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PRESS RELEASE

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**FLPD'S STATEMENT  
ON CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)**

**UPDATED 3.24.20:** The Fort Lauderdale Police Department remains committed to processing public records requests throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. To minimize the risk of exposure to both the public and Records Unit employees, the public is encouraged to present their requests either by telephone or by email.

In the event that a public records request needs to be submitted or retrieved in-person at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, an appointment will now be required. To make an appointment or to make a request by phone, please call (954) 828-5465. To submit an electronic public records request, please email [PublicRecords@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@fortlauderdale.gov).

Additionally, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department is suspending Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) verification services in addition to the other below listed services.

Per the Declaration of Emergency Regulations, these measures are in effect until Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. For the latest updates and current information, please visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus).

**UPDATED 3.20.20:** In an abundance of caution and to minimize the risk of exposure, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department is modifying its Evidence Unit hours. Until further notice, the Evidence Unit will be open to the public on Mondays, by appointment only. To make an appointment with the Evidence Unit, please call (954) 828-5450.

**ORIGINAL 3.13.20:** The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is closely monitoring the development of coronavirus (COVID-19). On Friday afternoon, the Mayor of the City Fort Lauderdale signed a Declaration of Emergency Regulations.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is taking necessary precautions for the safety and well-being of the community we serve. Preventative measures are now in place to reduce the risk of exposure to you, your loved ones and our first responders.

In an abundance of caution, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be suspending the following services for the next 30 days:

- Fingerprinting Services
- Ride-Alongs
- Use of/access to police facilities (with the exception of the police station lobby)
- Attendance at Homeowners'/Civic Association meetings

- Community engagement activities

In the event of an emergency, or of a crime in-progress, please continue to call 911. Responding officers may take extra precautions such as, wearing personal protective equipment and avoiding physical contact (e.g., handshakes and high-fives).

In non-emergency incidents, where an in-person interaction is required, officers may encourage these interactions to take place outdoors. Additionally, the police department lobby will remain open to the public. In lieu of visiting the lobby, those reporting non-emergency incidents are encouraged to call 954-764-HELP (4357) and make a report via phone.

During the next few weeks, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department asks for your understanding as this information is subject to change. Updates will be provided as they become available.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Records Unit, Evidence Unit and the police department lobby will maintain normal operating hours.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is committed to remaining vigilant in our service to our neighbors and visitors.

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