

## RESOLUTION 20-80E

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A COVID-19 ACTION PLAN AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN THE BODY OF THE RESOLUTION; PROHIBITING THE APPROVAL OF ALL SPECIAL EVENTS OR PARADES UNTIL MAY 1, 2020, AND RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUSLY ISSUED EVENT PERMITS; GRANTING EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR EXPENDITURES UP TO \$25,000 NECESSARY TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS AND SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Panama City Beach (“City”) is a municipality granted home rule authority pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Florida and may exercise its governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers for municipal purposes, including to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, to be a public health emergency of international concern and on March 11, 2020 declared a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-51 establishing COVID-19 response protocols and directing a public health emergency in the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-52 authorizing, among other things, local governments to execute their authority under the State Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida urged local municipalities to limit or postpone mass gatherings in the State of Florida and for individuals to avoid large gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) advises that COVID-19 is currently “spreading easily in the community” from person to person and can be spread from person-to-person between people who are in close contact (within 6 feet with one another), through respiratory exchange when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and through contact with contaminated surfaces or objects; and

WHEREAS, the City is home to the world’s most beautiful beaches and serves as one of the nation’s premier tourist destinations to over 4 million visitors per year while also serving as the permanent home for approximately 13,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, considering the nature of the emergency facing the City and surrounding community, including the apparent rapid spread of COVID-19, the City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to adopt the following Temporary Emergency measures in order to meet and address the emergency presented by COVID-19 to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. COVID-19 Action Plan. From and after the effective date of this Resolution, that the COVID-19 Action Plan attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A to this Resolution, is hereby adopted. The Action Plan shall remain in effect until May 1, unless earlier revoked by the City Council. The City Manager is further authorized to extend this Action Plan, without further official action from the City Council, by written order upon a determination that the extension is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and guests of the City of Panama City Beach. The City Manager is hereby authorized to adopt policies, procedures and directives to implement and enforce this Action Plan. In the event of a conflict between the Action Plan, policies or directives to implement the Action Plan, and any Executive Order issued by the Governor of the State of Florida, the Executive Order of the Governor shall control.
2. Special Events. No permits or approvals shall be issued by the City for parades or special events occurring in the period between the effective date of this resolution and May 1. Any special event permits already issued for events


during this timeframe shall be rescinded and application fees refunded. The City Manager is hereby authorized to extend the timeframe of this Special Event prohibition, without further official action from the City Council, by written order upon a determination that the extension is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and guests of the City of Panama City Beach.

3. Purchase of supplies and services. The City Council finds and determines that given the present COVID-19 public health emergency, the City Manager is hereby authorized to expend monies for emergency purchases beyond those provided in the budget, not to exceed an amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in the aggregate, for the purpose of procuring such sanitary supplies and cleaning services deemed necessary to protect and preserve the health of City employees, and to practice and promote best sanitation practices in City facilities. Where a purchase over \$10,000 is contemplated, competitive quotes may be substituted for competitive bidding, as the delay inherent in such competitive bidding under these circumstances is contrary to the public interest, health, safety and welfare.


**THIS RESOLUTION** shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED** in emergency session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH**

By:   
Mike Thomas, Mayor

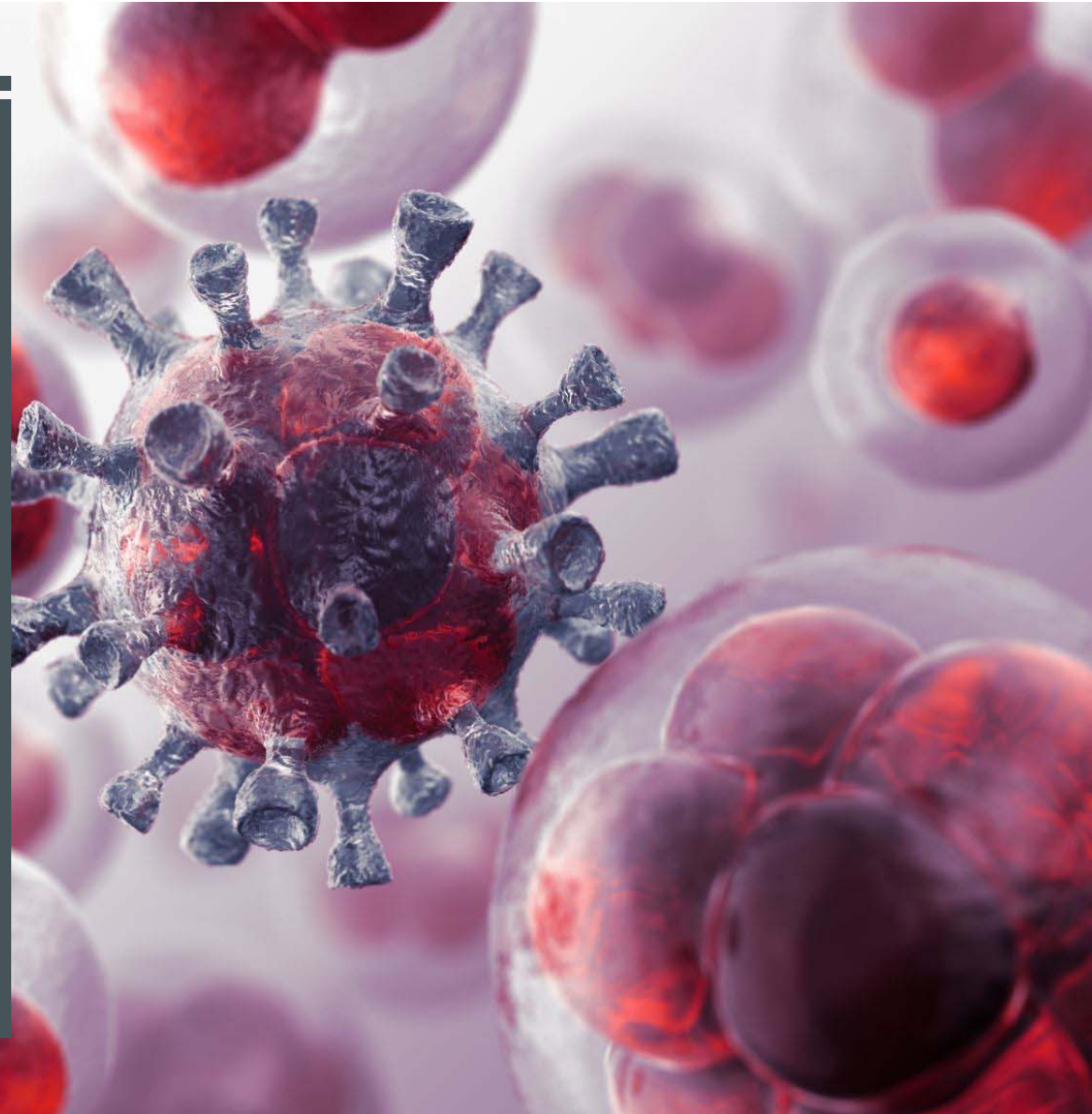
**ATTEST:**

  
Mary Jan Bossert, City Clerk

# CORONAVIRUS MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- PERSONAL
- EMPLOYEE
- COMMUNITY
- ENVIRONMENTAL





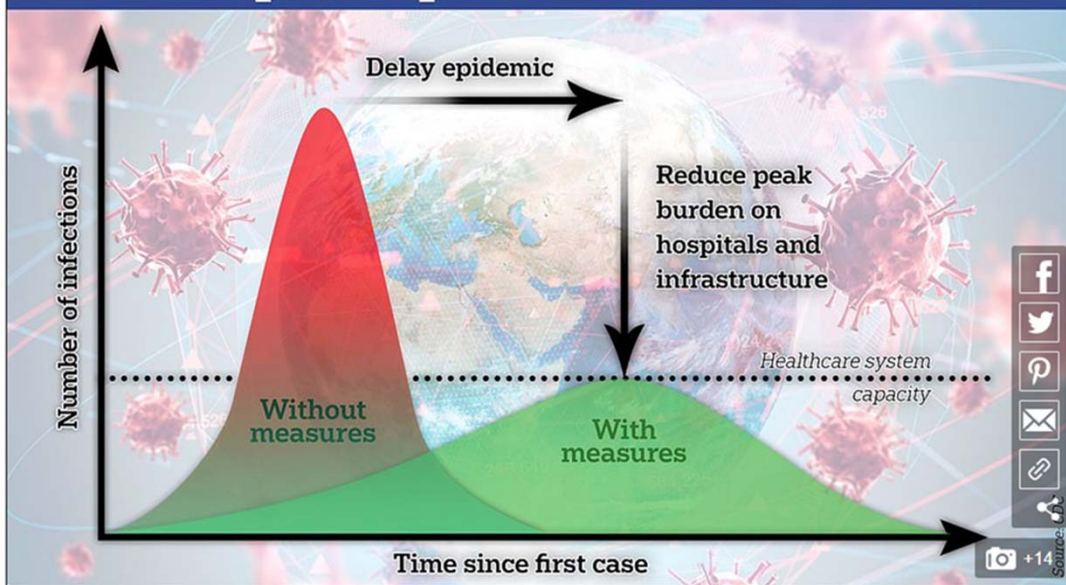
**Covid-19**

## **INCREASE IN CASES**

- **More cases of positive COVID-19 are occurring globally, nationally and statewide**
- **Enormous strain on hospitals**
- **CDC guidelines provide mitigation strategies**
- **Following advice of CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and Health Department of Bay County**



## Impact of protective measures



Drastic mitigation measures could delay the epidemic, reducing the burden on hospitals and infrastructure

Given the fluid and rapidly evolving nature of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we understand the anxiety and concern the public is experiencing.

To that end, we are recommending an initial list of individual, employee, community and environmental measures to slow/mitigate the severity and duration of the coronavirus.

These measures are a start or floor for action. As we learn more about transmission/community spread patterns in Bay County/PCB we should take additional actions.

The imperative now is to **SLOW/FLATTEN** the acceleration of COVID-19 curve of positive cases thereby reducing the peak number of cases, the overall number of cases and ease healthcare systems substantially.

To aggressively and appropriately respond to this pandemic, we recommend the following actions:



## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

- **Voluntary home isolation if you are sick**
- **Respiratory etiquette**
- **Washing your hands often, 20 seconds**
- **Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth**
- **Hand sanitizer with 60 percent alcohol**
- **Avoid close contact with sick people**
- **Keep your distance – six feet**
- **Use face masks if you are sick when in crowds**
- **Face masks not recommended for well people unless first responder in contact with those with symptoms or persons caring for ill family members**



## CITY EMPLOYEES

- Sick employees are to stay home
- Notify City if test positive or family member tests positive
- Those with acute respiratory illness or with fever, stay home at least 24 hours after they are symptom free
- Adhere to CDC travel advisories: Defer all cruise ship travel
- If exposed to a coronavirus patient, self-quarantine 14 days.
- Some may need to stay home with children; can use sick or vacation leave
- All visitors must sign in to help track positive case interactions
- Reminders on hand hygiene
- Adding janitorial services to supplement cleaning



# COMMUNITY PROTECTION

- **All public gatherings at City facilities/property with more than 10 people prohibited until May 1**
- **City recreational sports leagues, tournaments, fields, special events prohibited until May 1**
- Community Center and Lyndell Center closed next 60 days
- All public places/businesses/restaurant/retail encouraged to have alcohol-based hand sanitizer at entrance
- Citizens encouraged to utilize online or telephone services to conduct business with the City
- **Restaurant patrons required to keep six-foot distance, per Gov. DeSantis**
- **Prohibit the public from congregating in groups larger than 10 on the beach and maintain six-foot distance, per Gov. DeSantis**
- **Close all bars and nightclubs for 30 days, per Gov. DeSantis**
- Limit public interaction with City services in: Utility billing, Code Enforcement, HR, Civil Service, building inspection, routine police and fire contact
- No involuntary water utility shutoff and late payment delinquency action for 60 days





## ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MEASURES

- Hand transfer from contaminated objects or surfaces to eyes, ears, nose is common
- Recommend routine environmental surface cleaning measures to eliminate virus from frequently touched items like doorknobs, phones, counters
- Use detergent-based cleaners or disinfectants
- CDC recommends cleaning homes, schools, senior centers, city facility, workplaces



## **UPCOMING EVENT CANCELLATIONS/ POSTPONEMENTS:**

- **Best Friends Relay**
- **Furry Friends 5k**
- **Doggie Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
- **PCST Swimathon**
- **Color Run for Autism**
- **Seabreeze Jazz Festival**
- **Thunder Beach**

## OTHER CANCELLATIONS

- PAC Sports Baseball
- UNwineD
- 5 Tool Baseball
- WSL Adult Softball
- Parrothead  
Rendezvous/Cajun Festival
- Soccer Skills Unlimited  
Spring Cup
- Soccer Skills Unlimited  
Memorial Day Cup

