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COVID-19 OPERATIONS NOTICE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the Government’s leading public health institute. On March 15, 2020, the CDC issued an interim guidance alert regarding large events and mass gatherings that can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States. In its guidance statement, it has recommended that for the next several weeks, organizers should cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more.

The County Mayor has also publicly encouraged social distancing amongst his own senior staff and requested that all County departments and agencies should attempt to determine as many work-from-home possibilities as are feasible. Local governments are working to balance the need to continue to provide services to their constituents while limiting the potential for COVID-19 spread.

For all these reasons, for the two-week period from March 16, 2020 to March 30, 2020, the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust will be altering its daily operations.

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE) regularly hosts training events attended by more than 50 persons in the County’s Board of County Commission Chambers, the Main Library, COE staff offices and at municipal facilities throughout Miami-Dade County, in partnership with other local government officials. As a health precaution, and to protect our trainees and staff, the Ethics Commission is cancelling the following training sessions:

- County Advisory Board Training: March 18th, 2020, at COE Staff Offices
- Clean Campaign Practices Training, March 24th, 2020, at Village of Pinecrest
- County Ethics Officers Training, March 24th, 2020, at County Commission Chambers
- County Lobbyist Ethics and Ethics Refresher Training: March 26th and 31st, 2020, at County Commission Chambers

Most staff will be working remotely for the two-week period. Staff will be remotely monitoring and responding to telephone and on-line requests for ethics guidance as if received at their County work spaces. Ethics Department staff will be expected to comply with all their work assignments and duties as if they were operating out of their County work spaces under regular working conditions. For those persons who require our assistance, the only difference that they should note is that most appointments or meetings that would have ordinarily taken place face-to-face at our offices or in the field will now take place by telephone unless alternative arrangements have been made by the parties involved.

Thank you for continuing to engage with the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust and keep yourselves and your loved ones safe.