



CITY OF KEY WEST

STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 2020-15

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and causes symptoms similar to those of influenza and, in some cases, cause death; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives political subdivisions the authority to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order Number 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); in Florida; and on that same date, the State Health Officer and Surgeon General issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency, stating that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of declared a State of Emergency because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, at 3:15 p.m. the City of Key West declared a State of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has since issued guidance entitled encouraging social distancing and maintaining a 6-foot separation between residents to slow the spread of infection and to avoid large and small gatherings in private places and public spaces of more than ten (10) people; and for individuals to cover their mouths and noses with a cloth face cover when around others, including when they have to go out in public; and

WHEREAS, the CDC strongly advises that reopening of communities include full observance of the social distancing, facial covering, and sanitation requirements stated in the CDC Guidelines in order to minimize the risk of a dramatic increase in infections that might overwhelm the available public health resources and require reclosure of amenities and businesses; and

WHEREAS, in various executive orders, culminating with his order dated April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis closed all non-essential businesses and suspended all short-term vacation rentals in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-123, to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on May 18, 2020, extending, and supplementing prior executive orders, allowing certain types of businesses to operate under certain conditions, and allowing local government to implement additional restrictions and measures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, political subdivisions are authorized and empowered to make, amend, and rescind such orders and rules as are necessary for emergency management purposes and to supplement the carrying out of the provisions of Sections 252.31-252.90, Florida Statutes, such orders and rules have full force and effect of law, and all existing laws, ordinances, and rules inconsistent with any order or rule issued under the authority of such statute shall be suspended during the period of time and to the extent that such conflict exists; and

WHEREAS, the City has issued fourteen emergency directives as the enactment of the local state of emergency undertaken pursuant to Florida Statutes permits the City of Key West to take whatever action is necessary to insure the health, safety and welfare of the community including Emergency Directive 20-03 which closed attractions and activities operating within the City of Key West which support social gatherings of 10 or more people in a limited area; and

WHEREAS, mitigating the effects of COVID-19 and protecting the health of its citizens and visitors is a high priority of the City of Key West and minimization of social contact is necessary to avoid risk of COVID-19 infection for citizens and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, City of Key West and Monroe County COVID-19 hospitalizations and illnesses have stabilized and have declined, the City is allowing for certain activities and services to resume; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled, and that residents in the City of Key West remain safe and secure and that any re-opening promotes business operation and economic recovery while maintaining focus on core safety principals.

NOW THEREFORE, as Mayor and City Manager of the City of Key West, we hereby order the following:

A. This Directive supersedes and replaces City of Key West Directive 2020-06.

B. Except for immediate family members and members in the same group, all individuals shall maintain at least six feet of distance between them. Immediate family members are defined as individual and spouse, domestic partner, parents, children, or legal guardians who reside in the same household, and inclusive of children whose custody is shared between two parents in different households;

C. All public recreational facilities, beaches and parks within the City of Key West previously authorized to open under City of Key West Emergency Directive 2020-06 shall remain open. In addition, the following amenities will also reopen:

1. All playgrounds;
2. All restrooms at such facilities;
3. Public Pools and Splash Pads;

4. Basketball courts; and
5. Tennis Courts.

D. Organized sporting activities may seek approval to commence operations on any City-owned public recreational facility by submitting a safety plan to:

Marcus Davila- madavila@cityofkeywest-fl.gov; pmclauchlin@cityofkeywest-fl.gov

E. As a reminder, alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all public recreational facilities, parks and beaches.

F. Any individual who violates this directive is also subject to the charges, fines and penalties in Section G.

G. This Emergency Directive shall be enforced under section 252.47, Florida Statutes. Violation of this order is a second-degree misdemeanor pursuant to section 252.50, Florida Statutes, and is punishable by imprisonment not to exceed 60 days, a fine not to exceed \$500, or both.

H. The provisions of this Directive shall serve as minimum standards in conjunction with all Emergency Directives and Executive Orders previously issued and remain in force and effect unless modified or superseded. In the event of any conflict, the more restrictive measure shall control. If any provision herein, or portion thereof, is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this directive shall continue in full force and effect.

I. The City Manager or his designee shall immediately close any beach, park or recreational facility where individuals fail to maintain appropriate physical distancing. The City Manager or his designee may also prohibit any individual from utilizing the facilities who fails to physical distance or abide by any other promulgated Order, Directive, ordinance or law. Violation of this order may also result in a second-degree misdemeanor as provided by law.

J. All individuals shall also abide the most recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for social distancing. In the event of conflict between this directive and the CDC guidelines, the more restrictive guidance shall control.

K. The conditions specified herein shall be assessed daily and this directive shall remain in effect until superseded, repealed or upon expiration of the local state of emergency, including any extensions thereof.

L. This Emergency Directive is effective immediately.

Signed 
Teri Johnston, Mayor, City of Key West

Date: 8-3-20

Time: 3:02 Pm

Signed 
Gregory W. Veliz, Manager, City of Key West

Date: 6.3.20

Time: 3:05 p.m.