



# MARTIN COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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## **Martin County to close Hobe Sound Beach**

Effective sundown Saturday, March 21, Hobe Sound Public Beach will be closed until further notice. The county will continue to monitor all local beaches. To avoid overcrowding, Martin County Sheriff's Office will be enforcing parking at local beaches. Beach patrons are reminded to park in the designated parking area for each beach as parking outside of those areas will not be allowed.

Martin County will continue to monitor the status of our beaches and parks and in collaboration with our partner agencies, will evaluate future actions necessary to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors. Residents and visitors are also encouraged to continue exercising good hygiene practices as recommended by the CDC and Florida Department of Health. If the public adheres to these guidelines, our outdoor spaces may be able to stay open for an extended period:

**PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING** – The Florida Department of Health recommends maintaining a 6-foot distance between you and others. Every attempt should be made to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people.

**AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE, MOUTH** - Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. Wash your hands before applying sunscreen.

**CLEAN YOUR HANDS OFTEN** - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Clean your hands especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

Visit [www.martin.fl.us/Coronavirus](http://www.martin.fl.us/Coronavirus), Martin County's online resource for information related to COVID-19. Martin County's Community Information Center is staffed to answer questions regarding county business, closures, services and general information from our elected and constitutional officers and community partners, including the Martin County School District. Call 772-287-1652, from 7 a.m.- 6 p.m. daily.

For direct questions or guidance in reference to COVID-19, you can call the 24-hour Florida Department of Health Call Center at 866-779-6121 or [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov) or the Department of Health in Martin County at 772-221- 4000, extension 9.

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