



**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 8  
PALM BEACH COUNTY COVID-19  
ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVE ON WEARING OF FACIAL COVERINGS**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, constitutes a clear and present threat to the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the people of Palm Beach County;

**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 to 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 24, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis also issued Executive Order 20-83 directing the State Surgeon General and the State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory for 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 are 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**, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued a number of subsequent Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including Executive Order 20-112, a Phase 1: Safe Smart Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery, under which the Governor re-opened certain businesses, and Executive Order 20-120 which, among other things, served to include Palm Beach County under Phase 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator pursuant to the authorities cited below has issued various Emergency Orders including Emergency Order 2020-002a, closing all noncritical retail and commercial businesses and permitting certain enumerated critical businesses to remain open, effective on March 29, 2020, and Emergency Order 2020-004, Directive to Wear Facial Covers, effective on April 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County desires to take additional steps to minimize the spread of COVID-19 within Palm Beach County and clarify and/or amend provisions of Emergency Order 2020-004;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-35, as well as the authorities granted to me by Declaration of Emergency issued by Governor DeSantis in Executive Order 20-52, by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, by the Board of County Commissioners, by the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and as otherwise provided by law, I hereby order as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
2. This Order applies in all incorporated and unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County.
3. Section 3 of Emergency Order 2020-004 is hereby amended as follows:
  - a. **Recommendation for Facial Coverings.** All persons working in, patronizing, or otherwise physically present in grocery stores, restaurants while not seated, pharmacies, construction sites, vehicles for hire, and locations where social distancing measures are not possible should wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC.
  - b. **Palm Tran Face Coverings Required.** All persons utilizing the County's Palm Tran transit services including fixed route, Palm Tran Connection, Go Glades, and any other transit service provided by Palm Tran, shall wear facial coverings at all times when entering, riding, or exiting the bus or transit vehicle, unless a medical accommodation is arranged in advance by contacting Palm Tran at (561) 841-4287.

All other provisions of Emergency Order 2020-004 remain in full effect.

5. Any provision(s) within this Amendment 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 Amendment, with the remainder of the Amendment remaining intact and in full force and effect. To the extent application of some or all of the provisions of this Amendment is prohibited on the sovereign land of a federally or state recognized sovereign or Indian tribe, such application is expressly excluded from this Amendment. The provisions of this Amendment shall supersede the specific provisions of any previously issued County Emergency Order that is contrary to or in conflict with this Amendment.

6. This Amendment shall be effective as of 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2020. This Amendment shall expire upon the expiration of the existing State of Local Emergency, as same may be extended by subsequent order or declaration, unless earlier terminated by subsequent order.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY**

**APPROVED AS TO  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: *Vardena C. Baker*  
County Administrator

By: *Denise Marie Nieman*  
County Attorney

*May 16, 2020*  
Date

**ATTEST  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

By: *Shawn R. Beck*  
Deputy Clerk