



## Legislation Text

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**Agenda Item Name:**

COVID-19 Update: County and City Response and Recovery Efforts

**Presenter:**

Board of County Commissioners

**Description:**

Have a discussion.

**Recommended Action:**

Have a discussion on COVID 19.

**Prior Board Motions:**

May 5, 2020: Commissioner Byerly moved to direct staff to prepare for Board consideration at the next meeting a legal and procedural framework for the County to move forward with opening certain kinds of pools under certain conditions. The motion carried 5-0.

May 1, 2020:

- Add to the local order that to the extent there is a governing body or licensing group that imposes more stringent guidelines than OSHA then the business shall follow those guidelines. The motion carried 5-0.
- Authorize a Chair Letter to the Governor requesting to allow the permitting of non-essential manufacturing or other businesses that can identify and prove to the local jurisdiction that they qualify are low risk under the OSHA regulations and ask the Governor to permit the opening of passive parks and wildlife sanctuaries. The motion carried 5-0.
- Commissioner Byerly moved to follow the FDA best practices for restaurants in a Covid environment. The motion carried 5-0.
- Commissioner Byerly moved to follow the Governors order for retail/essential business changing the occupancy to 1 customer for 500 sq. ft. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Chestnut voting "Nay".
- Commissioner Cornell moved the Board adopt the Miami Dade face covering emergency order 20-20 with the amendment of exempting restaurant patrons while dining. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting "Nay".

April 14, 2020: Commissioner Cornell moved to ratify the Emergency Order 2020-16. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

N/A

**Background:**

Please click here to view all Alachua County COVID-19 Emergency Orders:

[<https://alachuacounty.sharefile.com/d-sa87d17a87dc4c63b>](https://alachuacounty.sharefile.com/d-sa87d17a87dc4c63b)

Face Masks for the General Public, May 4, 2020,

[<https://rs-delve.github.io/reports/2020/05/04/face-masks-for-the-general-public.html>](https://rs-delve.github.io/reports/2020/05/04/face-masks-for-the-general-public.html)

Mayo Clinic: COVID-19: How much protection do face masks offer?

[<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-mask/art-20485449>](https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-mask/art-20485449)

University of Minnesota: COMMENTARY: Masks-for-all for COVID-19 not based on sound data,

[<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data>](https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data)

Johns Hopkins Medicine: Coronavirus Face Masks & Protection FAQs,

[<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-face-masks-what-you-need-to-know>](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-face-masks-what-you-need-to-know)

CDC: Cloth Face Coverings: Questions and Answers,

[<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html>](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html)

CDC: Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19,

[<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)