

**City of Coral Gables**  
**Virtual City Commission Meeting**  
**July 14, 2020**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
**Vice Mayor Vince Lago**  
**Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Michael Mena**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speakers**

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Agenda Item D  
Mayor's Comments

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And Mayor's Comments. I have comments on the order to close the restaurants. I met with Dade County Mayors and last week basically we had three calls during the week and we questioned, we condemned the way the order to close the restaurants was passed. It was not a proper measure, but we were not consulted, and this is a vital move for the residents for the businesses in Coral Gables and we, the Mayors of Miami-Dade County were not consulted. I participated in a call yesterday with the Mayors again and with Mayor Gimenez, and with Carlos Migoya, the head of Jackson Memorial Hospital, and the Mayor of Miami-Dade County spoke about the necessity for closing the restaurants. He said that three weeks ago, our positive rate was 4 to 8 percent and it went up to 25 to 28 percent last week, and he says and I agree with him that in most spaces like restaurants, you take your mask off and that's where the contagents come or its likely to be very contagious and therefore he closed the indoor restaurant. He says that there was a decrease in the average age of contaminated people, but these younger people contaminated or affected older people who are now the ones that are getting sick with very serious consequences. He said that when we opened in May, we opened and things were fine, but then the demonstrations

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without masks, bars, graduation parties, Father's Day, the beaches, really, really contributed to the drastic increase in contagents. He says that the worst zip codes were 33142, 35, and 40, but it is a countywide problem. Mr. Migoya stated that there are available beds in Jackson, the problem is not beds, and ICU is also...[Inaudible]...available places in ICU and they have the ability to convert another 1300 beds and that we do have enough ventilators. He said that contact tracing is not on yet, because we just haven't gotten the necessary resources and personnel to provide contact tracing, but they are working on that. I have heard this, I asked the question of, we've had flu season is over, but we've had flu epidemics in the past and he says that this is four to five times deadlier than the flu, four to five times deadlier, and four to five times more contagious than the flu, so this cannot be compared to a flu epidemic, because it is deadlier. And our supply of medicine revidivere , we have basically run out of it. Two days ago we had 72 dosage, now we have 4 left and God knows when that's going to come to Florida again. But it's a very serious situation. I agree with his analysis of why the restaurants were closed and hopefully if we wear masks, as Mr. Thompson mentioned, if we wear masks and we take care of ourselves and our elderly people, we will get out of this sooner rather than later. Thank you very much.