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PRESS RELEASE

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City of Miami Beach Mandates Face Masks in Public Spaces & Places

– *Effective Tomorrow, June 30, 2020* –

Miami Beach, FL – As COVID-19 cases have been surging across the State of Florida, the City of Miami Beach will now mandate the use of facial coverings to help prevent the spread of this deadly virus. Effective tomorrow, June 30, 2020, all persons in public spaces and places, both indoors and outdoors, must wear a face covering if social distancing is not being achieved, as defined in Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 20-20.

"Our rule is simple, you must be wearing a mask in our city," said Mayor Dan Gelber. "On the street, waiting outside a restaurant, in your condo lobby or at the park — wear it. It's not a political statement, it's just trying to do your part to keep loved ones and neighbors healthy."

Any person not wearing a facial covering is subject to a \$50 civil fine. [Click here](#) to read the city's amended Emergency Measures.

Facial coverings are not required of children under the age of 2; persons who have trouble breathing due to chronic pre-existing conditions; persons who cannot wear a facial covering due to a disability; where federal or state safety or health regulations prohibit the wearing of facial coverings; persons actively consuming food or beverage; persons receiving medical or grooming treatment to the face, head or mouth for which temporary removal of the facial covering is necessary to perform the service; persons engaged in strenuous physical activity (which may include walking for exercise, jogging, running or bicycling); persons while working in a profession where use of a facial covering is not compatible with the duties of the profession; and persons who are hearing-impaired or persons communicating with an individual who is hearing-impaired.

Additionally, effective at 11:59 p.m. tonight, per [Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 23-20](#) all establishments that are licensed to serve alcoholic beverages, **MUST** cease the sale of those alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 6 a.m. each day; and hookah lounges shall remain closed.

Any violation of the city's Emergency Measures may 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. Furthermore, any violation of the provisions of this Order may subject an operator, business entity, or organization to the closure of the establishment for a period of at least 24 hours, or through the duration of the State of Emergency.

For additional information on the city's efforts to curb COVID-19, please visit www.miamibeachfl.gov/coronavirus.

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