



Broward Mayor Dale Holness, City Mayors Greg Ross (Cooper City), Lori Lewellen (Dania Beach), Josh Levy (Hollywood), Wayne Messam (Miramar), Matthew Sparks (Oakland Park), Christine Hunschofsky (Parkland), Ashira Mohammed (Pembroke Park), and Frank Ortis (Pembroke Pines), joined Sheriff Gregory Tony, Broward League of Cities President and Hollywood Commissioner Traci Callari and Broward County Commissioner Lamar Fisher for a press conference highlighting the need for adherence to social distancing guidelines and sharing the new County Emergency Order increasing enforcement.

### **Mayor Dale Holness**

- Increases in cases
  - Understand it was not sustainable to keep things locked down
- But our current increase in cases is not sustainable
- County Administrator issued emergency order 20-18
  - Allows the county to shutdown businesses who are not conforming
  - This order gives businesses 24 hours to comply or they will be fined and/or shutdown
- We are here at the Sheriff's office to let people know that they need to comply
- Residents are encouraged to call 311 if they see businesses not complying

### **Sheriff Gregory Tony**

- From a LEO perspective, part of the problem is that businesses are inconsistent with CDC requirements
- Our goal is to educate the community about the importance of complying
- County has elected to be more punitive
- We cannot let this trend continue
- We are encouraging businesses to not put yourself in that position
- City Code Enforcement will shut businesses down and law enforcement's role will be to enforce this
- Seeing younger populations being more vulnerable, understand the cabin fever but we need to follow CDC recommendations

### **Traci Callari, President of the League of Cities**

- Thank you to Mayor Holness for bringing us together
- Seeing frontline impacts everyday as a nurse
- Rise of cases is very alarming
- Our businesses and residents must follow the guidelines
- Social distancing, hand washing and wearing masks are crucial
- The 31 cities are working with the County and we are appreciative of their action

### **Mayor Dale Holness**

- We want everyone to comply, I don't want to go backwards, but if we need to we will
- As part of the Supporter of Broward (SOB) campaign, there is an emphasis on compliance with CDC guidelines



### **Bob Swindell, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance**

- We announced the Supporter of Broward campaign in the last few days
- Folks are feeling invincible, the purpose of the Supporter of Broward campaign is to promote safety
- Science is proving that masks work
- We want folks to patronize business, but we need individuals to follow the guidelines
- Businesses are doing a good job, but we need the patrons to do the right thing
- We want everyone to be a proud SOB and support Broward safely

### **Mayor Wayne Messam**

- Miramar has the fourth largest cases, it is important for residents, code enforcement and law enforcement to work together for achieving a safe environment
- Wearing a mask is crucial to saving lives

### **Mayor Joy Cooper**

- Hallandale Beach passed a regulation which requires everyone in a condominium, apartment complex and multi-family houses to wear masks indoors

### **Press Questions**

- What happens when someone calls 311?
  - We have received 891 complaints, these are referred to local code enforcement
  - We are relying on everyone to make the calls, any one at all should call into the number
- Restaurants?
  - We are still at 50% capacity, we know some pubs are pretending to be restaurants which is not okay and we will shut them down
- Masks
  - We are looking at expanding mask requirements, but they have been required since April 11<sup>th</sup> at dining facilities and other places with interaction
- Main violation?
  - Many restaurants are operating over 50% and some pubs are operating as restaurants
- Hospitalizations?
  - Dr. Thaqi, the CEO of Broward Health, and representatives of other hospitals, said they are not seeing an issue with ICU capacity. They see some increase in hospitalizations. We understand there is a lag between positive cases and hospitalizations. Will see an increase especially if the positives continue to increase.