



“The Beat”

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PREPARING FOR HURRICANE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Planning for hurricane season and other potential disasters can be stressful, and because the 2020 hurricane season comes during the [COVID-19 pandemic](#), it may be especially so.

Public health and emergency response professionals have advice to help you safely prepare, evacuate, and shelter for severe storms while protecting yourself and others from COVID-19. Here are some tips to help you and your family stay safe during hurricane season this year.

Preparing for Hurricane Season

- Understand that your planning may be different this year because of the need to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.
- Give yourself more time than usual to [prepare your emergency food, water, and medicine supplies](#). Home delivery is the safest choice for buying disaster supplies; however, that may not be an option for everyone. If in-person shopping is your only choice, take steps to [protect your and others’ health when running essential errands](#).
- Protect yourself and others when filling [prescriptions](#) by limiting in-person visits to the pharmacy. Sign up for mail order delivery or call in your prescription ahead of time and use drive-through windows or curbside pickup, if available.
- Pay attention to local guidance about updated plans for evacuations and shelters, including [potential shelters for your pets](#).
- If you need to evacuate, prepare a “go kit” with [personal items](#) you cannot do without during an emergency. Include items that can help protect you and others from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, or bar or liquid soap if not available, and two cloth face coverings for each person. Face covers should not be used by children under the age of 2. They also should not be used by people having trouble breathing, or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- When you check on neighbors and friends, be sure to follow [social distancing](#) recommendations (staying at least 6 feet, about 2 arms’ length, from others) and [other CDC recommendations](#) to protect yourself and others.
- If you need to go to a disaster shelter, follow CDC recommendations for staying safe and healthy in a [public disaster shelter](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stay Safe after a Hurricane

In addition to following guidance for staying safe and healthy [after a hurricane](#), note that:

- You should continue to use [preventive actions](#) like washing your hands and wearing a [face covering](#) during clean up or when returning home.
- It may take longer than usual to restore power and water if they are out. Take [steps to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning](#) if you use a generator.
- If you are injured or ill, contact your medical provider for treatment recommendations. Keep wounds clean to prevent infection. Remember, accessing medical care may be more difficult than usual during the pandemic.
- Dealing with disasters can cause stress and strong emotions, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is natural to feel anxiety, grief, and worry. [Coping with these feelings and getting help](#) when you need it will help you, your family, and your community recover.
- People with preexisting mental health conditions should continue with their treatment and be aware of new or worsening symptoms.

HURRICANE: Disaster Kit Checklist

Hurricane Season has commenced. If you have not gathered your supplies you might need to start preparing as soon as possible. In case of an evacuation or in an emergency and store your items in an easy to carry-waterproof container such as duffle bag or a backpack.

- A least one gallon of water per day per person for at least three to seven days.
- Non perishable snacks or canned food for at least three to seven days.
- Man can opener
- Change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
- Bedding for a small space
- Prescription medications
- Personal hygiene items
- Special items such as food for infants, elderly or disabled members of your family.
- Garbage bags
- First aid kit
- Fully charged portable electronics devices with charges
- Quiet games, toys or reading materials
- Eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aid, batteries.
- Pet care items, including food and water
- Flashlights, battery powered radio and batteries
- Extra set of keys
- Cash
- Important documents in a waterproof container or bag.



- **Tropical Storm Watch**
 - Tropical storm conditions are possible, usually within 48 hours.
- **Tropical Warnings**
 - Tropical storm conditions are possible, usually within 36 hours.
- **Tropical Storm**
 - Sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph
- **Hurricane Watch**
 - Hurricane conditions are possible, usually within 48 hours.
- **Hurricane Warning**
 - Hurricane conditions are expected, usually within 36 hours.
- **Hurricane**
 - Sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

HURRICANE: SAFFUR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

- Category 1: 74 to 95 mph
- Category 2: 96 to 110 mph
- Category 3: 111 to 129 mph
- Category 4; 130 to 156 mph
- Category 5: 157 mph or higher



POLICE REFORM

As you are aware several years ago Biscayne Park Police Department was involved in a department wide conspiracy scandal causing the Chief of Police and two other officers to get arrested. These officers were arrested and plead guilty for conspiracy to frame people of color for crimes they did not commit. *"The existence of this fictitious 100% clearance rate of reported burglaries was used by Atesiano to gain favor with elected officials and concerned citizens," according to an indictment.*

With the investigation and pleadings under way, unbeknown to me as the new Chief of Police, I would commence my first day at work with a visit from FBI waiting at the doors of our station. At that time, I started my journey by making changes to prevent any type of corruption at the Biscayne Park Police Department. As in every profession, there is a small minority who will dishonor their calling. I condemn racism, violence, hatred, and discrimination. My job is to ensure public safety, quality of life, equality, and to provide superior policing services.

In the wake of the civil unrest our nation is enduring I reflect back to all the changes I initiated and implemented at the Biscayne Police Department to prevent such a scandal again at improving policing-community relations and aimed to include the following:

- We have created zone patrolling for better accountability and enhance visibility in all areas of the village.
- We have created a Village Resource Officer to enhance community policing and increase accessibility to our residents.
- Institute employee development training.
- We are also in discussed and finalized to partner with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Department of Justice to promote better community policing through professional development on Civil Rights, Multi-Cultural, and Special Needs.
- Established Memorandums of Understanding with Florida Department of Law Enforcement to outsource investigations such as officer involved shootings to ensure professionalism and transparency. Also, we are currently looking into Memorandums of Understanding with local governments to assist in areas such as crime scene processing.
- We recognize that the recreation center is the hub of the community and we intend to create programs that connect us with park visitors and residents.
- Expanded relationships with other local, state, and federal agencies to build a vast network of partnerships.
- An audit of our Property Unit was conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. We restructured property intake to ensure we are above industry standard.
- Based on the internal knowledge that last hurricane season provided and vast experience with Emergency Management, we have begun hurricane preparedness planning and look to continue striving to be better.
- To better address traffic concerns, we expanded motorcycle patrolling by hiring a full-time motorman increasing the days utilized.
- We recruited officers with over 40 years of law experience to work in our detective bureau. The officer had been exposed to every area of investigations to include the homicide unit and held supervisory positions.
- The officers commenced a three-part training by the Florida International University on Cultural Diversity, profiling, leadership, bias, prejudice, etc.
- The officers also attended a training segment by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on police corruption Internal Affairs.
- We continue to send officers to training courses provided through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Region XIV to enhance their knowledge such as Criminal Law Updates, Speed Measurement, Drivers Improvement Program, etc.

While there may be good reasons to be skeptical of many of the reform ideas, rest assure that the Biscayne Park Police Department has been transparent since I took the position of Chief of Police.

The Police Department has worked in conjunction with all the other departments within the Village and the Village Manager. David Hernandez has been instrumental in the strategic planning being utilized in the distribution and allocation of resources.



POLICE REFORM CONTINUED:

I would like to however, mention possibly five topics that are important in departments reform nationwide to include:

1. Recruit an increasingly more professional workforce

When I commenced my position recruitment at the Biscayne Park Police Department commenced. I recruited high-caliber officers which was paramount to fill the shortages. I recruited certified officers from different agencies with more than ten to thirty years of law enforcement experience. The officers recruited offered a quicker and more reliable track to investigate and or fill managerial roles. These officers not only were certified but had additional certifications to assist in moving our department forward in a positive direction such as Instructor, Firearms, Taser, Field Training Officers, Homicide, Internal Affairs Investigations and some had some type of college and or degrees.

2. Train with an emphasis on legal knowledge

The law enforcement officers recruited have been trained to make difficult decisions in the field, which often requires the application of legal doctrines to the facts available at real time. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Professionalism Criminal Justice Services is to promote and facilitate the competency and professional conduct of criminal justice officers through a partnership with criminal justice agencies in providing entry-level and in-service officer training, criminal justice leadership development and executive training, and maintaining disciplinary procedures. This training is available to our officers if they chose to attend any of the region courses.

The Biscayne Park Police Department has recruited the Florida International University to develop a continuous training program for our department to discuss topics which police err in making decisions that will benefit the police and the civilians alike to include but not limited to discrimination, bias, prejudice, communication and leadership.

The training can help explain events to those they deal with, as those events unfold, may help ease the tensions inherent in intrusive interactions.

We also partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) which also provided training to our law enforcement officers regarding police corruption and Internal Affairs.

Both training have been instrumental in the departments reform.

3. Adoption of body-worn cameras

Although cameras often propose as a way to moderate police misbehavior, evidence does not suggest otherwise. However, it does suggest that it will reduce frivolous citizen complaints, while also aiding in criminal investigations and prosecution. The body cameras are costly, need a place for storage the data and/or a personal to monitor such information. It can cost approximately for a department of 50 approximately \$50,000 the first year start up.

4. Constrain with express authorization for no-knock raids

The Biscayne Police Department does not execute search and or arrest warrants. Miami Dade Police Department would be responsible for the execution any type of raid.

5. Document with better and more-consistent data collection

The Biscayne Park Police Department has implemented a better record keeping and data collection practice. We have scanned any and all documents from 2012 to the present to better assist with public records request, seal and expungements, etc. We have also created spreadsheets for productivity, traffic concerns, etc. which can be crucial to both the public's understanding of law enforcement and the betterment of policing practices. The information is reliable.

As your Chief of Police, I look forward to the opportunity and challenges to better the village and continue to make Biscayne Park the safest place to live.

UCR Report:

The Uniform Crime Report is filed by police agencies throughout the state and sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to track crime data. Once all data is received, FDLE then submits all results to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. These reports are what generate the crime statistics you see on a local, state, and national level. The reports are processed twice a year for what is identified as the Semi-Annual and Annual cycles. County and municipal data can be found on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s website: www.fdle.state.fl.us.



Biscayne Park showed an overall reduction in Index Offenses by 48.2% in 2019. Crime rates are found measuring the crime rate per 100,000 population and revealed Biscayne Park to have a crime rate of approximately 1.13%. In doing so, Biscayne Park ranked within the highest in safety throughout Miami-Dade County amongst local areas such as Indian Creek and Golden Beach. The below chart is an excerpt from charts used to calculate information transmitted to FDLE. It should be noted that due to various charges throughout the nation, common terms may be mistaken for other crimes. An example is that Burglary is a crime in which a structure is entered, whereas a vehicle entered regardless if anything is stolen or not, is labeled as Larceny for the purposes of reporting.

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| Agency ORI: | <u>FL0131400</u> | Agency Name: | <u>Biscayne Park Police Department</u> |
| Reporting Period/Year: | <u>2019A</u> | Population: | <u>3,194</u> |
| Clearance Rate: | <u>11.1</u> | Crime Rate: | <u>1,127.1</u> |
| Date Generated: | <u>2/10/2020</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrest Data Provided | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> LEOKA Data | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparative Prior Year Data | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clearance Rate Reflects a Change of 10% or Greater | | |

| Violent Offenses | 2018 | 2019 | % Change |
|--|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Murder | 0 | 0 | |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | |
| Aggravated Assault | 5 | 6 | 20.0% |
| Violent Offense Total | 5 | 6 | 20.0% |
| Violent Crime Rate | 155.4 | 187.9 | 20.9% |
| Property Offenses | 2018 | 2019 | % Change |
| Burglary | 18 | 5 | -72.2% |
| Larceny | 45 | 25 | -44.4% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 2 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Property Offense Total | 65 | 30 | -53.8% |
| Property Crime Rate | 2,019.9 | 939.3 | -53.5% |
| Total Index Offenses | 70 | 36 | -48.6% |
| Clearance Rate for Index Offenses | 12.9 | 11.1 | -13.6% |

Coping with Job Stress and Building Resilience During COVID -19

Employees: How to Cope with Job Stress and Build Resilience During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Whether you are going into work or working from home, the COVID-19 pandemic has probably changed the way you work. Fear and anxiety about this new disease and other [strong emotions](#) can be overwhelming, and workplace stress can lead to [burnout](#). How you cope with these emotions and stress can affect your well-being, the well-being of the people you care about, your workplace, and your community. During this pandemic, it is critical that you recognize what stress looks like, take steps to build your resilience and manage job stress, and know where to go if you need help.

COVID-19: Symptoms of Stress

Recognize the symptoms of stress you may be experiencing.

- Feeling irritation, anger, or in denial
- Feeling uncertain, nervous, or anxious
- Lacking motivation
- Feeling tired, overwhelmed, or burned out
- Feeling sad or depressed
- Having trouble sleeping
- Having trouble concentrating

Know the common work-related factors that can add to stress during a pandemic:

- Concern about the risk of being exposed to the virus at work
- Taking care of personal and family needs while working
- Managing a different workload
- Lack of access to the tools and equipment needed to perform your job
- Feelings that you are not contributing enough to work or guilt about not being on the frontline
- Uncertainty about the future of your workplace and/or employment
- Learning new communication tools and dealing with technical difficulties
- Adapting to a different workspace and/or work schedule



Follow these tips to build resilience and manage job stress.

- Communicate with your coworkers, supervisors, and employees about job stress while maintaining social distancing (at least 6 feet).
 - Identify things that cause stress and work together to identify solutions.
 - Talk openly with employers, employees, and unions about how the pandemic is affecting work. Expectations should be communicated clearly by everyone.
 - Ask about how to access mental health resources in your workplace.
- Identify those things which you do not have control over and do the best you can with the resources available to you.
- Increase your sense of control by developing a consistent daily routine when possible — ideally one that is similar to your schedule before the pandemic.
 - Keep a regular [sleep schedule](#)
 - Take breaks from work to stretch, exercise, or check in with your supportive colleagues, coworkers, family, and friends.
 - Spend time outdoors, either being physically active or relaxing.
 - If you work from home, set a regular time to end your work for the day, if possible.
 - Practice [mindfulness techniques](#)
 - Do things you enjoy during non-work hours.
 - Check on others. Helping others improves your sense of control, belonging, and self-esteem. Look for safe ways to offer social support to others, especially if they are showing signs of stress, such as [depression and anxiety](#).

COVID-19: When to Seek Emergency, Medical Attention continued

- Know [the facts](#) about COVID-19. Be informed about how to [protect yourself and others](#). Understanding the risk and sharing accurate information with people you care about can reduce stress and help you make a connection with others.
- Remind yourself that each of us has a crucial role in fighting this pandemic.
- Remind yourself that everyone is in an unusual situation with limited resources.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting and mentally exhausting
- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns, how you are feeling, or how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting you.
 - Connect with others through phone calls, email, text messages, mailing letters or cards, video chat, and social media.
 - Check on others. Helping others improves your sense of control, belonging, and self-esteem. Look for safe ways to offer social support to others, especially if they are showing signs of stress, such as [depression and anxiety](#).
- If you feel you may be misusing alcohol or other drugs (including prescription drugs) as a means of coping, reach out for help.
- If you are being treated for a mental health condition, continue with your treatment and be aware of any new or worsening symptoms.

Know Where to Get Help

COVID-19: Safety Tip

Biscayne Park – now is **not** the time to let your guard down! With the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Florida, we need to double down on our health safety precautions. Please remember the following:

- Practice social distancing at all times while in public spaces
- Wear a face mask at all times in public spaces, except when exercising, eating/drinking or under the age of 2
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching nose, eyes, mouth or face with unwashed hands

Avoid contact with people who are sick.

Mandatory Mask requirements are also being implemented in different municipalities to include: Miami Gardens, City of Miami, Palmetto Bay, Miami Shores, El Portal, North Miami Beach, Aventura, etc.

If you feel you or someone in your household may harm themselves or someone else:

- [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
 - Toll-free number 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
 - The [Online Lifeline Crisis Chat](#) is free and confidential. You'll be connected to a skilled, trained counselor in your area.
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
 - Call 1-800-799-7233 and TTY 1-800-787-3224

If you are feeling overwhelmed with emotions like sadness, depression, or anxiety:

- [Disaster Distress Helpline](#)
 - Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746
- Check with your employer for information about possible employee assistance program resources.

If you need to find treatment or mental health providers in your area:

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) Find Treatment](#)

COVID-19: When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention

Look for **emergency warning signs*** for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

Police Chief Urges:

The Police Chief is urging all residents to be vigilant in the prevention of scams and unattended deliveries. Now that we are still at the “Safer-at-Home” mandate it is imperative that you secure your personal property to avoid being victimized.

COVID-19 Hotline Telephone
Number
1-866-779-6121



Important Message for Biscayne Park Residents

Lock up and Secure Your Stuff:

Remove purses, cash (coins), laptops, tablets, cell phones/charges, GPS, and firearms from your car. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN PLAIN VIEW.**

Place shopping bags in the trunk. Help reduce this **PREVENTABLE** crime. **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS.**

**CURFEW ENFORCED
DURING THE HOURS OF
10 PM TO 5 AM**



Watch Orders

If you are going out of town or tenting your home, you can request a **HOUSE WATCH ORDER**. The online form can be found on the village website www.biscayneparkfl.gov under Resident Services or on the Police Department page under Village Departments.

Curfew at Biscayne Park

Police are addressing verbally visitors and residents to go home on a case to case encounter during curfew hours. Curfew Hours are 10:00 p.m. to 5:00

Symptoms of Coronavirus

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



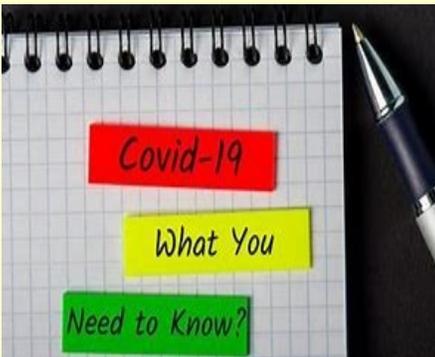
COVID 19

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

What you need to know

- Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms.
- **Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions** like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Watch for symptoms



Important Contact Information for COVID-19

Please visit the Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19. This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling **1-866-779-6121** or emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov. **The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

In addition, please visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/all-county-locations.html> to locate and obtain contact information for your local CHD.

The CDC also has a website with information related to COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Social Distancing

Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

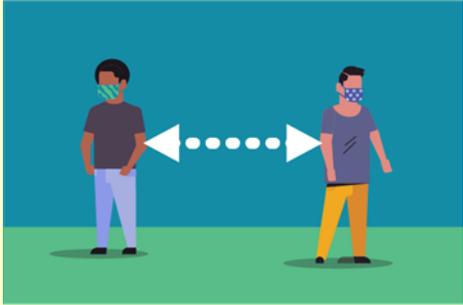
Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home.

To practice social or physical distancing stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people.

In addition to [everyday steps to prevent COVID-19](#), keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to this virus and slowing its spread locally and across the country and world.

Limit close contact with others outside your household in indoor and outdoor spaces. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is important to stay away from others when possible, even if you—or they—have no symptoms. Social distancing is especially important for [people who are at higher risk](#) for severe illness from COVID-19.

Many people have personal circumstances or situations that present challenges with practicing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19



- Stay home if you are sick
- Wear facemasks out or around others
- Wash your hands on a continual basis
- Clean and disinfect on a continual basis.

MEDICALLY CLEARED

Biscayne Park Police Officers continue volunteering to be tested to ensure the safety of our residents which has resulted in negative results to include not being exposed or having the antibodies. Our staff will continue to adhere to CDC recommendations.

If you are very sick, get medical attention immediately.

Call 911 if you have a medical emergency: Notify the operator that you have, or think you might have, COVID-19. If possible, put on a cloth face covering before medical help arrives.

Travel Recommendations



Cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) have been reported in all states, and some areas are experiencing community spread of the disease. Travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19.

CDC recommends you [stay home](#) as much as possible, especially if your trip is not essential, and **[practice social distancing](#)** especially if you are at **[higher risk of severe illness](#)**. **Don't travel if you are sick** or travel with someone who is sick.

Venturing Out? Be prepared and stay safe....

Consider these tips to keep you and others safe when you venture out.

Going to the Bank

- Ask about options for telephone or virtual meetings to use banking services.
- Use drive-thru banking services, automated teller machines (ATM), or mobile banking apps for routine transactions that do not require face-to-face assistance as much as possible.
- Look for any extra prevention practices being implemented by the bank, such as plexiglass barriers for tellers or bankers, staff wearing cloth face coverings, or physical distancing signs in the lobby.
- Wear a [cloth face covering](#) when doing any in-person exchanges and unable to stay at least 6 feet apart from other people – and make sure that bank employees and other people inside the bank are also wearing cloth face coverings.
- Use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol after any deposit, withdrawal, exchange, drive-thru visit, or use of an ATM.
- Wash your hands thoroughly when you arrive home or to your destination where a restroom is available.



Dining at a Restaurant

- Check the restaurant's website and social media to see if they have updated their information to address any COVID-19 safety guidelines.
- Before you go to the restaurant, call and ask if all staff are wearing cloth face coverings while at work.
- Wear [cloth face coverings](#) when less than 6 feet apart from other people or indoors.
- Take precautions – like wearing a cloth face covering as much as possible when not eating and maintaining a proper social distance if you are dining with others who don't live with you.
- Ask about options for self-parking to remove the need for a valet service.
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet or more in any entryway, hallway, or waiting area.
- [Wash your hands](#) for at least 20 seconds when entering and exiting the restaurant. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- When possible, sit outside at tables spaced at least 6 feet apart from other people.
- When possible, choose food and drink options that are not self-serve to limit the use of shared serving utensils, handles, buttons, or touchscreens.
- Before using the restroom, make sure there is adequate soap and paper towels or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.



Going to Nail Salons

- Book services in advance to remove the need for waiting in a lobby with other people. If you must wait, maintain social distance.
- Before you go, call and ask if all staff are wearing cloth face coverings at work and if there are physical barriers to minimize risk of transmission (e.g., plexiglass barriers).
- If offered by the salon, wait in your car or outside until you can be contacted by mobile phone when it is your turn to be seen for an appointment.
- Wear a [cloth face covering](#) at all times when inside the salon.
- [Wash your hands](#) or use hand sanitizer immediately before receiving your service and after touching any common surfaces like curing lamps, countertops, doorknobs, toilets, tables, light switches, phones, faucets, sinks, and keyboards.
- Use cashless payment options when possible. If not available, ensure that cash and cards are handled with care by employees either by changing gloves between each transaction or with use of hand sanitizer between clients.
- Look for no-touch waste baskets at the cash registers and in the restrooms.



Traveling Overnight

- Use options for online reservation and check-in, mobile room key, and contactless payment.
- Before you go, call and ask if all staff are wearing cloth face coverings at work.
- Look for any extra prevention practices being implemented by the hotel, such as plexiglass barriers at check-in counters, and physical distancing signs in the lobby.
- Ask if the hotel has updated policies about [cleaning and disinfecting](#) or removing frequently touched surfaces and items (such as pens, room keys, tables, phones, doorknobs, light switches, elevator buttons, water fountains, ATMs/card payment stations, business center computers and printers, ice/vending machines, and remote controls).
- Wear a [cloth face covering](#) in the lobby or other common areas.
- Minimize use of areas that may lead to close contact (within 6 feet) with other people as much as possible, like break rooms, outside patios, inside lounging areas, [dining areas/kitchens](#), game rooms, [pools, hot tubs](#), saunas, spas, salons, and fitness centers.
- Request contactless delivery for any room service order.
- Consider taking the stairs. Otherwise wait to use the elevator until you can either ride alone or only with people from your household.
- If you are considering cleaning your travel lodgings, see CDC's guidance on how to [clean and disinfect](#).
- Visit [CDC's travel website](#) for more information when planning trips.



Visiting Libraries

- Use online reservation and advance-order checkout systems, if possible.
- Choose digital over print materials, if possible.
- Request a curbside pick-up if available and use [cloth face coverings](#) during pick-up exchanges.
- [Wash your hands](#) before and after exchanges.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) electronics (laptops) and library materials in plastic containers (CDs, audio books) during returns and/or exchanges.
- If allowed and available inside the library, use computer stations one person at a time. Ensure they are cleaned before use and use a disinfectant wipe on the mouse and keyboard.
- Look for no-touch waste baskets at the cash registers and in the restrooms.

Pet Owners

As a friendly reminder, please ensure that your dogs whatever breed and size are properly leashed when being walked, and are never permitted to roam freely with or without the owner present.

Also remember to utilize the pet waste stations throughout the Village after picking up after your dogs.



Pet Registry

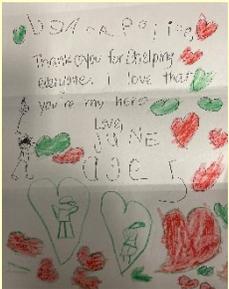
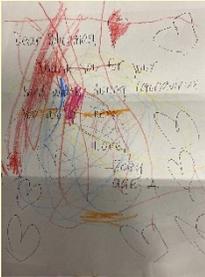
The Village of Biscayne Park Police Department welcomes its residents to register your pets in the hopes of reuniting them with their owners should they become lost.

Please submit all requested information as well as a current photograph of your pet(s) to assist the police department in its mission. Submit photographs via email with corresponding address to Petregistry@biscayneparkpolice.org

Thank you notes for Our Heroes

The Biscayne Park Police Department’s Officers would like to thank Zoey, age 2 and her sister June, age 5 for their thank you letters.

It was a great gesture to show their appreciation for our officers. Nothing inspires us more than to receive letters and the fabulous art work from the resident’s children.



Special Events Permits: Caravans/Parades

A Special Events Permit can be obtained at the Village Hall Office.

If you are asking this question, “Do I need a special Events permit?” the answer most likely is, yes!

If you are in doubt about whether or not your proposed activity is an Outdoor Special Event, and are unsure of what is required, ask yourself the following questions:

- Even though my event is on private property, will **SOME** aspects of it spill onto the public space? (i.e. sidewalks, roads, city property or property owned by someone other than you)
- Is there a remote chance that the safety of the participants and/or the residents of the Village of Biscayne Park may be affected if certain aspects of your event are not properly constructed, installed, or handled (i.e. food, electrical wiring, tents, stages, generators)
- Does your event require any Village of Biscayne Park services? (i.e. trash pick-up, closing of streets, etc.)
- Will I be erecting a stage, tent (10 x 10 or larger), bleachers, or booths?
- Will I be vending? (food, beverages, merchandise)
- Will I be selling/serving Alcohol? Will my event include advertising and/or product sampling?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you will need an event permit in the Village of Biscayne Park to facilitate all of your needs on your behalf. Contact Mailan Nguyen at (305) 893-8000 for more information.

Traffic Concerns: A Residential Guide to Neighborhood Speed Enforcement & Running Stop Signs

The Biscayne Park Police Department has received numerous complaints throughout the village in regards to traffic concerns.

The perception of speeding on local streets is probably the most persistent problem the Village and other neighborhoods are facing.

Although residential streets for the most part carry the lowest volume of traffic and are subject to the fewest accidents, they are often the subject of the most complaints regarding neighborhood speeding, similar to ours. Residents observe vehicles being driven at speeds perceived as “too fast” and conclude the need for increased local speed enforcement or for the installation of All Way Stop Signs along the route.

In many cases, the speeds perceived as excessive by residents while standing in their yards are the same that they operate their vehicles at while driving, but it really isn't.

Also note that studies and enforcement data history indicate that the majority of speeding violations on local roads are done by drivers who live in those neighborhoods.

Public works has installed speed bumps as a solution regarding the speeding.

The speed humps are located at the following locations:

- 1. 10th Ave & 109th Street
- 2. 10th Ave & 118th Street
- 3. 11th Place & 112th Street
- 4. 11th Place & 116th Street

Although speed bumps come with their own issues. They slow down emergency vehicles, wear and tear on vehicles and they aren't always as effective.

The Village has also installed in different locations portable radar speed signs.

The portable radar signs are located at the following locations:

- 1. 8th Ave & 110th Street
- 2. 9th Ave & 118th Street
- 3. 10th Ave & 120th Street

These traffic calming devices that were installed to include the speed bumps and portable radar speed signs are tools which help our law enforcement officers.

I understand residents are frustrated and the process can result with

- 1) Unhappy Residents
- 2) Complaints to the Commissioners and
- 3) Residents continued complaints

However, the residents should take into consideration that one of the many duties that our officers have is to help keep the roads safe. As previously mentioned, we received traffic complaints throughout the village. We try to prioritize the request and send our officers to address the issue. Nonetheless, officers cannot be everywhere, all of the time. The problem of speeding or running a stop sign is that it is sporadic, as is police presence. Police presence and issuing traffic citations will always be a temporary solution. Once an officer leaves the area in question, the traffic infractions will start up once again.





On Saturday, June 20, 2020, the Village of Biscayne Park participated in a resident organized Pride Parade. This parade was the First Annual Pride Parade/Caravan conducted within the village.

The Pride Parade/caravan was successful and had a large turn-out. The participants that joined the parade decorated their cars and bikes and followed the route escorted by Biscayne Park Police Officers to ensure the safety of any and all participants.

This event was a great chance for the community to come together and support a peaceful and loving message.



Message from the Chief

“YOU ARE NOT ALONE; WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER”

As your Chief of Police and Emergency Incident Commander my priority is your health and safety. We continued to work with our local, county, state and federal partners to ensure we have all the latest information that assist us to make comprehensive decisions.

We will soon be scaling back restrictions in phases as we coordinate with other governmental agencies. **However, the Ed Burke Recreation Center will remain closed until further notice. I am aware that the county has opened some county parks, but local municipalities need to adhere to health and safety guidelines prior to opening a park.** I want to thank all the residents and resident volunteers for making my job much easier.

I admire and respect every one of you for uniting during this pandemic.

Thank You
Luis E. Cabrera, M.B.A.
Biscayne Park Police Department
Chief of Police



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BPPD working on becoming accredited.
- 2018-2020 Annual Report in production.

“You Are Not Alone”

Important Reminders:

If you have an emergency, dial 911.

If you need to contact the police, but it is NOT an emergency, please call dispatch at 305 4 POLICE (305 476 5423). If you need a copy of a police report, please call 305 893 7490 and ask to speak to the Record Manger.

DO NOT CALL the Commissioners, Village Manager, Police Chief or arrive at the station when you need an officer dispatched. You are wasting precious time in catching an offender while a crime is in progress. None of these individuals dispatch officers. Remember that your officers are normally out on patrol.

