbound lane.

Ocean Drive has been closed since May 16 and Washington Avenue will close on Tuesday, May 26. Other closures on the following roads will occur as restaurants apply for the [Recovery Outdoor Seating Pilot Program](#):

- **Bay Road from 18 Street to 20 Street** – Closure of the west side parking lane and southbound travel lane to support expansion. Northbound traffic and access

to businesses on the east side will be maintained.

- **20 Street from Purdy Avenue to Bay Road** – Closure of eastbound travel lane to support expansion. No access will be affected.
- **Purdy Avenue from 18 Street to 20 Street**– Closure of northbound travel lane to support expansion. Southbound traffic and access to residential properties on the west side of the street will always be maintained.
- **73 Street from Collins Avenue to Ocean Terrace** – Closure of north sidewalk and parking lane to support expansion. Sidewalk will be reserved for business access only. Pedestrians not accessing the businesses will be detoured to the south sidewalk.
- **Ocean Terrace from 73 Street to 74 Street** – Closure of west sidewalk to support expansion. Sidewalk will be reserved for business access only. Pedestrians not accessing the businesses will be detoured to the east sidewalk. Access to residential properties will always be maintained.
- **74 Street from Collins Avenue to Ocean Terrace** – Closure of north sidewalk and parking lane to support expansion. Sidewalk will be reserved for business access only. Pedestrians not accessing the businesses will be detoured to the south sidewalk.
- **Lincoln Road from West Avenue to Alton Road** – Closure of north side parking lane and westbound travel lane to support expansion. Westbound traffic will be detoured through 16 Street and 17 Street.

The city is pursuing additional street closures with Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation, including 72 Street from Harding to Abbot avenues, Española Way between Collins and Washington avenues, and several others.

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