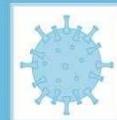


Coronavirus



MAYOR'S APRIL 17, 2020 STATEMENT

The Honorable Joseph M. Corradino

The message for the week is that we are cautiously optimistic. Stay patient, stay the course and continue to stay home. What we are doing is working. There is a light leading to the next phase of this fight.

Like after a hurricane passes, we will soon begin the process of re-building. The hurricane has not yet passed. Stick with it, we are having a positive influence on how this disease is impacting our community. We are lowering the rate of illnesses and saving hundreds of lives.

We are going into the 6th week of our Safer at Home order. Remember, don't go out except for essential items: food, medicine, exercise. Stay six away from people when you are out and wear a face cover when you can't keep distant. In Pinecrest, we have a high level of compliance. These regulations continue to be rigorously enforced. We know this is getting very old, it's hard physically, emotionally and financially, but we are slowly and cautiously transitioning to a better place.

Leaders from the entire county including police, staff and elected officials, have come together to tailor the response. This partnership strengthens each week and that will be critical to a unified approach that reduces confusion in the weeks and months to come, as we recover while continuing to protect our most vulnerable. We examine and modify our response daily.

Our goal has always been to protect the capacity of the hospital system so that everyone who needs critical care will get it; thereby saving lives. We continue to do everything necessary to accomplish this goal.

These measures are working to this point, as evidenced by the fact that this week the number of total patients are stable. The hospital system is in better shape than last week with more capacity in total beds, ICU beds and ventilators. Hospital discharges for COVID-19 are still exceeding admissions.

Despite all of that we are not out of danger. The deaths per day have continued to rise in the past week. We need more tests and Personal Protective Equipment (masks and gloves) for every one of us. The numbers are improving and more are coming each week.

There is light in the middle of the tunnel. We are working to further develop and implement plans for how to begin to come out of this situation. The approach will be coordinated, methodical and nimble. It will be formed by a wide cross section of leaders from every sector of the community. It will be informed by data and analysis from the healthcare professionals and scientists. It will be phased and we will be able to be modify it quickly. It won't be done until it is safe to do so.

Again; stay patient, stay the course and continue to stay home. The signs are encouraging. We are just about through the worst of the storm. This week we have continued to move in the right direction. We are getting through this better than expected in the near and long term.

As always, stay safe. You may contact me via text, call or email at 305-606-2364 or jcorrado@pinecrest-fl.gov.

Or contact our Village Council and staff at council@pinecrest-fl.gov, manager@pinecrest-fl.gov or 305-234-2121. We are all working together as a unified team every day to make this as painless as possible.