

BAL HARBOUR

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UPDATE #68 - COVID-19

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Bal Harbour Village continues to monitor the data and information relative to COVID-19 to provide our residents with the most up-to-date information, based on information provided by Miami-Dade County, the Florida Department of Health, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

COVID-19 UPDATE

Over the past several weeks, the positive cases in Miami-Dade County continue to climb. In Bal Harbour Village, the total number of reported positive cases as of January 31, 2021 is 339. The 14-day average percent positivity rate in Miami-Dade County is 8.19% as of February 4, 2021.

As a reminder, there are several things that you can do to help protect yourself, your loved ones and our community from COVID-19, including:

- Wear a facial covering, especially when in public and in common areas;
- Keep a safe social distance from others;
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly;
- Avoid confined and crowded places;
- Get tested if you have symptoms or have come into close contact with someone who is sick or has tested positive. For a list of current testing sites, visit: [COVID-19 Testing Site Finder \(miamidade.gov\)](https://www.miamidade.gov/covid-19/testing-sites/). In addition, a Florida Department of Health Testing site is available every Wednesday in the Town of Bay Harbour Islands. For details, visit: <https://bit.ly/36ouOUm>

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Florida is giving vaccines to healthcare workers, long-term care facility residents and staff, and people 65 and older. Hospitals can also choose to give the vaccine to people with health conditions that make them “at risk” of falling seriously ill with the disease. Only Florida residents and snowbirds can get the vaccine but there is no county residency requirement in place. This means if you live in Miami-Dade, you can get the vaccine in Broward or vice versa. You will need to show [proof of Florida residency](#). For snowbirds or part-time residents, the proof needs to be in the [form of two documents](#) like a lease agreement and a utility bill no more than two months old, according to the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Anyone else who lives in another state or country can no longer get the vaccine in Florida. Non-residents who have already received the vaccine in Florida will still be able to get the second dose.

Vaccine Locations

Florida State Sites:

Seniors 65 and older and people with health conditions that make them extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 can now “save their place in line” by pre-registering for the vaccine in Florida through a new website and phone system.

Healthcare workers with direct patient contact and long-term care residents and staff can also pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

The new website is myvaccine.fl.gov. You can also pre-register by phone. To find the designated number for your county, visit floridahealthcovid19.gov.

Anyone who pre-registers for a vaccine appointment will be notified when slots become available at state-supported vaccination sites in their county, according to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, which is tasked with the state’s vaccine distribution. Once you get an appointment, you will need to show proof that you are a Florida resident.

Florida residents who do not meet the priority criteria can also sign up to receive email updates to learn when they will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

Miami-Dade County Sites:

Miami-Dade County has a link on their website, miamidade.gov/vaccine, where it posts updates on where seniors, and eventually the rest of the general public, will be able to find and schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments.

Seniors 65 and older and healthcare workers with direct patient contact can also sign up for an online wait list to be notified when appointments are available at county-run sites including Zoo Miami and Tropical Park. You can also call 305-614-2014 to pre-register. Florida residents who don’t qualify for the vaccine yet can also sign up through the website to be given updates on the county’s vaccination process.

Here are other places that have vaccines:

- **Mount Sinai Medical Center** in Miami Beach is no longer booking appointments and has canceled all first-dose appointments for January 23 and later because of supply constraints. Second-dose appointments are not affected. To check for updates, visit msmc.com/coronavirus-update/

- **Jackson Health System** has launched an online portal for people 65 and older to schedule vaccine appointments. To check for available appointments, visit <https://jhsmiami.org/comvac/>.
- **Hard Rock Stadium** in Miami Gardens is providing vaccinations by appointment to seniors and front-line healthcare workers. Call 888-499-0840 for more details.
- **Marlins Park** is providing vaccinations to any eligible Florida resident. To schedule an appointment, call 888-499-0840.
- **Baptist Health** is no longer booking appointments and has canceled all first-dose appointments from January 20 and beyond because of supply constraints. Second dose appointments are not affected. To check for updates, visit Baptisthealth.net/vaccine.
- **Leon Medical Centers** - Seniors 65 and older can call their customer service at 305-642-5366 to schedule a free COVID-19 vaccination appointment. If you need transportation, let the operator know so they can also schedule a driver to pick you up. Appointments will be scheduled until Leon runs out of vaccines.
- **Pasteur** and **Wellmax Medical Centers** are hoping to offer COVID-19 vaccines soon to seniors, including non-members. Both clinics are still waiting to receive vaccines.
- **Florida International University** has [applied to be a vaccination site](#). The university also received Moderna doses to vaccinate FIU faculty and staff 65 and older as well as FIU healthcare workers who have direct contact with patients.
- **Miami-Dade County** has begun contacting homebound seniors age 65 and older who live in county facilities or receive county services to offer vaccination appointments.
- **Publix** opened new COVID-19 vaccine appointments across Florida. Miami-Dade and Broward stores are not on the list yet. While seniors 65 and older need to be a Florida resident, there is no county requirement. That means a senior in Miami-Dade can get their vaccine at a store in Palm Beach or Monroe counties. To check for appointment availability, visit publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida

Miami-Dade County just launched a [waiting list for senior COVID-19 vaccinations](#). Florida residents 65 and older who sign up will be notified when vaccination appointments are available at county-run sites. To sign up, visit miamidade.gov/vaccine or call 305-614-2014.

Home-bound Seniors:

▪ Gov. Ron DeSantis announced that the state will be allocating 1,500 doses weekly of the COVID-19 vaccine for homebound seniors, and that the first 750 doses will be going to Holocaust survivors and their spouses. Holocaust survivors can [sign up for the vaccine](#) by calling the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center in Dania Beach at 954-929-5690, ext. 302.

Travel Information

As of January 26, 2021, the U.S. government is requiring all air travelers arriving in the United States from other countries to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to present the negative test result or documentation showing that the individual has recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. Air passengers will also be required to confirm that the information they present is true by signing an attestation. This order applies to all passengers 2 years of age or older, whether or not they are US citizens.

The Florida Department of Health has issued a [public health advisory](#), as follows:

- Residents and visitors are advised to wear face coverings if social distancing is not possible, both indoors and outdoors.
- Avoid closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings.

Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Don't travel if you are sick or if you have been around someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Don't travel with someone who is sick. Florida is one of the top travel destinations in the world. State parks, hotels and attractions are taking precautions to protect guests, but you should assess your risk and that of your family's prior to traveling.

You can get COVID-19 during your travels. You may feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can still spread COVID-19 to others. You and your travel companions (including children) may spread COVID-19 to other people including your family, friends, and community for 14 days after you were exposed to the virus.

For additional details, visit: [Travelers | Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Outbreak \(floridahealthcovid19.gov\)](#)

Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders

The following County Emergency Orders are still in effect:

Masks and Facial Coverings

[Amendment 1 to Emergency Order 2020](#) requires that all persons throughout Miami-Dade County to wear a mask, or other facial covering, at all times when in public or public spaces, including common areas in residential and commercial buildings. Masks, and other facial coverings, shall not be required:

- inside a person's private residence or home;
- inside a private automobile;
- at, or inside, any religious institution, without limitation;
- inside a hotel, motel, or commercial lodging establishment guest room, or inside any apartment/condominium unit;
- for children under the age of two years;
- due to a medical condition;
- of an individual who is hearing impaired or an individual who is communicating with an individual who is hearing impaired;
- where safety or health regulations prohibit the wearing of facial coverings;
- of persons actively engaged in strenuous physical activity, either inside or outdoors (please note: [Amendment No. 2 To Miami-Dade County Emergency Order No. 26-20](#) *requires that masks/face coverings must be worn in gyms and fitness centers regardless of activity level*);
- of persons swimming or engaged in other activities which may cause the facial covering to become wet;
- while persons are actively eating, drinking, or smoking; and, while a person is receiving services, which require access to that person's nose or mouth.

Curfew

Miami-Dade County's countywide curfew remains in place from 12:00 Midnight to 6:00 a.m. daily in an effort to curtail late-night activities that facilitate the spread of the virus. Violators will be cited with a second-degree criminal misdemeanor that sets a maximum \$500 fine and/or 180 days in jail. Per the Governor's Order suspending all fines and penalties applied to individuals for violating the County's COVID-19 public health orders, Miami-Dade County will continue to issue civil citations for individuals not wearing masks and will process fines and penalties, and collect on these fines when the State Order expires and allows the County to do so.

In conformance with the Governor of Florida's Executive Order Number 20-244, this County Order authorizes every retail and commercial establishment and any other establishment or facility in the County to open provided that each such establishment complies with specific capacity, social distancing and other requirements, including the applicable activity-specific requirements in the New Normal Handbook, as amended; the facial covering requirements in Emergency Order 20-20, as amended; and the entry of County or municipal personnel onto the establishment's property for the sole purpose of inspection for compliance with this order. Specific to restaurants

and other food service establishments, this order permits a minimum occupancy of 50 percent, without limitation, and states that these establishments shall be allowed to operate at up to 100 percent capacity if the restaurant: (1) ensures six feet of distance between tables; (2) ensures that no more than six persons (or ten persons if in the same household) sit at a table; and (3) ensures that persons not actively eating or drinking are wearing masks.

In summary, this most recent County Order requires the following:

MASKS & DISTANCING

At minimum, everyone should wear a mask in public places, and all businesses should ensure masks are worn by patrons and employees and the public at all times, and that work areas and showrooms are set up to promote physical distancing of at least 6 feet.

RESTAURANTS, BARS & CLUBS

In keeping with the Governor's Order, the County's 50 percent capacity limits for restaurants will remain in place as a minimum, with the expansion of more than 50% capacity allowed for restaurants and other venues that can accommodate more tables while also keeping a 6-foot separation between tables. Restaurants can reach 100 percent capacity by including outdoor table service where practicable. The maximum seating per table indoors or outside continues - no more than six people per table or up to ten from the same household. For restaurants and bars that do not have sufficient floor space for tables to reach the 50 percent capacity minimum, they will be allowed to set tables closer together to reach the 50 percent minimum. Bars with only counter service will be allowed to reach 50 percent capacity with seating that is separated at the bar as far as possible between parties being served to reach a minimum of 50 percent capacity. Clubs that include dancing must require that masks be worn on the dance floor. Eating and drinking will be allowed only at tables.

CURFEW & FINES

Miami-Dade County's countywide curfew is in place from 12:00 Midnight to 6:00 a.m. daily (with hours adjusted for the New Year's Eve holiday) in an effort to curtail late-night activities that facilitate the spread of the virus. Violators will be cited with a second-degree criminal misdemeanor that sets a maximum \$500 fine and/or 180 days in jail. Per the Governor's Order suspending all fines and penalties applied to individuals for violating the County's COVID-19 public health orders, Miami-Dade County will continue to issue civil citations for individuals not wearing masks and will process fines and penalties, and collect on these fines when the State Order expires and allows the County to do so.

Please review the County's revised [New Normal Guidebook](#) for the updated rules as they pertain to particular businesses. All businesses, including essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies and construction companies, must continue to comply with the County safety rules as outlined in the updated Guide to help to continue to prevent the spread of the virus.

Miami-Dade County Contact Tracing App

On September, 16, 2020, Miami-Dade County formally launched its new contact-tracing app called "[CombatCOVID MDC](#)." Available in English, Creole and Spanish, this new app will help keep the County's community healthy while also building trust so that local businesses can continue to re-open. Palm Beach County is also using the same app, and Broward is considering implementing it, so there will be synergy throughout South Florida. This secure app requires no personal information. And no GPS or location data is tracked. All information is encrypted to meet security protocols.

The app incorporates Bluetooth connections to anonymously notify users if they have been near another person who has downloaded the app and has self-reported being positive for COVID-19. If the app indicated potential exposure, users are urged to isolate and get tested immediately, because even people who feel fine can spread the virus to loved ones and those at high risk of getting severely ill. If a user does test positive, the app discretely alerts others to get tested without ever disclosing the identity of the app user. The free [CombatCOVID MDC](#) app can be downloaded from the Apple Store for iPhone use, and the Google Store for androids. It operates in the cellphone's background, so users just need to be sure that they do not swipe it off when closing other applications. It needs to remain open in the background to continue working. This app complements contact tracing conducted by the Florida Department of Health, whose contact tracers are reaching out by phone to those who test positive in order to help them protect others.

Bal Harbour Village Frequently Asked Questions

For our updated **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3q4PkAO>.