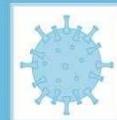


# Coronavirus



## MAYOR'S PASSOVER/EASTER STATEMENT

The Honorable Joseph M. Corradino

I want to wish everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

This is our fourth week of extreme social distancing and thankfully, in Pinecrest, we have a high rate of compliance. The message this week is to keep it up, continue to stay at home, and be patient. We are gaining on this disease. Every day we do this could mean weeks off of the total duration and dozens if not hundreds of lives saved. What we do this week and in the weeks to come may be the most impactful, but also the most difficult.

Working from home, shopping only for food and medicine, great hygiene, and when we are out, staying in small groups, staying more than six feet apart and wearing any type of face covering while in enclosed public spaces will have a positive influence on how we are all impacted by this disease.

We are rigorously enforcing these orders. Our stores are complying well. Lines are appropriately spaced and orderly. People are wearing masks or face covers; which is highly recommended. We are perpetually inspecting construction sites and essential businesses. We are closing those places that are not in strict compliance.

This week presents us with some of our greatest challenges. It is one of the holiest weeks of the year with Passover and Easter. A time that we would traditionally spend in close contact with our family and friends. This year it must be different. It is imperative that we stay at home and celebrate with our immediate family. Please resist the urge to get back to normal just yet. We are doing well, but we are in the middle, not the end of this fight. Tempting but unnecessary visits to friends and family during these holidays could undo all we have sacrificed for, and put our most vulnerable at greater risk.

Remember, our goal has always been, in the absence of ubiquitous testing, that we must stay at home to preserve the capacity of our hospital system so that those who need critical care can get critical care and therefore save lives.

Each day we are working closely with every city and Miami-Dade County in monitoring our progress. We can measure our impact. While the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths continue to escalate, this increase is not presently exponential and we currently maintain sufficient capacities in our hospital system. At last count, there were nearly 4000 available hospital beds. Over 70% of the ICU beds are open and about 80% of the ventilators are available. We are tracking daily systemwide COVID-19 hospital admissions and discharges. New field hospitals are being currently constructed. More tests are available every day. More Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is coming. This is an all out assault to maintain and create capacity. Because of the unified county-wide effort, new models have projected the peak of this storm to arrive in the third week of April as opposed to the end of the first week of May. We continue to adjust our plans on a daily basis. The orders are strict and we are enforcing them. Yet, ultimately, the ability to succeed comes down to all of us as individuals.

Keep it up, continue to stay at home, and be patient. This is not time to relax. This is time to press harder and obliterate this disease. The next few weeks, including this one, may be the most impactful, but also the most challenging.

Please enjoy the holidays at home. Stay safe. We are here if there is anything you need. Please feel free to text, call or send me an email. Likewise, the Village Council and our staff are also available at any time. We are all working as a team to do whatever necessary to succeed. I can be reached at 305-606-2364 or [jcorrardino@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:jcorrardino@pinecrest-fl.gov). The entire Village Council is available via email at [council@pinecrest-fl.gov](mailto:council@pinecrest-fl.gov).