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May 3, 2020 BANCf | COVID-19 Builder Update - Alachua County Releases Emergency Order 2020-21

All:

Good morning.

Sorry to intrude on your Sunday, but I wanted to share an important update regarding the Governor's Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery, and more specifically, Alachua County's interpretation of that order, which wasn't officially released until 9:30PM last night. While the majority of the Governor's order (20-112) will stand as issued, the County has elected to be more restrictive, which they are allowed to do per the Governor's office's clarification, in two areas.

1. Occupancy levels for retail establishments;

* The occupancy level, for all essential businesses and retail establishments, has been set at 1 customer per 500SF. The previous level was 1 customer per 750SF.

* Restaurants are limited to 25% occupancy inside and unlimited (providing they don't exceed their DBPR licensed level, and maintain 6FT social distancing).

1. Cloth face coverings required for certain business operations. Construction jobsites fall under this provision.

The County adopted language from Miami-Dade County's Emergency Order 20-20, which is captured in Alachua County's Emergency Order 2020-21, paragraph 8, titled "Use of face coverings and personal protective equipment". This language is prescriptive (SHALL), not suggestive (should), meaning it is mandatory, unless you can demonstrate that you suffer from a chronic pre-existing medical condition that would exempt you from this provision. For your convenience, here is an excerpt from this section of the emergency order: "Persons working in, or visiting grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, construction sites, public transit vehicles, vehicles for hire, and locations where social distancing measures are not possible shall wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC."

I realize that most jobsites are less than 24-hours from opening, but when they do, this order will be in effect. Per the order, it is effective 12:01AM on Monday, May 4, 2020. While it is unlikely to be fully enforced on Monday morning, it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you have ample cloth face coverings on site, or the materials from which to make them and that you instruct all trades on your site to show up Tuesday, with a cloth face covering. A portion of the CDC website, dedicated to COVID-19, includes recommendations, and instructions, for fabrication of cloth face coverings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. The [cloth face covering DIY](#) is also attached for your convenience. In addition to these DIY masks, other options include gaiters, like you would wear hunting, or fishing. Unless a job-specific task requires respiratory protection, do not use N95 respirator masks for face coverings, as these remain in short supply and should be reserved for healthcare workers.

In closing, we have been, and must continue to be vigilant, and demonstrate to the community at large, that we, as an industry, can continue to be responsible, keeping our employees, their families and the community, safe. With the ability to apply for and be issued permits on all projects, our industry will be among the first to be fully operational and likely under the most scrutiny. To that end, as you have been for the past month, be sure that your jobsites are following OSHA 3990 and that you're using the other resources, provided by BANCf, including the

Jobsite Best Practice Guidelines and the host of other resources available on BANCF's COVID-19 Resources <http://www.banconf.com/member-benefits/COVID-resources.html> page.

God bless and be well.

Bryan Harrington

2020 BANCF President

P.s. While not Star Trek in nature, I enjoy Star Wars as well and so I offer the following: The tide appears to be turning in our battle against COVID-19 and tomorrow (05/04/20), as we enter the first day, of what will be a month's long effort to re-open / re-start the local, state and national economies, I have but one thing to say: May the fourth be with you! If you don't get it, Google-it.

April 29, 2020

Alachua County Permits

Good afternoon and happy Wednesday, April 29, 2020. In a time when there is little good news reported, I am very pleased to share with you all some news that, in fact, is good!

Last Thursday, during our virtual general membership meeting, the panel discussed a wide array of topics, all surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on our industry. One such topic was Alachua County and their interpretation of the Governor's Executive Order (20-91). As of last Thursday, in fact, as of this morning, the County's interpretation allowed for active projects to remain open and that new permits were limited to new residential construction and emergency projects only.

It was mentioned, during the virtual panel discussion, that BANCf staff and volunteer leaders had been lobbying with local and state officials to align the County's interpretation with that of the City of Gainesville, the county's other municipalities, surrounding counties, and many other political subdivisions across the state.

Here's the good news: As a result of those efforts, which included advocacy by Senator Perry and Representative Clemons, earlier today, the County announced that they would, effective immediately, begin issuing permits for ALL projects, residential and commercial, new starts and renovations. Some of you may have already received e-mail notifications to that effect.

This is great news for our industry and for the local economy, as construction is a significant part of both our local and state economies. While I, and others, disagreed with the County's initial interpretation, their position was defensible, as the Governor's Executive Order and its referenced documents, were shades of gray, not black and white.

A major part of the success of our lobbying effort, is the fact that you, the builder and associate (trade) members of the association, have done a great job applying the OSHA 3990 and BANCf Best Practice Guidelines to your jobsites. If it weren't for those efforts, and our ability to demonstrate that we, as an industry, can continue to work, and do so while keeping employees, subcontractors and visitors to our jobsites safe and at a low risk of spreading the virus, no amount of lobbying would have been effective.

To the end, until state and local authorities rescind, or otherwise modify requirements placed on essential businesses, I implore you to continue following COVID-19 jobsite best practices. BANCf's COVID-19 Resource Page has all the latest recommendations, including updated cloth face covering guidelines from the CDC, OSHA 3990 and, of course, the BANCf Best Practice Guidelines. If we hope to keep our industry moving forward, then we must continue to emphasize jobsite best practices that help limit exposure and reduce the opportunity for the virus to spread.

In other good news. The curve is flattening, governments, at every level (global, country, state and county/city) are planning for the phased re-opening of the economy, and the worst-case scenario predicted for the virus' toll on human life appears to have been over-estimated, all of which is good news. Let's do our part to keep the curve flattening, and to demonstrate to the community, by our actions, how individual health and wellness can be preserved at the same time the restraints on the economy are removed.

As always, I wish you all well and pray that this crisis will soon be over. Stay well and God bless.

Bryan Harrington
2020 President, BANCf

April 8, 2020

BANCF - COVID-19 Update (04/08/20)

BANCF Members:

Good afternoon. The last update sent out was Friday evening, and while the sun has risen and set but a few times since, it feels more like weeks...

The purpose of this email is to help get you all up-to-date on the latest. With that said, here is the latest news from the national, state and local levels.

NATIONAL

First, a major component of the CARES Act, the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) went live on Friday with a major uptick in activity early this week. As of yesterday, over 200,000 loans had been processed

Here is one, of many links, that you may find of interest/value: <https://www.zenefits.com/workest/the-list-of-ppp-application-status-among-the-top-100-sba-lenders/>. This is from an HR/Payroll services company (Zenefits) who compiled a list of the Top-100 SBA Lenders with application status and links to their PPP sign-up pages.

We've also [attached](#), and made available on [BANCF's website](#), a resource tool put together by NAHB to help member businesses better understand how to avail themselves of the PPP loan program and the requirements/restrictions.

In all likelihood, demand will exceed supply and the Legislative/Executive branches will hammer out a PPP 2.0. As we learn more about this program, we will make that information available to members.

Bottom line, if you haven't done so already, contact your bank/lender and get in the queue.

STATE

Late Friday, the General Counsel's office of the Governor, provided some clarification on the Governor's Executive Orders 20-91 and 20-92. Based on those responses, from the Governor's office, it became clear that local political subdivisions (i.e., counties and municipalities) could impose stricter orders than that of the Governor.

LOCAL

As such, over the weekend, Alachua County re-evaluated their Emergency Order 2020-12 and, among other things, re-instated the 1/1,000SF occupancy restriction for retailers.

For our industry, [Alachua County](#) is doing the following:

1. Permit applications must be submitted electronically, through the Growth Management [portal](#).
- a. Note, only projects listed under item 3 (below) will be released. All other permits will be processed and held until such time as the Emergency Order is lifted, or revised.
 2. ALL active projects will be allowed to achieve final completion, regardless of the type of project;
 3. New permits will be limited to the following:
 - a. New Homes
 - b. New Multi-family

- c. Emergency Repairs (e.g., Re-roofs, Water Heater Replacements, HVAC Replacements)
- d. Temporary, or Other Construction Directly Related to the COVID-19 Response
 - 4. Inspections will continue (for items 2 and 3 above) either through a virtual inspection, or physical/site inspection. Scheduling inspections should be handled through the County's Growth Management [Permit Tracker](#), or by calling [352-374-5243](tel:352-374-5243) (Option 1).

For Planning and Zoning, at the County-level, the following protocols should be followed:

- 1. Zoning applications can be submitted electronically by emailing a Dropbox, Google Drive or similar file sharing link to jhays@alachuacounty.us
- 2. All administrative zoning applications (lot splits, accessory dwellings, home-based business, etc.) can be emailed to hbanner@alachuacounty.us. For questions, call Holly Banner at [352-384-3184](tel:352-384-3184)

With regard to Development Review, that process, which requires, in many instances, public hearings, has been disrupted. The DRC meeting from April 2, 2020 was canceled and staff is working to determine how/when DRC will resume its regular meeting schedule. If you have a project impacted by the development review process, I encourage you to contact your site/civil engineer, as they will have the most up-to-date information. You can also staff via e-mail.

The [City of Gainesville](#), as of Monday afternoon, began issuing permits for all projects, residential and commercial, new starts and remodels/renovations. It is unknown for how long the City (of Gainesville) will continue to do so, in light of the County's interpretation of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-91. As more information become available, we will let you know.

As for inspections on City (of Gainesville) projects, John Freeland and his team, developed a 2-page protocol document. That document is available on [BANCF's COVID-19 Resources](#) page. For anyone with projects in the City (of Gainesville), use that as a guide when scheduling inspections and preparing your jobsites to receive inspectors, when a virtual inspection is not feasible/possible.

For the other municipalities, I recommend you contact their building departments directly, to better understand how they are handling permitting/inspections. Their websites can be found on the [BANCF's COVID-19 Resources](#) as well.

Note: When recording an NOC, or other documents, you will not be able to go to the counter to do so. Instead, there are two options. The first is to e-Record using one of the Clerk's (5) approved vendors. For information on registering for and using the e-Recording option, visit the [Clerk's e-Recording](#) page. The other option, which the Clerk's office is discouraging, is to use the drive-thru window, located on the south side of the Civil Courthouse. If for some reason, you cannot use the e-Recording option, and choose the drive-thru, a map identifying the location of the drive-thru can be found on [BANCF's COVID-19 Resources](#) page.

Within the past hour, the County released [Emergency Order 20-15](#), which encourages all persons, when outside the home, to wear a cloth facial covering, consistent with CDC guidelines: [Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#). This is NOT mandatory, but is strongly encouraged. That said, as part of BANCF's continuing mission to keep construction activities on-going and to be part of flattening the curve, we recommend that you encourage all field personnel to don face covering. The CDC site has some DIY tips, but fishing/hunting gaiters, or bandanas are a great option as well. Please **DO NOT** use N-95 masks as part of compliance with this guideline. Unless the work performed on your jobsite requires heightened respiratory protections, let's leave the N-95 masks for healthcare workers and first responders.

Closing Remarks

BANCF is coordinating with the state association (FHBA) to seek clarification from the Governor regarding construction as an essential service. The uncertainty we face, coupled with the everchanging rules, are, in some ways, more dangerous than the faceless, invisible enemy that we're all facing. Our hope is that the Governor's office will provide clear, unambiguous guidelines for municipalities and counties to follow, but until then, we must follow the orders, as written/interpreted.

We are also coordinating with the national association (NAHB) to stay up-to-speed on all federal assistance programs as well as on support infrastructure being developed at the national level, for our industry.

Avail yourselves of all the resources BANCF has compiled, contact your lenders to determine whether/how you can take advantage of the PPP loan program, continue to follow OSHA 3990 and BANCF's Jobsite Best Practice Guidelines, and most importantly, keep yourselves, your employees and families safe.

I wish you all the best and pray that this crisis abates (soon) and that we can all return towards normal.

God Bless.

Bryan Harrington
BANCF President, 2020



PS For those of you who made it to the end of this rather long e-mail, I'm providing a [Star Trek themed COVID-19 response tool](#). An NHS approved, Star Trek themed, hand washing technique. Where the CDC guidelines differ you should defer to those recommendations (legal disclaimer), but for a bit of fun, and as a tool to help folks ensure thorough hand washing and up their Star Trek IQ at the same time, feel free to use. You can also go to <https://washyourlyrics.com> to create your own version.

April 3, 2020

Alachua County Emergency Order 2020-13

BANCF Members:

Good evening. You may be wondering why BANCF's communications have been silent for the past 24-hours. Simply put, we were waiting on the County to render an opinion on the Governor's Executive Order 20-91 / 20-92, which was published Wednesday evening. At 2:35 PM today, the County issued [Emergency Order 2020-12](#). This newly adopted Emergency Order supersedes Emergency Order 2020-09 and its amendments. The County has also issued [Emergency Order 2020-13](#) that specifically addresses the use of PPE and that employers must allow employees to wear PPE.

Here are the key takeaways (for our industry):

- a. The County has adopted the Governor's Executive Order 2020-89 and the essential businesses and activities found therein, which include the CISA Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce and Miami-Dade's list, as found in their Emergency Order 07-20.
- a. Existing, on-going, active jobsites can continue.
2. New construction starts are permitted.
3. The list of essential services is subject to change. An updated list is available at floridadisaster.org.
2. All essential businesses shall continue to adhere to OSHA 3990 guidelines.
3. Employees must be permitted to wear their PPE of choice, provided it is not obscene or contains inappropriate messaging.

In addition to the County's newly issued order, which continues to point to OSHA 3990 as the governing guideline for COVID-19 workplace preparations, BANCF has made available additional, supplemental resources, including the BANCF/FHBA COVID-19 Best Practice Guidelines | Construction Jobsites¹, signage templates (available for download), as well as links to other tools and resources (e.g., CDC's Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)). I strongly encourage all builders to implement, where practicable, the best practices developed by BANCF and endorsed by FHBA, and to otherwise avail yourselves of the tools and resources found at [BANCF's COVID-19 Resources and Links](#), a landing page on BANCF's website dedicated to COVID-19.

1 The BANCF Best Practice Guidelines document was developed, and vetted, by a group from the Executive Committee, including representatives from the residential and commercial building sectors, as well as the board's attorney. The document was then transmitted to the BANCF Board of Directors, who in turn, voted to approve its adoption. It was also sent to the state association (FAHB), who reviewed and endorsed the document, allowing us to affix their logo to the document, along with our own.

As you've experienced, the response to the COVID-19 crisis is everchanging. BANCF is in regular communication with state and local officials, monitoring all public message boards, and as new information comes available, we will bring it to your attention. Use [BANCF's COVID-19 landing page](#) as a resource. There you'll find the latest updates from state and county officials, best practice guidelines for jobsites, signage templates, etc.

I pray that each of you, your employees and your families are well and that this invisible enemy is vanquished, and soon. Until then, let's continue to be leaders through this crisis and show our community that we, as an industry, can help keep the local economy moving and that we can keep our employees, subcontractors and vendors safe in so doing.

As I have in all my e-mails I wish you all well and God bless!

Bryan Harrington
BANCF President, 2020



For those of you who have missed by Star Trek references, I thought I'd share a timely quote from Captain James T. Kirk, from TOS Episode 10, "The Corbomite Maneuver":

"You know the greatest danger facing us is ourselves, and irrational fear of the unknown. There is no such thing as the unknown. Only things temporarily hidden, temporarily not understood."

April 1, 2020

Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 2020-91, "Safer in Place"

As you have likely seen, Governor DeSantis has issued Executive Order 2020-91, titled "Safer in Place", which is a statewide stay-at-home order. A copy of the Governor's order can be found on [BANCF's COVID-19 resource page](#). The new order is effective at 12:01 AM on Friday, April 3, 2020.

There are a host of essential businesses exempted from this latest order, and upon first reading, it would appear that construction is deemed essential and therefore exempted. That said, the full impact is being evaluated at the local and state levels and until told otherwise, we continue to operate under the assumption that construction is an essential service.

As new information becomes available, and once the new order is fully understood, by all parties, we will provide an update.

For now, it is business as "usual".

Stay well and God bless.

Bryan Harrington
BANCF President, 2020

March 30, 2020

BANCF COVID-19 Best Practices Guidelines

Good evening:

This is a follow-up to the e-mail sent earlier from BANCF, updating all members on the current state of things, as they pertain to COVID-19.

As you read in that update, the BoCC has adopted OSHA 3990 into their latest Emergency Order and have codified it in such a way as to make it enforceable. It is our understanding that this will be enforced passively, like all other code's enforcement items, meaning they will only investigate violations that have been reported.

In addition to OSHA 3990, which establishes guidelines for preparing your workplaces for COVID-19, BANCF is making available additional, supplemental resources, including the [BANCF/FHBA COVID-19 Best Practice Guidelines | Construction Jobsites](#)¹, signage templates (available for download), as well as links to other tools and resources (e.g., CDC's Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)). [Visit BANCF.com](#).

I would also like to call your attention to paragraph (9)(c) of Alachua County's Emergency Order 2020-09, Amendment No. 2, which went into effect at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 27, 2020. That paragraph speaks directly to commercial and residential construction and confirms that existing, under construction projects will be allowed to achieve final completion however, COMMENCEMENT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NOT PERMITTED (line 4 of that paragraph). Be aware, that the language in this paragraph applies county-wide, including the municipalities.

That paragraph also speaks to phased projects, or multiple building/structure projects. If you have such a project under construction, you may, or may not be able to begin the next phase. To gain approval, you must contact the County's Growth Management Director, who is the person identified as the approval/exemption authority for this provision of the emergency order. This is true for any such project in the unincorporated area. If you have such a project, and it is located within one of the County's nine municipalities, you should reach out to the building official, or growth management director, for that municipality, to clarify what, if any exemption may be required for phased, or multiple building/structure projects.

Lastly, in addition to OSHA 3990, construction jobsites must also meet the following requirement (lines 9-11 of paragraph (9)(c)): All construction sites shall provide appropriate sanitary facilities including cleaning schedule for toilets and handwashing stations. The BANCF Best Practice Guidelines documents has some recommendations for sanitizing temporary toilet facilities. As for handwashing stations, the BANCF website has a link to several options, where a conventionally plumbed sink is not practicable, there are even suggestions for DIY handwash stations. Per the CDC, when a handwashing station is not available, hand sanitizer, with at least 60% alcohol, is acceptable. This exception is offered by the CDC, but the County's order specifically calls out handwashing, so it will likely be handled on a case-by-case basis, should code enforcement be called-out.

I realize that none of this is ideal. The association, with your help, lobbied to keep construction going during this crisis and while we cannot declare an outright victory, we were able to keep a good number of projects active. As for the new construction ban, it will be in effect until the emergency order is lifted/rescinded, a date which is not yet published, or known. Know that we will continue to engage with the BoCC and advocate for the industry. In the days and weeks to come, if we can demonstrate to the policymakers that our industry is serious about, and successful at, containing and/or preventing the further spread of COVID-19, we will have a compelling argument for allowing new projects to break ground.

Thank you for all you're doing. Margie and the staff at BANCF are working tirelessly, on your behalf, to keep us all going strong. Please be sure to show your appreciation to them for all of their hard work.

Thank you and God bless.

Bryan Harrington
BANCF President, 2020

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March 30, 2020

Amendment #2 to Emergency Order 2020-09

BANCF Members:

Good afternoon. Well, quite a bit has transpired since my last e-mail. As you know, the County issued Emergency Order 2020-09, which went into effect at 12:01AM on Tuesday (3/24). Portions of that order were ambiguous and created confusion across several industries, including construction. At an emergency meeting of the County Commission later that same day, the Commission discussed whether or not **ALL** non-healthcare related construction projects should be shut down, or if they should be allowed to achieve final completion.

BANCF lobbied policymakers to exempt ALL active construction projects from the emergency order, allowing them to achieve final completion. After much deliberation, across, and between, two emergency meetings of the County Commission, the County Commission Chair elected to allow active jobsites to remain open, with the requirement that they all follow OSHA 3990-03 2020: Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19. In addition to the guidelines established by OSHA 3990, active jobsites shall, according to the Emergency Order, as amended in Amendment 2, provide appropriate sanitary facilities including cleaning schedule for toilets and handwashing stations. See the Press Release below.

The enforcement mechanism identified was the County's Code Enforcement department and that enforcement would be, like all code enforcement issues, passive, not active. In other words, code enforcement will only investigate after they have received a complaint. To that end, I implore you, in whatever business you operate, be it as a residential, or commercial contractor, or as one of the many other essential businesses identified in the emergency order, to follow OSHA 3990 and its' recommendations.

To the building contractors, a special plea. **If we, as an industry, fail to abide by the guidelines set forth in OSHA 3990, or the supplemental requirements called out in Amendment 2 of the Emergency Order (6)(c), the County Commission will not hesitate to shut us (all) down.** This is not meant as an admonition, simply a call to action. I know many of your companies by reputation and I know many of your personally and I know that we all want the same thing: to keep our employees and contractors safe and employed, and to continue to meet our client's objectives.

To that end, BANCF has launched a COVID-19 page on its website. The web page contains:

- Links (and downloadable PDFs) of Alachua County Emergency Order 2020-09 and subsequent amendments;
- Links (and downloadable PDFs) of OSHA 3990, 3989 and 3993, the latter two being supplemental materials;
- Print-ready signage templates (as downloaded PDFs);
- Links to CDC and OSHA resources, related to COVID-19;

The BANCF COVID-19 site will also feature some creative, out-of-the box solutions to meet some of these recommendations. Take advantage of these resources, follow the guidelines and together, we can keep everyone healthy and fully employed. Our state, nation and the world over need healing from this virus, but we also need to heal our economy. The construction industry is a major component of the economy, so keeping it going will help on both fronts.

In addition to the operational means and methods discussed above, there are also financial considerations to on-going business operations. Last week, Congress passed, and the President subsequently signed into law, the CARES

Act. Contained within that legislation are a number of financial resources for employees / employers. As with any law passed in Washington, DC, the rules making process is where the flesh is added to the skeleton. That is the process currently underway. Your business may, or may not qualify for some, or all of the relief contained in this, and other legislation. I would recommend that you reach out to your lenders, CPA, and/or legal counsel to help you, and your business, navigate the legislation and determine what opportunities may exist for your business(es).

As I've closed many e-mail of late, I want to thank you for your patience, your flexibility, your commitment and for the grace you have been, and will continue to extend during this time of unprecedented crisis.

Best wishes to everyone and God bless.

Bryan Harrington
BANCF President, 2020

Subject: Press Release: Amendment #2 to Emergency Order 2020-09, Gives OSHA Protections to Workers and Clarifies "Gathering" Rules

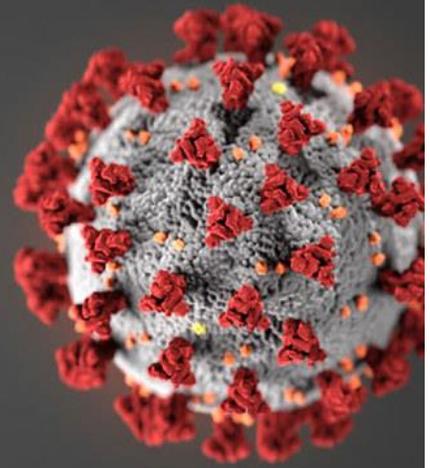
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Amendment #2 to Emergency Order 2020-09, Gives OSHA Protections to Workers and Clarifies "Gathering" Rules

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



March 28, 2020

1:15 p.m.

ALACHUA COUNTY, FL - Amendment #2 to Emergency Order 2020-09, gives OSHA protections to workers and clarifies "gathering" rules. The Amendment also creates an anonymous reporting line (call the 311 Critical Information/Anonymous Report Line) for employees to call when they believe that they are working in unsafe conditions. It also clarifies that religious services are included in the gathering restrictions.

See the new amendment language and the full amended emergency order below:

5. All Essential Businesses and Operations are encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses and Operations shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Emergency Order, including by maintaining a six-foot distance between both employees and members of the public always, including when any customers are standing in line. OSHA guidelines regarding COVID-19 found in publication 3990 shall be followed. <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf> or subsequent rules. Workers shall be educated by employers of the standards and require that standards be present on worksites; and an anonymous telephone report line shall be created for employees who believe that they are being required to work in sub-standard conditions. To the extent that there is a governing body or licensure group that imposes more stringent guidelines than OSHA, then the business shall comply with those requirements. All employers are required to allow their employees to wear personal protective equipment.[1]

16. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive order 20-83 and the Health Advisory by the Surgeon General, all individuals should cease participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 10 people. For all gatherings of fewer than 10 people, individuals should practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other. Groups of 10 or more may be ordered to disperse. This applies to all gatherings, including religious services.

[Read the full Amendment #2 to Emergency Order 2020-09.](#)

Those with questions or concerns about COVID-19, including testing, should call their doctor or the Alachua County Health Department's call center at 352-334-8810. Operators are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (after hours call 352-334-7900). The County's 311 Critical Information Line is also available to answer questions.

For current Coronavirus (COVID-19) information, visit the [Alachua County COVID-19 Community Resource Portal](#), the [Alachua County Facebook page](#), call the Coronavirus Information Line at 866-779-6121, visit the [Florida Department of Health website](#), and the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

For more information, contact Alachua County Communications Director Mark Sexton at 352-264-6979 or msexton@alachuacounty.us.

La Enmienda # 2 a la Orden de Emergencia 2020-09, brinda protecciones de OSHA a los trabajadores y aclara las reglas de "reunión". La Enmienda también crea una línea de denuncia anónima (llame a la Línea de Información Crítica / Informe Anónimo 311) para que los empleados la llamen cuando crean que están trabajando en

condiciones inseguras. También aclara que los servicios religiosos están incluidos en las restricciones de recolección. Vea el nuevo lenguaje de enmienda y la orden de emergencia enmendada a continuación:

5. Se alienta a todos los negocios y operaciones esenciales a permanecer abiertos. En la mayor medida posible, las Empresas y Operaciones Esenciales deberán cumplir con los Requisitos de Distancia Social tal como se definen en esta Orden de Emergencia, incluso manteniendo una distancia de seis pies entre los empleados y los miembros del público siempre, incluso cuando algún cliente esté en la cola. Se deben seguir las pautas de OSHA con respecto a COVID-19 que se encuentran en la publicación

3990. <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf> o reglas posteriores. Los empleadores deberán educar a los trabajadores sobre las normas y exigir que las normas estén presentes en los lugares de trabajo; y se creará una línea telefónica anónima para los informes de los empleados que creen que están obligados a trabajar en condiciones inferiores a las estándar. En la medida en que exista un organismo rector o grupo de licencia que imponga pautas más estrictas que OSHA, la empresa deberá cumplir con esos requisitos. Todos los empleadores deben permitir que sus empleados usen equipo de protección personal. [1]

16. De conformidad con la orden Ejecutiva 20-83 del Gobernador y el Aviso de Salud del Cirujano General, todas las personas deben dejar de participar en reuniones sociales o recreativas de más de 10 personas. Para todas las reuniones de menos de 10 personas, las personas deben practicar el distanciamiento social manteniendo una distancia de al menos seis pies entre sí. Se puede ordenar que grupos de 10 o más se dispersen. Esto se aplica a todas las reuniones, incluidos los servicios religiosos.

[Lea la Enmienda # 2 completa a la Orden de Emergencia 2020-09.](#)

Aquellos que tengan preguntas o inquietudes sobre COVID-19, incluidas las pruebas, deben llamar a su médico o al centro de llamadas del Departamento de Salud del Condado de Alachua al 352-334-8810. Los operadores están disponibles de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m., de lunes a viernes (después del horario de atención llame al 352-334-7900). La línea de información crítica 311 del condado también está disponible para responder preguntas.

Para obtener información actual sobre Coronavirus (COVID-19), visite el [Portal de Recursos Comunitarios COVID-19 del Condado de Alachua](#), la [página de Facebook del Condado de Alachua](#), llame a la Línea de Información sobre Coronavirus al 866-779-6121, visite el [sitio web del Departamento de Salud de Florida](#) y el [Centro para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades \(CDC\)](#).

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Comunicaciones del Condado de Alachua, Mark Sexton, al 352-264-6979 o msexton@alachuacounty.us.

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in a County program, service or public meeting, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at (352)374-5275 at least 2 business days prior to the event. TTY users, please call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

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March 25, 2020

UPDATE | Alachua County Emergency Order 2020-09 - Construction

All:

Good morning.

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Along those lines, the County's Growth Management Director, Missy Daniels, sent the following clarification to Margie this morning and has asked that we share with all of our members:

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BANCF continues to work with our peers at the County and City, to ensure that the construction industry can continue operating and that everyone involved can do so safely.

As for the other municipalities, we understand that, like the City of Gainesville, they will continue to review plans and issue permits and inspection protocols will vary by AHJ, inspection-type and site specific conditions. Please contact the AHJ's building official directly, if clarification is needed.

As more details emerge, in these everchanging times, we will share with you all.

I wish you all the best and hope that you, your employees, vendors and families are all well and know that together, we will work to overcome the unexpected challenge.

God bless.

Bryan Harrington
BANCF President, 2020



March 24, 2020

BANCF | Call to Action - COVID-19 and Alachua County BOCC Executive Order 2020-09A

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