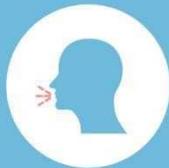
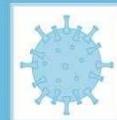


Coronavirus



MAYOR'S MAY 15, 2020 STATEMENT

The Honorable Joseph M. Corradino

This week we have made significant movement in the right direction. On Monday, May 18th, Pinecrest, following Miami-Dade County's orders, will be entering a new phase of our response to COVID-19. We are moving into a phase where we will see limited openings of non-essential businesses. This includes retail spaces, restaurants, small businesses, personal grooming establishments, office spaces, cultural facilities, and warehouses. This is not a full re-opening, it is the second phase of a four phase relaxation of emergency regulations. The emergency orders are not being removed, but they are being modified. This is being done thanks to all the hard work each of us has done in social distancing over the past two months. It is guided by an extensive play book developed by Miami-Dade County in concert with the cities, industry experts and medical professionals. Few communities in the nation have developed such comprehensive guidance.

Our goals at the outset were to preserve the capacity of our hospital system and to change the trajectory of the disease. Thus far, we have been successful on both counts. We track hospital beds, ICU beds, ventilators and their occupancy. We have about 80% remaining capacity in our hospital system. We track symptoms, positive cases, the number of people currently hospitalized, and deaths. We measure these against federal criteria that allow a relaxation of the rules. For more than the last three weeks there has been a downward trajectory in flu-like and COVID-19-like symptoms being reported. There has been a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases and positive tests as a percentage of total tests. All patients that need critical care can get critical care and any at-risk healthcare workers and first responder have immediate access to tests. The weakest part of the program is testing and it is getting more robust each week. We are exploring the implementation of highly accurate antibody tests in Pinecrest.

Medical statistics are being monitored daily and, if we take a turn for the worse, we will reinstate the previous restrictions. In the coming days we will be meeting with each local business to go over the extensive regulations and assist them in getting ready to open. After that we will be monitoring activities and certifying properly opened

businesses as part of our routine course of daily work; assuring that if you go to our businesses you are as safe as possible.

We have come through the worst of this crisis better than expected. Regardless of the progress, we must all continue to take personal responsibility for our health and the health of our neighbors. The disease will be with us into the next month, summer, fall, and winter. History shows that reemergence in the fall and winter is a real possibility that we must protect against. We have been successful because we have practiced and perfected social distancing habits. We need this to continue. In the coming weeks and months, if you can work at home, continue to work at home. If you are in a vulnerable position, please continue what you are doing; only go out for critical items, stay distant, cover your face and practice excellent hygiene.

As always, stay safe.

You can contact me via text, phone or email at 305-606-2364 or jcorradino@pinecrest-fl.gov. Or contact our Village Council (council@pinecrest-fl.gov) and staff (manager@pinecrest-fl.gov). We are all working together as a unified team every day to make this as painless as possible.