



MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONER DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA
DISTRICT 8

TO: Mayor Carlos Gimenez,
And members, Miami-Dade Board of
County Commissioners

DATE: February 27, 2020

FROM: Honorable Daniella Levine Cava
Commissioner, District 8

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Virus

Daniella Levine Cava

On Wednesday, February 26, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced what may be the first instance of a case of COVID-19, a coronavirus, in the U.S. that has yet to be linked to overseas travel or any other known cause.

In light of this news and CDC's statement warning of a potential "community spread" of the virus, I am requesting a full briefing before the Board of County Commissioners from the Florida Department of Health and the County on the precautionary measures being taken to prevent further spread. In addition, the CDC is urging the U.S. to start preparing for the possibility of "major disruptions" to everyday life.

As elected officials, it is critical that we have answers to the following questions:

- What are the available resources at the State and County levels? What additional resources are needed?
- How are our hospitals, clinics and other health services preparing to screen, detect, and treat infected individuals and those who may have had contact?
- What are the steps the County is taking to educate and inform the public? What are the precautions that individuals and families should be taking at this time?

The public must be informed about the County's response and preparedness planning. The need to act swiftly and proactively is a must to protect the health and safety of all Miami-Dade County residents. I look forward to your prompt response. I have requested that a discussion on this issue be held during the next full meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

C: Dr. Yesenia Diaz Villalta, Administrator, Fl. Department of Health in Miami-Dade County
Abigail Price-Williams, County Attorney
Geri Bonzon-Keenan, Assistant County Attorney
Linda Cave, Clerk of the Board