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PRESS RELEASE

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PHASE III – COVID-19 PARKS REOPENING PLAN

- All parks are open for limited active and passive use only. Exceptions include:
 - Senior Center is closed until further notice.
 - Palmer Park closes at sunset if no approved/permitted organized activity is scheduled.
 - Beginning Monday, October 5, 2020, the Gibson-Bethel Community Center ("GBCC"), including fitness center is open during regular business hours Monday through Friday (6 AM – 9 PM) and Saturday (9 AM – 6 PM).
 - *Indoor basketball facility at GBCC is closed until further notice.*
 - *GBCC is closed on Sunday until further notice.*
 - Park restroom facilities are closed (**exception: Community Center, Aquatic Center & upon request at Dante Fascell Park**).
- Playgrounds reopen on Monday, October 5, 2020. Facial coverings must be worn and social/physical distancing between people from different households must be maintained.
- Outdoor basketball courts reopen on Monday, October 12, 2020.
- A facial covering must be worn on athletic fields and courts unless engaging in an **organized sport**. Facial coverings shall not be required while actively engaging in an organized sport, playing tennis, or while swimming. **For the purpose of this exemption, organized sport means a sport such as soccer, baseball, basketball, softball, boxing, and other recognized sport that is part of an established athletic league or part of an organized program (municipal or otherwise).**
- Organized sports team competition activities are permitted with a valid/issued-permit from the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Use of bleachers is prohibited during sports team formal competitions and league play.

- Walking, jogging and nature paths will be one way.
- Organized fitness classes/trainings/activities, etc. in city parks require a permit. Small groups (cohorts not more than 10 students/instructor in total). Adequate spacing, minimum of 1 person per 10 feet.
- Table games and party-type rentals are prohibited.

Facial coverings shall be worn, except children under the age of 2, persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition, persons engaged in strenuous physical activity, or while engaged in an organized sport as defined above. City staff or Police may remove individuals or close parks at any time based on concerns of maintaining public health. We are grateful for your support and understanding as we keep the safety of our residents, visitors and staff our top priority.

Miami Dade County Emergency Orders

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/emergency-orders.page>

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