

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES,  
RULES, AND ORDERS, PURSUANT  
TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER  
20-52, MADE NECESSARY BY THE  
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY

DEM ORDER NO. 20-007

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52 in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, which poses a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities and general welfare of this State; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has designated the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and has delegated to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)-(10), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, as the State Coordinating Officer, I issued DEM Order No. 20-006 under the powers afforded by Executive Order No. 20-52, to prohibit visitation to certain facilities in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the effective dates of DEM Order No. 20-006 correspond with the effective dates of Executive Order No. 20-52; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, Governor DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-114 which continued the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for sixty days.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JARED MOSKOWITZ, hereby find that the Division of Emergency Management's timely performance of disaster response functions related to

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, and/or order. Therefore, the provisions of DEM Order No. 20-006 are hereby reaffirmed and shall continue to extend until the expiration of Executive Order No. 20-52, including extensions thereof. Further, any statute or rule to the contrary is suspended until the expiration of Executive Order No. 20-52, including any extension thereof. This Order applies as follows:

1. Every facility must continue to prohibit the entry of any individual, to the facility except in the following circumstances:

- a. Family members, friends, and visiting residents in end-of-life situations;
- b. Hospice or palliative care workers caring for residents in end-of-life situations;
- c. Any individuals providing necessary health care to a resident;
- d. Facility staff;
- e. Facility residents;
- f. Attorneys of Record for a resident in an Adult Mental Health and Treatment Facility for court related matters if virtual or telephonic means are unavailable; or
- g. Representatives of the federal or state government seeking entry as part of their official duties, including, but not limited to, Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, representatives of the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, a protection and advocacy organization under 42 U.S.C. §15041, the Office of the Attorney General, any law enforcement officer, and any emergency medical personnel.

2. Individuals seeking entry to the facility under the above section 1 will not be allowed to enter if they meet any of the screening criteria listed below:

- a. Any person infected with COVID-19 who has not had two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours;
- b. Any person showing, presenting signs or symptoms of, or disclosing the presence of a respiratory infection, including cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, chills, headache, muscle pain, repeated shaking with chills, or new loss of taste or smell;
- c. Any person who has been in contact with any person(s) known to be infected with COVID-19, who has not yet tested negative for COVID-19 within the past 14 days;
- d. Any person who traveled through any airport within the past 14 days; or
- e. Any person who traveled on a cruise ship within the past 14 days; or
- f. Any person who traveled outside of the State of Florida within the past 14 days.

3. All facilities must require any individual entering the facility to wear personal protective equipment pursuant to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

4. Residents must continue to be discouraged from leaving the facility.

5. The following documentation must continue to be kept for visitation within a facility:

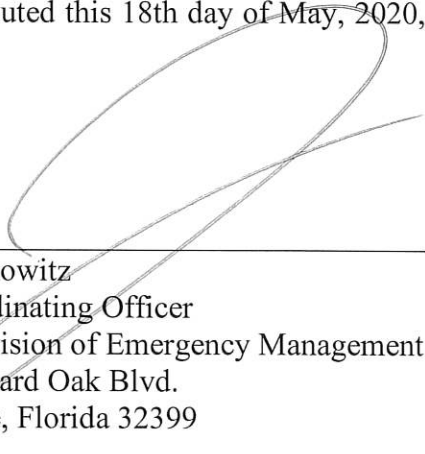
- a. Individuals entering a facility subject to the screening criteria above may be screened using a standardized questionnaire or other form of documentation.
- b. The facility is required to maintain documentation of all non-resident individuals entering the facility. Documentation must include:
  1. Name of the individual;
  2. Date and time of entry; and
  3. The documentation used by the facility to screen the individual showing the individual did not meet any of the enumerated screening criteria, including the screening employee's printed name

and signature.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of “any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business”, and because Executive Order No. 20-52 designates the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for this emergency, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order.

The effective dates of this Order shall correspond with the effective dates of Executive Order No. 20-52, and extensions thereof.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 18th day of May, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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Filed on this date, with  
the designated Division Clerk,  
receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged.



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Date: 5/18/2020