



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SPRING BREAK 2022

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is gearing up to welcome thousands of Spring Breakers to Fort Lauderdale over the few weeks.

Spring Break 2022 is expected to begin Friday, March 4th and will continue through Sunday, April 3rd. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department encourages all visitors and local residents to educate themselves of the City of Fort Lauderdale's municipal ordinances and special event procedures.

Ordinances

Below are some municipal ordinances relevant to Spring Break. More information can be found at: https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale. The public is reminded that a violation of any of these ordinances may result in an arrest or the issuance of a Notice to Appear before a judge:

- **Possessing/serving/giving an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21**
- **Refusing to leave or returning to an establishment after being warned**
- **Possessing or displaying fraudulent identification card**
- **Possessing an open container of alcohol within a public place which is not an enclosed structure**
- **Causing a public disturbance while intoxicated**
- **Engaging in physical fighting or in violent, threatening behavior**
- **Public indecency; exposing sexual organs or female's breasts**

In addition, the following measures will be enforced while on beach property from the 900 block of Seabreeze north to the 1700 block of North A1A. Pursuant to City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance C-19-03, Sec. 8-55.5, beach property is defined as the area between the water line and the westernmost sidewalk of State Road A1A within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

- **The prohibition of tents, tables, and similar structures**
- **The limitation of live or amplified music**
- **NO ALCOHOL: Prohibition of possessing or consuming alcohol on the public beach property.**

The public should also note, electric or motorized scooters and other dockless mobility programs are prohibited on the barrier island during Spring Break (March 4th to April 3rd).

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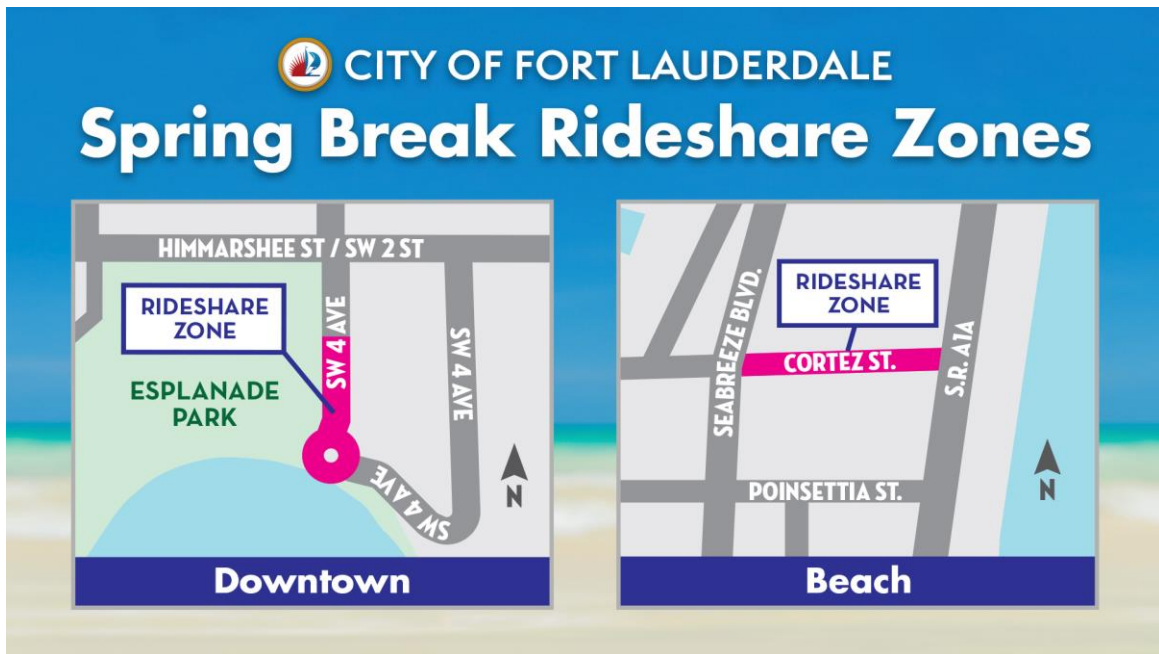


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Rideshares

Designated pick up/drop off locations will be established for the duration of Spring Break on Fort Lauderdale Beach and along Southwest 2nd Street in downtown. Rideshare drivers are encouraged to utilize these designated locations to avoid receiving a traffic citation. All rideshare drivers are strictly prohibited from stopping along State Road A1A.



(Map: Downtown: SW 4th Ave., south of SW 2nd St. | Beach: Cortez St., west of A1A)

When using rideshare platforms, remember to always check your ride before getting in. We've partnered with Uber to share steps to help make sure you're getting into the right car, with the right driver:

- 1: Match the license plate number with the app
- 2: Match the car make & model with the app
- 3: Check the driver's photo in the app

To read more about Check Your Ride steps, visit <https://www.uber.com/newsroom/check-your-ride/>

It's important to know the safety features of the apps. Learn more about Uber's rider safety features in this helpful video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_OE-NGIzhc



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Fort Lauderdale AssisTENT

For the first time, Fort Lauderdale Police and Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue are teaming up to create a resource for anyone who may need assistance while they're visiting Fort Lauderdale. You'll find these "AssisTents", staffed by Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, during peak hours on Fort Lauderdale Beach as well as in the downtown entertainment area.



We encourage anyone who may be in an uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situation to seek assistance at one of these tents. This resource is a no-questions-asked opportunity to be evaluated by medical personnel and/or be connected to a police officer if further assistance is required. Our top priority is the safety and security of all Fort Lauderdale residents and visitors.

Bar Watch

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Bar Watch program is a network of people, including bar staff and police officers, who know how to identify and act upon potentially troublesome situations.

How to reduce your risk of sexual assault (tips from the Nancy J. Cotterman Center):

- Travel in a group. Check in with each other and leave together. Don't be isolated.
- Trust your instincts. If a situation feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably is.
- Watch your drink. Never leave it unattended. Don't accept drinks from strangers.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Know what is going on around you.
- Don't feel obligated. Don't do anything you don't want to or feel uncomfortable about.
- Keep your cell phone accessible. And fully charged.

General Information

Due to the increase in visitors, motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes or modes of transportation (i.e. public transportation or bicycling) to avoid heavy traffic congestion and delays.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department anticipates a fun-filled Spring Break for those who visit and reside within our city. The public is encouraged to follow us on Twitter (@FtLauderdalePD) for important public safety and traffic information.

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