

TOWN MANAGER ISSUES "STAY HOME, STAY SAFE" ORDER, IN UNITY WITH NEIGHBORS BOCA RATON AND DELRAY BEACH

HIGHLAND BEACH, FL -- The Town of Highland Beach issued a "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Order today in its continuing efforts to protect the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Highland Beach. The order was issued effective today by Town Manager Marshall Labadie.

"Our neighboring municipalities of Delray Beach to the north and Boca Raton to the south have also issued similar orders over the last few days. It is important to stand with our neighbors to ensure our unique sense of place and amazing and strong residents are safe from the spread of the highly contagious and dangerous COVID-19 virus," Labadie explained.

With this order, the 8,000 Highland Beach residents are required stay at home and within the boundaries of their owned or rented properties. The "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order does not order residents to stay confined inside all day, but designs to make changes to their daily routines. Outdoor exercise and activities are healthy and encouraged as long as social distancing is practiced, Labadie said. Town Offices are closed to the public while services and utilities remain fully operational. All beaches are closed per the Governor's Executive Order 20-70.

Highland Beach residents may leave their homes to travel to grocery stores and to other essential businesses and workplaces and medical facilities. Again, all non-essential travel is restricted.

Labadie added that the Town implores residents to follow the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and Florida Department of Health (DOH) social distancing guidelines and exercise personal preventative practices such as washing of hands, avoid hand shaking, clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes with your elbow or tissue, avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people and contacting your medical provider if you feel ill and/or show signs of the COVID-19 virus. The signs of COVID-19 include but are not restricted to fever of 100 degrees or higher, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills and fatigue. Also, residents are encouraged to consider home delivery of meals, supplies and groceries.

"By making a few changes to our daily routine and following CDC and DOH guidelines, together we will make it through this crisis and continue to enjoy our little slice of paradise of Highland Beach," Labadie noted.

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

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