

**City of Coral Gables
Virtual Commission Meeting
May 26, 2020
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli

Vice Mayor Vince Lago

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item D-1 – Mayor’s Comments

Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Mayor's Comments. I'd like to address my comments to these past few weeks. We imposed a curfew in Coral Gables. We closed – well, downtown businesses, all businesses; barbershops; beauty salons; shops; everything, and we also closed the restaurants. We opened Monday of last week, the businesses, and Wednesday the restaurants; and I've been to several and I hope some of you have been to several. They're doing a very successful business. Fifty percent capacity; waiters and waitresses have to wear masks, and they're social distancing in the restaurant. But it's been successful, and we are going back to new normal after the lockdown. People's lives are coming back to normal and I would implore that people take care of themselves and take care of others. Do wear your masks as you go into the restaurants. Keep safe distance. We don't have to go back to the lockdown we suffered. Please be careful and please support our local businesses. We have our Economic Development Department. We have the restoration committee; the Commission and our staff is committed to making this work again; and I would implore everybody to take care. We have testing is going on, and we will decide today whether we continue it or not. Testing is going on, we've tested over 1,300 people and 30 percent have been no shows in our testing, we'll decide whether you continue with that or not. But please be careful

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so that we don't have to impose the restrictions again, and we don't have another upward curve in the agents in the contamination. Please be careful and visit our local businesses and restaurants. Thank you.