



**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 3  
PALM BEACH COUNTY COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health (“FDOH”) to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, pursuant Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, Palm Beach County declared a local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which has since been extended in accordance with applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued the “15 Days to Slow the Spread” guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people, and in states with evidence of community spread, bars, restaurants, food courts, and gyms should be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, after consultation with Broward County and Palm Beach County authorities, both of which requested application of the CDC recommendations, issued Executive Order 20-70, which ordered that all restaurants, bars, taverns, pubs, night clubs, banquet halls, cocktail lounges, cabarets,

breweries, cafeterias and any other alcohol and/or food service business with seating for more than ten (10) people within Broward and Palm Beach Counties be closed to on-premise service of customers; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, also pursuant to Executive Order 20-70 and as provided therein, Governor Ron DeSantis closed all movie theatres, concert halls, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, gyms, fitness studios, and beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, Palm Beach County issued its COVID-19 Public Safety Order No. 1 whereby, among other things, pursuant to subsection two (2), Palm Beach County closed all boat docks, ramps, marinas, and any other venues used for launching any recreational vessels; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, Palm Beach County issued its Amendment to Emergency Order No. 1, clarifying that subsection two (2) of Emergency Order No. 1 applies to all such venues utilized for any recreational purpose, including, but not limited to, fishing charters, boat tours, diving excursions, and the like, and clarifying that such venues may only be utilized for commercial fishing, commercial marine operations, and support services related thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-82 directing all persons entering the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread and who isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter, to 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020 Governor Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-83 directing the State Surgeon General and the State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory to advise senior persons, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition that places them at a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 to stay at home. Such conditions include, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, it is strongly recommended that all persons stay at home especially the elderly and those who have underlying health conditions as referenced in Executive Order 20-83.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35 and all other applicable laws, that:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
2. Effective immediately, all parks shall be closed to public access.
3. Effective immediately all golf courses are closed to public access.
4. The Sheriff of Palm Beach County and other law enforcement personnel are hereby authorized and directed to enforce this directive.
5. This Order shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court and delivered to appropriate news media for publication and radio and television broadcast.
6. This Order shall remain in effect until the expiration of Palm Beach County's Declaration of Emergency or until terminated or amended by further order.
7. Any provision(s) within this Emergency Order that conflict(s) with any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or conflict(s) with or are superseded by a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Emergency Order, with the remainder of the Emergency Order remaining intact and in full force and effect. To the extent application of some or all the provisions of this Emergency Order is prohibited on the sovereign land of a federally or state recognized sovereign or Indian tribe, such application is expressly excluded from this Emergency Order.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY**

By: *Vandana Baker*  
County Administrator

Date *March 25, 2020*

**ATTEST  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: *[Signature]*  
County Attorney