

ITEM #42

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 20, 2021

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
MAYOR STEVE GELLER**

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL

This Comprehensive Emergency Order (“CEO”) states the rules and regulations for Broward County during the local state of emergency that has been in effect since March 10, 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic (“COVID-19”). This CEO will be maintained by the Broward County Attorney’s Office, available online for public inspection, and updated to reflect any additional orders as may be issued by the Broward County Administrator, so that this CEO will consistently reflect the current rules and regulations that apply in Broward County.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death. On March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, declared a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19, and on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19. On March 10, 2020, Broward County declared a Local State of Emergency, and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency concerning COVID-19.

Broward County continuously monitors COVID-19 related data, including vaccination rates, test positivity rates, incidence rates, and hospital bed capacity (the “metrics”). As metrics continue to improve, the restrictions in this CEO will be progressively reduced or removed by the issuance of amendments to this CEO. The next planned substantive reduction will occur when Broward County achieves the following metrics:

1. At least 50% of adults in Broward County have received at least one vaccination shot; and
2. The COVID-19 test positivity rate for Broward County is less than 5%, measured on a 5-day rolling average, for ~~10~~ **7** consecutive days, **or the new confirmed cases in Broward County per 100,000 people, as measured by the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, is less than 15, measured on a 5-day rolling average, for 7 consecutive days, whichever occurs first.**

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[Reference: John Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. New confirmed cases per 100,000 people for Broward County is 42 as of April 15, 2021. See <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map> and set State as “Florida,” County as “Broward County,” and select tab for “New Cases by Pop.”]