



**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-04**

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death;

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of March, 2020, pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, the City of Riviera Beach declared a local State of Emergency resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of April, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, the state’s “Safer at Home” order designed to protect the health and well-being of the community, increase social distancing and limit the community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City is aware of numerous confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and desires to adopt recommendations to mitigate the community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, cities throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach County have implemented similar restrictions and recommendations for the general health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) it is critical to maintain 6-foot social distancing to slow the spread of the virus and persons should wear face cloth coverings to capture the respiratory droplets of asymptomatic people, or people who may unknowingly have the virus, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, as City Manager for the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, I, Jonathan Evans, pursuant to Emergency Management Powers granted by Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, and the Emergency Declaration entered on March 18, 2020, urge and recommend the following Local Emergency Measures for the City of Riviera Beach, effective Saturday, April 11, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.:

Residents and visitors of the City of Riviera Beach are recommended to wear masks in grocery stores, convenience stores, retail establishments, pharmacies, retail food facilities, and restaurants and while performing construction activities on job sites.

Section 1. For purposes of this Order, a mask is defined as a form of covering of the nose and mouth and shall include a face mask, a homemade mask, or cloth covering, including but not limited to a scarf, bandana, handkerchief or other similar cloth covering.

Section 2. All persons working in grocery stores, convenience stores, retail establishments, pharmacies, retail food facilities and restaurants should wear a mask at all times while inside the grocery stores, convenience stores, retail establishments, pharmacies, retail food facilities or restaurant facility.

Section 3. All grocery stores, convenience stores, retail establishments, pharmacies, retail food facilities and restaurants should recommend that customers wear a mask at all times while inside the grocery stores, convenience stores, retail establishments, pharmacies, retail food facilities or restaurant facility.

Section 4. All persons providing delivery services from grocery stores, convenience stores, retail establishments, pharmacies, retail food facilities and restaurants should wear a mask while making deliveries.

Section 5. All persons performing construction activities should, at all times, wear masks while on the construction site.

Section 6. All other essential retail and commercial establishments, as defined in Executive Order 20-91 and Palm Beach County Emergency Order 2020-002a, are strongly encouraged to require the use of masks and other personal protective equipment, such as gloves, subject to the availability of such items.

Section 7. The recommendations herein shall not apply to any outdoor activities permitted under any applicable City, County, or State order, except as provided herein with respect to person providing delivery services or performing construction activities.

Section 8. Nothing herein shall operate or restrict any employee or customer from accessing an essential retail or commercial establishment to address any emergency or exigent circumstance if a covering over the nose and mouth is not readily accessible at the time of such emergency or exigent circumstance.

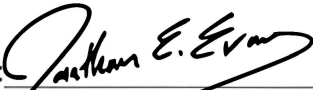
Section 9. Medical and surgical face masks such as “N95” masks or other similar medical or surgical masks are in short supply and should be reserved for health care personnel and other first responders with the greatest need for such personal protective equipment. This Order should not be construed to recommend the utilization of surgical masks or N95 respirators. To the extent possible, persons should refrain from utilizing surgical masks and N95 respirators which are in short supply and should be reserved for health care personnel and first responders as recommended by the CDC. Instead, persons are encouraged to utilize masks as defined by this Order.


Section 10. This Emergency Order is effective Saturday, April 11, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. and shall remain in full force and effect until expiration of the March 18, 2020 State of Emergency.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH on
April 9, 2020.

CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA

Approved for Legal Sufficiency

By: 
Jonathan Evans, City Manager

By: 
Dawn S. Wynn, City Attorney