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Dear Pembroke Pines Residents,

We recognize that this is an unsettling time for our community, country and globally as we continue to deal with COVID-19 and its health and economic impact. I am extremely proud of how you are reacting to this situation and your patience and understanding as changes continue to evolve regarding openings, closings, cancellations and safety guidelines.

Your well-being and safety is and always will be a top priority, which is why I'd like to take this moment to stress the importance of remaining vigilant in your efforts to slow the spread and combat this deadly illness.

Please continue to follow Broward County Emergency Order restrictions. You must adhere to requirements for social distancing and the wearing of facial coverings. If you feel vulnerable, it is safer for you to stay at home.

The CDC recommends and Broward Emergency Orders require all residents and visitors, unless otherwise exempted, to wear a facial covering in public, and to wear it properly over the nose and mouth. Disposable face masks and gloves are not recyclable and must be disposed of properly. Please practice social distancing by staying at least six feet from other people. Do not gather in groups and please stay out of crowded places. The elderly and those with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable to COVID-19.

While we encourage you to patronize our local businesses, please adhere to the guidelines which include observing responsible personal hygiene, social distancing and the business' requirements for remaining open. Please wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your face. If you are sick, stay at home.

You can find resource information, guidelines and emergency orders at [broward.org/coronavirus](http://broward.org/coronavirus), on the Florida Department of Health and CDC websites, and on [ppines.com/coronavirus](http://ppines.com/coronavirus).

As we continue to navigate through these challenging times, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of a strong community that supports each other and accomplishes great things. It is the power of our community that will ultimately propel us through this to better times.

If you ever need to reach out to me, please email me at [fortis@ppines.com](mailto:fortis@ppines.com) or call my office at 954-450-1020. Please be safe.

Sincerely,

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