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Dear Miami-Dade County Employees:

Following today's announcement by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Broward County Public Schools that they will close starting Monday to avoid the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19, we will be as flexible as possible to accommodate the needs of employees with school kids.

For employees with children who are finalizing childcare plans and can't come to work on Monday, please contact your supervisor.

You may use accrued leave on Monday for this purpose.

Additional information will be provided to employees by close of business Monday as we explore all available options.

I realize that you and our entire community, state and nation are grappling with the emergency actions being taken by governments at all levels to stem the spread of this virus.

I want to reiterate that the at-risk group for severe reactions to COVID-19 are our senior citizens and anyone with serious medical conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes and cancer.

Health officials report that in 80 percent of COVID-19 cases, the symptoms are mild, 15 percent are serious and 3 percent are critical.

Please continue to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to wash your hands and practice "social distancing" in crowded areas.

Thank you for all you do to help our 2.8 million residents.

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