Dear Miami-Dade County family,

I hope you and your loved ones are in good health and spirits as we head into the holiday season ahead. Since I took office less than a month ago, my number one priority has remained the health and well-being of all our Miami-Dade residents and employees, as we continue to navigate this crisis as a community. How far we have already come and all that we have done to care for each other, especially our most vulnerable, is a direct testament to your work and dedication.

I do believe we are entering the final stretch of this difficult period, as we prepare to begin vaccine distribution in the not-too-distant future. As our Chief Medical Officer Dr. Peter Paige said, there is a light at the end of this dark tunnel. But we still face challenging times ahead, and we must remain vigilant to get to the other side of the pandemic.

Miami-Dade County is currently responsible for over 25% of all new cases in the state of Florida. With our local positivity rate nearing the 10% threshold, it's important that we all do our part to slow the spread of the virus. I am asking that all Miami-Dade County employees whose jobs can be conducted from home to continue working remotely, unless instructed otherwise by your department. For all those in roles that can't be done remotely, please continue to wear your masks, social distance where you can, and follow other public health precautions to protect yourself and others. (Remember that masks are still required in public under the state of emergency.)

This week I was proud to launch a community-wide **#WeCanWeWill** campaign aimed at sharing positive messages about how to slow the spread of the virus, and uplifting stories about residents and businesses going above and beyond to protect others. Learn more about the campaign and find graphics and materials you can share here.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank each and every one of you for serving our residents despite these unprecedented circumstances and challenges in your own lives. These hard times have shown our community the best in all of us, and our County family has risen to the task time and time again to continue providing excellent services to all Miami-Dade residents.

Yours in service,

Mayor Daniella