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Phase 1 Recovery | Executive Order [20-112](#) | At 12:01 on May 4th (with the expiration of EO 20-91) the reopening of Florida businesses will begin. The Order will: (i) continue to allow essential business (as defined in EO 20-91) to remain open; (ii) allow elective procedures to resume subject to specific criteria (outlined below); and (iii) in all counties except for Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach, allow other business to begin to open with restrictions (outlined below).

The Order also extends EO 20-69, which for local government purposes allows a quorum to be present by other means or allows the in-person requirement for a quorum to be suspended during a state of emergency. This extension allows municipalities to meet remotely during the state of emergency.

What stays the same for individuals:

- Florida residents are directed to continue to limit their personal interactions outside the home.
- Seniors and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to stay at home and limit risk of exposure.
- Large groups are to be avoided: unless there is space for proper social distancing, local governments are to limit groups in public places to no more than 10.
- Nonessential travel should be limited.
- Upon return from any travel from a cruise, international destination, or any area with a significant presence of COVID-19, persons should self-quarantine for 14 days.
- EOs 20-80 and 20-82, as well as sections of EO 20-86 are extended allowing/directing screening of travelers to Florida and requiring travelers from areas of significant spread to quarantine for 14 days.

What stays the same for businesses:

- All essential services available under EO 20-91, the Stay at Home Order, are still allowed to operate.
- Bars and night clubs remain closed (any business deriving more than 50% of gross revenues from the sale of alcohol).
- Most gyms and fitness centers remain closed. Hotel gyms for 10 or less people, fire/police gyms, gyms located within an office building that has only one occupant/tenant, and residential gyms provided as amenities can remain open.
- Vacation rentals remain closed by EO 20-87.

What changes for everyone:

- Elective medical procedures can resume if the facility:
 1. Can convert additional surgical and ICU beds for COVID-19 treatment if a surge occurs;

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2. Has adequate PPE to complete all medical procedures and respond to COVID-19 treatment needs without seeking assistance from federal or state programs;
3. Has not sought federal, state, or local assistance regarding PPE since resuming elective procedures; and
4. Has not refused to provide support and proactively engages with long-term care providers.

What changes for all **except** Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties:

- Restaurants may reopen so long as they adopt social distancing measures and limit indoor occupancy to 25%. Social distancing measures are at least:
 1. Having six feet between parties;
 2. Not allowing parties greater than ten; and
 3. Not allowing seating at bar counters.
- Retail stores may re-open if they operate at 25% of their building capacity and follow OSHA and CDC safety guidelines.
- Museums and libraries may re-open if they operate at 25% capacity and keep interactive functions, exhibits, and play areas closed.