

**ADMINISTRATOR ORDER NUMBER 20-06**

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ORDER CONFIRMING NO STAY  
AT HOME ORDER HAS BEEN DIRECTED**

**WHEREAS**, Declarations of Emergency to institute measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have been issued by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Florida, and the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health experts have consistently recommended avoiding close physical interaction between people in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, and on March 15, 2020, the U. S. Centers for Disease Control amended their social distancing guidelines to suggest limiting any in-person gatherings to 50 people or less; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued Coronavirus Guidelines for America recommending avoidance of gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorizes Hillsborough County to declare a state of local emergency, and further authorizes Hillsborough County to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 22, Article 2, Section 22-22, Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws (Hillsborough County Emergency Management Ordinance), and the Hillsborough County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan delegates authority to declare a state of local emergency to the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 22-22, of the Hillsborough County Code, specifically authorizes the Emergency Policy Group with the power to declare that a state of emergency exists; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group declared a state of local emergency in response to a County wide threat from the COVID-19 Virus for all of Hillsborough County, which local emergency was extended for another seven day period on March 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group delegated to the County Administrator, the emergency management powers of the Emergency Policy Group, as set out in Section 22-23 of the Hillsborough County Emergency Management Ordinance, not already implemented by this Order, are hereby delegated to the County Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the rapidly-evolving nature of the spread of COVID-19, particularly the imminent threat posed by close social interaction, and pursuant to the authority vested by Florida Statutes, Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances and Laws, by Executive Order of the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group, the following Hillsborough County Administrator Order is being issued.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL MERRILL**, as County Administrator, by virtue of the authority vested in me, promulgate the following Administrator Order to take effect immediately:

1. Pursuant to the discussions which took place at the Emergency Policy Group meeting of March 23, 2020 the vote by the Group to not institute a Stay-at-Home Order at this time, and in order to ensure unity of action throughout the county, I am confirming that decision by directing that no Stay-at-Home order shall be applicable in any portion of Hillsborough County until further direction by the Emergency Policy Group, unless as may be necessary under my delegated authority.

**EXECUTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Michael S. Merrill  
Hillsborough County Administrator

**I, PAT FRANK**, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Hillsborough County Administrator Order 20-06 Confirming No Stay at Home Order has been Directed has been filed with this office as an attachment to the Executive Order adopted by the Emergency Policy Group of Hillsborough County on March 12, 2020 and extended on March 19, 2020.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2020.

PAT FRANK  
Clerk of Circuit Court

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency