

State of Florida Executive Orders related to COVID-19 Emergency

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<u>20-51</u>	Establishes COVID-19 Response Protocol and Directs Public Health Emergency	3/1/2020	none		Active
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- Declares public health emergency in State of Florida
- Gives authority to, and ratifies previous related activities of, State Health Officer and Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees to take any action necessary to protect public health and follow CDC guidelines to control spread of COVID-19
- Designates the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) as the lead state agency to coordinate and determine emergency response activities among state agencies and local governments, and to monitor all persons meeting the definition of a Person Under Investigation ("PUI") for COVID-19, including ensuring testing, isolation, and quarantine as needed
- Directs all State agencies to cooperate with FDOH, and request assistance of all other agencies

<u>20-52</u>	Emergency Management- COVID-19 Public Health Emergency	3/9/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- Declares a state of emergency in the State of Florida
- Designates Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Director as State Coordinating Officer for the emergency, and State Health Officer and Surgeon General as a Deputy State Coordinating Officer and State Incident Commander, and Deputies
- Seeks direct assistance and agreements with U.S. Government
- Suspends the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action.
- activates the Florida National Guard, as needed
- Authorizes political subdivisions to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law
- Authorizes State agencies to close State buildings
- Authorizes funds be made available by transferring and expending moneys appropriated for other purposes, moneys from unappropriated surplus funds, or from the Budget Stabilization Fund.
- Authorizes medical professionals, social workers, and counselors with valid out-of-state licenses to render services if free of charge, under auspices of American Red Cross and FDOH

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[20-68](#) **Emergency Management - COVID-19** 3/17/2020 4/16/2020 5/8/2020 **Active**

- Bars, Restaurants, Nightclubs that derive more than 50% of revenue from sale of alcoholic beverages shall suspend all sale for 30 days
- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) shall implement and enforce
- Public beaches must follow CDC guidelines for distancing: no more than 10 people in a group, and distancing themselves 6 feet apart
- Restaurants shall immediately limit its building occupancy to 50%, and must follow CDC guidelines for distancing
- DBPR shall ensure all restaurants implement employee screening and prohibit any employee from entering the restaurant premises if they meet any of the criteria for COVID-19 infection, exposure, including travel

[20-69](#) **Emergency Management- COVID-19 - Local Government Public Meetings** 3/20/2020 5/8/2020 NA **Active**

1. I hereby suspend any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place. **2.** Local government bodies may utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes. **3.** This Executive Order (EO) does not waive any other requirement under the Florida Constitution and "Florida's Government in the Sunshine Laws," including Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. **4.** This EO shall expire at the expiration of EO 20- 52, including any extension.

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20-70	Emergency Management- COVID-19- Broward and Palm Beach County Closures	3/20/2020	3/31/2020		Unknown
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- All restaurants, bars, taverns, pubs, night clubs, banquet halls, cocktail lounges, cabarets, breweries, cafeterias and any other alcohol and/or food service business establishment with seating for more than 10 people within Broward County and Palm Beach County must close on-premises service of customers.
 - Such establishments may operate their kitchens for the purpose of providing delivery services and employees, janitorial personnel, contractors and delivery personnel shall be allowed access to such establishments.
 - shall not apply to grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and convenience stores, except that those discrete portions of such establishments that provide alcohol and/or food service with seating for more than 10 people
 - shall not apply to delivery services, pick-up or take out services
 - shall not apply to restaurants that are ancillary to essential services, including the airports, port facilities, secure facilities and hospitals. Other essential services may be determined by the county administrators.
 - All movie theatres, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, gymnasiums, fitness studios and beaches shall close.
 - These closures are in effect in accordance with the President's "15 Days to Slow the Spread", initiated on March 16, 2020. These closures shall expire on March 31, 2020 but may be renewed upon the written request of the County Administrator.
 - The Broward and Palm Beach County Administrators shall have the ability to enforce, relax, modify or remove these closures, as warranted, pursuant to the directives and parameters as set forth in EO 20-68.
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20-71	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms	3/20/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- orders all vendors licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises to suspend sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink or in sealed containers for consumption on premises, may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises.
- prohibition of package sales of alcohol for delivery, take-out or consumption off-premises is suspended for restaurants complying with EO 20-68, conditions apply
- allows licensed vendors of alcoholic beverages to request the return of undamaged alcoholic beverages purchased for events cancelled in response to COVID-19
- does not prohibit retail stores and vendors that currently sell sealed containers of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption from continuing such sales.
- all restaurants and food establishments licensed under Chapters 500 and 509, Florida Statutes, must suspend on-premises food consumption for customers, but may operate kitchens for purpose of providing delivery or take-out services. Employees, janitorial, contractors and delivery personnel shall be allowed access to such establishments for delivery or take-out services.
- orders the closure of gymnasiums and fitness centers. This order shall not apply to gymnasiums and fitness centers which are: (i) amenities of hotels which have a capacity of 10 persons or less, (ii) are an amenity of a residential building, (iii) are interior to any fire or police stations or (iv) are located inside any single-occupant office building.
- DBPR, state and local law enforcement shall utilize its authorities to further implement and enforce the provisions of this EO

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<u>20-72</u>	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures	3/20/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- Based on recommendations fFDOH and Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) regarding this emergency, all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices in the State of Florida are prohibited from providing any medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedure or surgery which, if delayed, does not place a patient's immediate health, safety, or wellbeing at risk, or will, if delayed, not contribute to the worsening of a serious or life-threatening medical condition.
- all health care practitioners licensed in Florida, including dentists, shall immediately cease performing these elective services.
- As articulated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recommendation, examples of procedures to delay may include, but are not limited to, some endoscopy, most cataract and lens surgeries, non-urgent spine and orthopedic procedures, and cosmetic procedures.
- permissible procedures include, but may not be limited to, removal of a cancerous tumors, transplants, limb-threatening vascular surgeries, trauma-related procedures, and dental care related to the relief of pain and management of infection.
- The AHCA and FDOH shall utilize their authority under Florida law to implement and enforce the provisions of this EO

<u>20-80</u>	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Airport Screening and Isolation	3/23/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- directs all persons whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, including Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Florida or the duration of the person's presence in Florida, whichever is shorter, takes effect immediately and retroactively for previous 14 days.
- These persons must also inform any individual in Florida with whom they have had direct physical contact in the past 21 days that they traveled from an area with substantial community spread.
- Failure to comply is a second-degree misdemeanor
- shall not apply to persons employed by the airlines and those performing military, emergency or health response.
- All persons isolating or quarantining under this Section shall be responsible for all associated costs
- directs the FDOH to coordinate with the FDEM, each aviation and airport authority in Florida, county and local governments, and law enforcement agencies to effectuate the isolation or quarantine outlined above.
- directs all state, county and local law enforcement authorities to enforce this Order, report persons in violation, and assist FDOH in enforcing isolation and quarantine as needed

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<u>20-82</u>	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida	3/24/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- directs all persons who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, including Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Florida or the duration of the person's presence in Florida, whichever is shorter, takes effect immediately and retroactively for previous 14 days. These persons must also inform any individual in Florida with whom they have had direct physical contact in the past 21 days that they traveled from an area with substantial community spread.
- Failure to comply is a second-degree misdemeanor
- shall not apply to persons performing military, emergency or health response.
- All persons isolating or quarantining under this Section shall be responsible for all associated costs
- directs all state, county and local law enforcement authorities to enforce this Order, report persons in violation, and assist FDOH in enforcing isolation and quarantine as needed

<u>20-83</u>	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Protective Measures for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce	3/24/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- Public health advisory directed for all persons over 65 years of age urging them to stay home and to take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19
 - Public health advisory directed for all persons that have a serious underlying medical condition including, but not limited to, chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; serious heart conditions; immunocompromised status, including those in cancer treatment; and severe obesity, to stay home and to take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19
 - Public health advisory against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people
 - Public health advisory urging all who can work from home to do so
 - State Surgeon General and State Health Officer responsible for issuing above advisories
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<u>20-85</u>	Emergency Management - COVID-19- Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance	3/26/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- Authorizes telehealth services at no additional cost to State employees, amends state employee health benefits plan documents immediately and accordingly
- Amends state employee pharmacy benefits plan documents effective immediately to include telehealth services
- directs the Department of Management Services (DMS), Division of State Group Insurance, to ensure that all state employees have access to telehealth services, and that all cost sharing that would have been applicable to state employees seeking immunization services under this EO for the influenza vaccination be waived effective immediately
- Provision for immunizations to state employees via plan participating physician or pharmacy

<u>20-86</u>	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida	3/27/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- directs all persons who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include Louisiana, inclusive of those entering Florida by roadways, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Florida or the duration of the person's presence in Florida, whichever is shorter, takes effect immediately and retroactively for previous 14 days. These persons must also inform any individual in Florida with whom they have had direct physical contact in the past 21 days that they traveled from an area with substantial community spread.
- directs establishment of roadway checkpoints for persons and vehicles entering Florida, requires those persons to provide information on the origin of their travel and their location of isolation or quarantine for a period of 14 days.
- Failure to comply is a second-degree misdemeanor
- All persons isolating or quarantining under this Section shall be responsible for all associated costs
- Directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to facilitate locations for appropriate checkpoints, including welcome centers and rest stops, and placement of road signs and advisories. Directs Florida Highway Patrol and County Sheriffs to assist
- directs all state, county and local law enforcement authorities to enforce this Order, report persons in violation, and assist FDOH in enforcing isolation and quarantine as needed

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[20-87](#) **Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Vacation Rental Closures** 3/27/2020 4/10/2020 4/30/2020 **Almost Expired**

- Orders all parties engaged in rental of vacation rental properties to suspend vacation rental operations. Vacation rentals are prohibited from making new reservations or bookings or accepting new guests for check-in.
- Includes rental of any house, condominium, cooperative, or dwelling unit that is also a transient public lodging establishment that is rented less than 30 days, regularly advertised for guest rental and regulated by DBPR.
- This order does not include: hotels, motels, inns, resorts, non-transient public lodging establishments, time share projects; long-term rentals; or housing for military, emergency, governmental, health or infrastructure response, or travelers engaged in non-vacation commercial activities.
- DBPR shall supplement this directive with guidance or directives as necessary to implement the order and shall take steps necessary to inspect licensed properties or third-party platforms whereby Florida vacation rentals may be advertised.
- DBPR shall revoke the vacation rental license of any party that violates this order
- DBPR shall alert the state authorities to evidence of violations or attempts to violate this order; violations can be a second-degree misdemeanor

[20-88](#) **Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Re-employment of Essential Personnel** 3/30/2020 5/8/2020 NA **Active**

- declares that certain FRS employees who have retired or are slated to retire prior to August 1 may be re-employed to assist the COVID-19 emergency response
- FRS participating employers may utilize recent retirees for emergency work without incurring liability or voiding the retirees' retirement. All FRS participating employers must comply with notification provisions of Sec 4 of this order.
- applies to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Some restrictions apply, see full text
- Any FRS participating employer who intends to utilize recent retirees for emergency work shall provide to the Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, the list of recent retirees who will provide emergency work to them under the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency.
- DMS is the agency responsible for implementation

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<u>20-89</u>	Emergency Management- COVID-19 - Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Momoe County Public Access Restrictions	3/30/2020	4/15/2020		Unknown
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- Orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County pursuant to its March 19, 2020 Emergency Order 07-20, and as modified by subsequent amendments
- County administrators may determine additional "essential" retail and commercial establishments-or other institutions providing essential services-that shall not be subject to complete closure.
- No county/local authority may restrict or prohibit "essential" service from performing a function allowed under this order.
- Essential service establishments not subject to closure shall continue to determine, adopt and maintain reasonable measures to ensure sanitation and cleanliness of premises and items that may come into contact with employees and the public, and such establishments shall take reasonable action to ensure that people adhere to the CDC's social distancing guidelines.
- The above-named counties shall not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from the essential service establishments.

<u>20-90</u>	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Broward and Palm Beach County Closures	3/31/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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1. Broward County and Palm Beach County beaches shall remain closed. **2.** The Broward County Administrator and the Palm Beach County Administrator shall have the ability to enforce, relax, modify or remove these beach closures, as warranted, pursuant to the directives and parameters set forth in Executive Order 20-68, Section 2. **3.** This Executive Order shall remain in effect for the length of Executive Order 20-52, including any extensions, unless otherwise modified and suspended pursuant to subsequent order.

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20-91	Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (Safer at Home)	4/3/2020	4/30/2020	NA	Almost Expired
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Safer At Home: Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. All persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities

Essential Services:

- list detailed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, v. 2 (March 28, 2020). Includes those businesses and activities designated by Executive Order 20-89 and its attachment which consists of a list propounded by Miami-Dade County in multiple orders.
- The State Coordinating Officer shall maintain an online list of essential services, including additions. The online list shall be available on FDEM’s website at www.floridadisaster.org and FDOH’s website at www.floridahealth.gov.
- this Order encourages individuals to work from home.
- All businesses or organizations are encouraged to provide delivery, carry-out, or outside curbside service, of orders placed online or via telephone, to the greatest extent practicable.

Essential Activities:

- Attending religious services; recreational activities (with social distancing guidelines) such as walking, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, running, or swimming; taking care of pets; caring for or otherwise assisting a loved one or friend; other activities may be added to this list with the approval of the State Coordinating Officer, in close coordination with the State Health Officer.
- A social gathering in a public space is not an essential activity. Local jurisdictions shall ensure that groups of people greater than ten are not permitted to congregate in any public space.
- This Order supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials but only to the extent that such action or order allows essential services or activities prohibited by this EO.

20-92	Amending Executive Order 20-91	4/3/2020	4/30/2020	NA	Almost Expired
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1. Section 4 of Executive Order 20-91 should read, as follows: This Order shall supersede any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials in response to COVID-19. **2.** Except as amended herein, Executive Order 20-91 is ratified and reaffirmed.

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20-93	COVID-19 Emergency Order - Reemployment Assistance Program	4/2/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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- directs all executive agency heads, in consultation with DMS, to identify and deploy executive agency personnel to assist DEO with their reemployment assistance efforts, including call center operations and other citizen services. Assigned personnel shall, to the extent reasonable, cease their current governmental responsibilities and fully devote their services to the DEO program.
- Training shall be streamlined and administered quickly, for a short duration, so that agency personnel may be deployed as soon as possible.
- DEO shall pursue, in addition to internet and telephonic reemployment applications, new or alternative forms and methods for receiving applications, including making paper applications readily available on DEO's website and throughout the state at each of the 24 Local Workforce Development Boards.
- Directs CareerSource Florida to assist DEO with dissemination and collection of paper applications. DEO shall immediately establish a secure system through which applications may be efficiently submitted for organized processing and review.
- DEO shall immediately procure additional capacity, software, technology and other resources to ensure the state's reemployment assistance call center, website, and staff accommodate the increasing volume of applications/queries.
- DMS and DEO shall supplement and provide guidance as necessary to implement this order.

20-94	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief	4/2/2020	5/16/2020	NA	Active
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1. I hereby suspend and toll any statute providing for a mortgage foreclosure cause of action under Florida law for 45 days from the date of this Executive Order, including any extensions. **2.** I hereby suspend and toll any statute providing for an eviction cause of action under Florida law solely as it relates to non-payment of rent by residential tenants due to the COVID-19 emergency for 45 days from the date of this Executive Order, including any extensions. **3.** Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed as relieving an individual from their obligation to make mortgage payments or rent payments.

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20-95	COVID-19 Emergency Order - Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans	4/3/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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1. Effective April 3, 2020, the assessment and collection of taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, is suspended for all notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Department of Revenue shall issue an emergency order establishing that taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act is not owed as a result of the above suspension. 2. This directive shall remain in effect until the expiration of EO 20-52, including any extensions.

20-97	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Municipal Elections in Pasco County	4/8/2020	none	NA	Active
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- Declares election emergency in Pasco County due to schedule April 14 election.
- municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills in Pasco County, are hereby delayed.
- a subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued when practicable.
- directs the Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County to activate and follow the and follow the "Comprehensive Emergency Suspension Plan" contained in I S-9.005, Florida Administrative Code.

20-103	Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Extending Executive Order 20-87 on Vacation Rental Closures	4/10/2020	4/30/2020	NA	Almost Expired
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Extends Executive Order 20-87 until April 30, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.

20-104	Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation - COVID-19	4/16/2020	5/8/2020	NA	Active
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1. I hereby suspend under section 443.11 I(l)(b), Florida Statutes, the biweekly reporting requirement by claimants of "actively seeking work" requirement, only to the extent necessary. This suspension is on an emergency temporary basis as needed to respond to the spread of COVID-19. 2. This directive shall remain in effect until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52.