Dear North Miami Residents:

Medical experts tell us there are three major steps we as a municipal government can take to prevent the spread and stop COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. To make it work, we as a community must all work together.

First, **stay home.** Remain at home with your families. Avoid being in groups of 10 or more people. Anyone who is over the age of 65 or living with a compromised immune system, should plan to stay home until further notice. This is the best guidance from the CDC.

Next, **stay apart.** “Social distancing,” is a new phrase that we have recently added to our day-to-day lives. The practice of social distancing is the best way to avoid coming into contact with anyone who has the virus. As you may have heard Florida’s Governor say, you should treat every person you see outside of your home as a potential positive COVID-19 case. Keep a minimum of 6-feet away from others as you walk, take mass transit, or go about your day with essential visits to grocery stores, pharmacies and take-out restaurants.

Lastly, **sanitize your home and hard surfaces you may touch on a regular basis.** Wash your hands with soap and water as often as possible. If you are not feeling well and are concerned you may have the virus, please call your doctor or the Florida Department of Health (866-779-6121) before driving to a medical facility or testing center.

Your City has NOT imposed a curfew at this time; but, we strongly advise you to limit all non-essential travel and stay at home. We have strong hope that we will overcome this health emergency soon; but we must all do our part to stop the spread.

I know it may sound odd; but by staying apart and practicing social distancing, we as a community will be able to come back together. We are #NoMiStrong!

The dedicated City of North Miami employees and I, are available to enthusiastically serve you during this health emergency. For the City of North Miami’s latest COVID-19 updates and resources, please visit us online at [www.NorthMiamiFL.gov/coronavirus](http://www.NorthMiamiFL.gov/coronavirus). You may also follow @NorthMiamiFL.

In Your Service,
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