

# BAL HARBOUR

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**UPDATE #71 - 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 Vaccination: Updated Age and Requirements as of March 15, 2021**

As of March 15, 2021, Governor DeSantis has issued an Executive Order stating that the following individuals that live in Florida may receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Long-term care facility residents and staff;
- Persons 60 years of age and older;
- Health care personnel with direct patient contact;
- K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older;
- Sworn law enforcement officers 50 years of age and older;
- Firefighters 50 years of age and older; and
- Persons determined by a physician to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.

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**

Miami-Dade County has created a new website to help find and schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Please visit [miamidade.gov/vaccine](https://www.miamidade.gov/vaccine) for more information. There are several State run sites where the vaccine is being administered-for the most up-to-date information, please visit: <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/state-other-locations.page> additionally, CVS and Publix pharmacies are offering the vaccine by appointment only thru their websites <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?cid=redir-covidvaccine> (CVS), and <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine> (Publix).

Bal Harbour residents can pre-registration for COVID-19 vaccination through County, State and Federal sites throughout South Florida thru <https://myvaccine.fl.gov/>or by calling (888) 499-0840. 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. For more information visit [floridahealthcovid19.gov](https://floridahealthcovid19.gov).

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.

## **Homebound Seniors who would like to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine**

Florida seniors who cannot leave their homes but in need of a COVID-19 vaccine should email: **HomeboundVaccine@em.myflorida.com** with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you about setting up an appointment, according to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, which is tasked with the state's vaccine distribution.

The Miami-Herald also has updated information regarding COVID-19 at <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/coronavirus/article249943768.html> and provides a sign-up for text message updates to be sent to you directly if you would like.

## **Local COVID-19 Testing Information**

Free testing for COVID-19 is being offered at drive-up, walk-in and mobile sites. Please refer to this link for the most updated locations and requirements <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>

## **Home Testing for Homebound Residents**

Miami-Dade County provides at-home testing to individuals that are disabled or homebound. Please refer to this link for the latest information.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/homebound-testing.page>

## **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.

For additional details, visit: [Travelers | Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Outbreak \(floridahealthcovid19.gov\)](https://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19/2020/travelers)

## **Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders**

The following County Emergency Orders regarding masks and the curfew 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.

### **CDC Guidelines on Facial Coverings (Masks)**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) this week issued updated guidance on facial coverings. For the latest, please visit: [COVID-19: Considerations for Wearing Masks | CDC](#) 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 \(miamidade.gov\)](#). 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>

### **Bal Harbour Village Frequently Asked Questions**

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