



CITY OF MARCO ISLAND

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Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91 on April 1, 2020 in reference to Essential Services and Activities during the COVID-19 Emergency. The order was issued as a response to multiple State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declarations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the order, the following definitions are important:

- Essential services are defined in the order according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and previous Executive Order 20-89. It should be noted, it does not prohibit individuals from working from home, it actually encourages it.
- Essential activities include religious services; walking, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, running, or swimming; caring for pets; and caring for or assisting loved ones and friends.

This order also addresses “Safer at Home” which states that senior citizens (defined as over the age of 65) and individuals with a significant underlying condition (such as chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. It does not prohibit those from leaving their homes to obtain or provide essential services or essential activities.

This order takes effect at 12:01am on April 3, 2020, and shall expire on April 30, 2020 unless extended by the Governor.

As law enforcement officials we are required to uphold the Executive Order. We are confident that as individuals, responsible community partners, business owners and staff, you will comply with all aspects of the order. We will assist in educating the public through utilizing our social media and continuing to monitor activities in the community. It should be known that those who violate this order could face civil sanctions, fines, and / or criminal charges.

It is through cooperation that we will minimize the number of COVID-related exposures and deaths – we are “Better Together”!

- Continue to adhere to all Center for Disease Control and health official guidelines
- Use social distancing and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people
- Exercise personal responsibility

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