Dear District 4 Neighbors,

I hope all is well with you and your family during this global pandemic. The national scope and scale of this Coronavirus continues to loom largely across the world and in North Miami. The unknowns are frustrating but we must brace ourselves to accept what has become our “new normal” for now.

The city of North Miami is taking measures to ensure all residents are informed and supported during strenuous times such as these. Our City has implemented the following:

- A Safer at Home Emergency Order
- Required Face Masks or coverings at certain locations
- Recommendation to practice Social Distancing
- Closing of non-essential businesses as mandated by Miami-Dade County

Please keep in mind the city of North Miami is offering relief through our NoMi Food Pantry and drive thru food distributions. Our local businesses are also being offered relief in the form of grants from the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency for both essential and non-essential businesses. We understand that a large number of residents have been affected by this pandemic through the loss of employment. As a result, the City is providing free printing of re-employment applications and assistance over the phone. When this is all over, our community will come out of this situation more resilient than ever.

Please stay safe, stay healthy and stay home.

Sincerely,

Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
City of North Miami
About Coronavirus

What is a coronavirus vs. COVID-19?
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19.

This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

What can I do to protect myself and prevent the spread of disease?
You can reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 by taking some simple precautions:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash hands often with soap and water – 20 seconds or longer
- Dry hands with a clean towel or air dry your hands
- Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Clean and disinfect “high touch” surfaces often
- Keep at least 6 feet between you and other people
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands or after touching surfaces

What to do if you have Covid-19?
Take care of yourself
Follow CDC recommendations for home care after testing positive for COVID-19. https://tinyurl.com/careforyourself

Stay home
Stay in touch with your healthcare provider and follow their advice. Stay away from others.

Notify your close contacts
Alert people that you have been in close contact with while ill that you have tested positive. Tell them to self-isolate for 14 days. Ask them to monitor their health for signs of COVID-19. https://tinyurl.com/thesearethesymptoms

Call our local county health department at 305-324-2400 or the COVID-19 24/7 Call Center for questions and additional guidance at 1-866-779-6121. Floridahealthcovid19.gov cdc.gov/coronavirus

For medical emergencies, call 911 and notify the dispatch personnel that you may have COVID-19.

Symptoms
People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Face masks or face covers are required to be worn in North Miami. www.NorthMiamiFL.gov/Coronavirus
Resources and Ways to Help

**Food Pantry**
The North Miami Food Pantry is open and serving our residents through this pandemic. In light of COVID-19, the hours have been extended to fulfill the needs of our community. The pantry is now open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please call 305-953-3053 to make an appointment.

To make monetary donations or for volunteer opportunities, visit [www.nomicares.org](http://www.nomicares.org).

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parent Hotline 305-995-3000**
This hotline provides answers for students, parents and other community members about school district-related coronavirus response efforts.

**Senior Citizens**
If you are a senior citizen and would like to receive free frozen meals please call the County’s 311 Call Center.

**Text NoMi to 555888**
for updates on COVID-19, food distributions, resources, Census and more.

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### Pick-Up Sites for Printed Re-Employment Application Forms
(English, Creole and Spanish)  Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Keystone Community Center: 13050 Ixora Court, North Miami, FL 33181
- Gwen Margolis Community Center: 1590 NE 123 Street, North Miami, FL 33161
- Griffing Community Center: 12220 Griffing Boulevard, North Miami, FL 33161
- Sunkist Grove Community Center: 12500 NW 13 Avenue, North Miami, FL 33167
- North Miami Public Library: 835 NE 132 Street, North Miami, FL 33161

Telephone Assistance Available by calling the Office of the City Clerk at 305-895-9817.
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Please have all personal, income and annual income tax related information available. Missing information will create additional delays in determining your eligibility.

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**2020 Census**

- Mail
- Online
- Phone

Responding is fast and easy online at [www.My2020Census.gov](http://www.My2020Census.gov), over the phone, or by mail — all without meeting a census taker.

It’s something everyone can do while practicing social distancing at home to make a difference today, tomorrow and for the next 10 years.

**English 844-330-2020  Spanish 844-468-2020  Creole 844-477-2020**
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue is conducting In-Home testing for homebound seniors and individuals over the age of 18 with disabilities who are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms. An appointment is necessary in order to be tested, call 305-499-8767.

North Miami Walk-Up Testing Site
Holy Family Catholic Church
14500 NE 11 Avenue, North Miami, FL 33161
You must make an appointment by calling 305-499-8767.
The appointment line opens seven days a week at 9:00 am.
The appointment line will remain open until all appointments for the next day have been filled.
This site will take appointments up to 72 hours in advance.

Walgreens (Drive-thru)
14901 NE 6 Avenue
North Miami, FL 33161
Open 7-days a week, 9 am - 5 pm
65 + with Symptoms
Appointments are required, visit walgreens.com/coronavirus

For a complete list of testing locations throughout Miami-Dade County visit www.miamidade.gov/coronavirus. Each testing site has specific instructions. Please research the instructions BEFORE visiting a testing site. This information was updated on 4-30-2020.