

BAL HARBOUR

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UPDATE #45 - COVID-19

May 15, 2020 (5:00 PM)

The Village Emergency Operations Team is working hard to ensure the health and well-being of the community. As we continue to monitor the latest information on COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and begin moving toward a "New Normal," updated information will be shared with the community.

New Miami-Dade County Emergency Order Regarding Certain Business Establishments

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez has begun the process to [The New Normal](#) in Miami-Dade County of reopening some non-essential businesses expected to be effective Monday, May 18th. The plan currently focuses on strict guidelines for:

- Small Businesses,
- Retail Establishments,
- Personal Grooming Businesses,
- Restaurants, and
- Shopping Centers.

Hand sanitizing stations, facial coverings, sanitizing requirements for employees and customers, physical barriers and social distancing guidelines are in place under this order.

Important Note: Pubs, bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, gyms, spas, beaches and public pools will NOT be reopening on May 18, and remain closed by order of Miami-Dade County.

The Bal Harbour Shops has informed us that assuming the County order is issued, that they plan to open their stores and restaurants on Monday, May 18. Please check with the individual stores and restaurants to confirm hours.

For the complete The New Normal guide from Miami-Dade County for Residents and Commercial Establishments visit: <https://www.miamidade.gov/information/library/new-normal.pdf>.

While we are now transitioning to a "New Normal" phase of this pandemic, it should be noted that The Bal Harbour Village, the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County remain under emergency declarations, and that [several emergency orders](#), such as Safer at Home, and Travel Restrictions remain in effect and must be adhered to. As always we encourage you to exercise good personal judgement. Remember that Kindness is Contagious and we urge to wear facial coverings where adequate social distances cannot be achieved.

New Bal Harbour Village Order – Construction Sites

Today, May 15, 2020, Village Manager Jorge Gonzalez issued the [First Amendment to Order No. 09-20](#), effectively allowing interior and exterior construction activities at occupied structures and properties to resume **effective Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:30 AM.**

These require the implementation of best construction site practices, precautions, and preparations for public safety, following Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and [Joint Construction Industry Commitment](#).

Bicycles on the Beach Path 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Only

Residents and visitors are welcome to enjoy the Bal Harbour Beach Path throughout the day. So as to provide an optimal experience for all, starting Wednesday, May 13, 2020 bicycles will only be allowed on the Beach Path during the hours of 9 AM until 5 PM. We are also asking bicyclists to ensure safe distancing from those walking, jogging or running on the path.

Children riding bikes are welcome all day. We encourage casual walkers, families with strollers, senior citizens, dog walkers and all other pedestrians to take advantage of the pre-9:00 AM and post-5:00 PM times.

When bicycles are not allowed on the Beach Path, please note that walking jogging and running are permitted at all times on the Beach Path, keeping in mind social distancing practices and the wearing of masks when appropriate. For more information please view our [flyer](#), or visit <https://bit.ly/3fEHgCo>.

Miami-Dade County Order Relative to Face Coverings

On April 9, 2020, Miami-Dade County issued Emergency Order 20-20, relative to face coverings. Following are the requirements of this order:

- 1) Persons working in or visiting grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, construction sites, public transit vehicles, vehicles for hire, and locations where social distancing measures are not possible shall wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC.
- 2) A facial covering includes any covering which snugly covers the face and mouth, whether store bought or homemade, and which is secured with ties or ear loops.
- 3) A mask shall not be required for children under two or persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition.
- 4) On the Bal Harbour Beach Path, facial coverings shall be worn, except by children under the age of 2, persons who have trouble breathing due to chronic pre-existing conditions, or persons engaged in strenuous physical activity, or when social distancing cannot be adhered to. Only you can determine if you meet any of these facial covering guidelines, but we encourage you to be mindful of remaining as safe as possible while also keeping others safe as well.

For examples of compliant face coverings, and instructions on how to make one, visit the [CDC website](#).

Telemedicine + COVID 19 Screening in Bal Harbour Village, Bay Harbor Islands, Surfside, and Indian Creek Village

Bal Harbour Village, Bay Harbor Islands, Surfside, Indian Creek Village, and the Bal Harbour Shop are welcoming Banyan Medical Systems and Pivot Concierge Health in their providing first responders, seniors and all residents of the 33154 ZIP Code area options

for safe medical care during the current pandemic. They will be offering various options for community members to get evaluated and receive care from our medical professionals in several convenient settings including virtual visits and a drive-thru screening site. For your convenience, download our flyer at <https://bit.ly/2Sr7gXX>.

To make an appointment for drive-thru screening, to schedule a virtual visit, or to learn more about these services, please visit the website www.covid33154.com.

More Testing Sites

Please be advised that the number of testing sites continues to expand and the minimum requirements to qualify to be tested are also continuing to change. For a complete listing of testing site locations and hours, please visit the [Miami-Dade County Coronavirus webpage](#).

United States Census 2020

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has extended the deadline for the 2020 Census. The [2020 Census Questionnaire](#) should only take most people 10 minutes to complete, and your response helps direct billions of dollars in funds to local communities for roads and other important public services.

Most households should have already received their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census. These official Census Bureau mailings will include detailed information and a Census ID for [completing the Census online](#).

In addition to an invitation to respond, some households will receive a paper questionnaire. You do not need to wait for your paper questionnaire to respond to the Census. We encourage you to complete your census form online or by phone. To learn more about Census 2020, please visit www.2020census.gov.

Home Testing for Homebound Residents

Senior citizens and individuals over the age of 18 with disabilities who are experiencing symptoms but are homebound may call to request a COVID-19 test to be performed at their home by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue staff. You must first make an appointment by calling **305-499-8767** starting at 9 a.m., seven days a week. The appointment line remains open until all appointments have been issued.