



CITY OF KEY WEST

STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 2020-05

IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND SEPARATION REQUIREMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED OR REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE INFECTED WITH COVID-19

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

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, 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;

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidance entitled "15 Days to Slow the Spread," encouraging social distancing and maintaining a 6-foot separation between residents to slow the spread of infection and that event and/or social gatherings of groups of more than 10 people. This guidance was extended for an additional 30 days on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has issued three 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;

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, 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

WHEREAS, the City closed all non-essential business on March 21, 2020 pursuant to Emergency Directive 2020-03 and now believes additional measures should be instituted for certain remaining essential business to further protect the public's health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Desantis executed Executive Orders 20-91 and 20-92 resulting in a state-wide "Safer at Home Order"; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending that people should wear cloth face masks in public areas where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain and where significant community-based transmission of the coronavirus is occurring.

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

1. All essential businesses shall deploy strategies to reduce COVID-19 exposure for their customers and employees including, at a minimum, the following measures effective at 12:00 am on April 7, 2020:

a. Limit capacity and monitor entrances and exits to reduce their maximum occupancy load by 50%. Businesses that have multiple entrances and exits shall establish a protocol of entrance only and exit only points.

b. Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers for use by customers and employees, subject to availability of supplies.

c. Provide disinfecting wipes at points of entrance, cash registers, and/or other appropriate locations, subject to availability of supplies, for customers to disinfect carts, shopping baskets, or point of sale terminals. In the alternative, essential businesses shall designate staff responsible for disinfecting carts, shopping baskets point of sale terminals, and other areas as frequently as possible.

d. Implement procedures to ensure that both employees and customers remain at least six feet apart at all times. Such procedures shall include, but are not limited to, marking floors at appropriate intervals, or providing other visible systems to allow persons to maintain proper social distancing.

e. Close all salad bars and other self-serve food stations.

f. Refrain from distributing free samples or conducting tastings.

g. Implement procedures for custodial/janitorial staff to sanitize frequent touchpoints throughout the day, including point of sale terminals at registers, conveyor belts, door handles, door plates, shelves, and other appropriate locations.

h. Comply with the additional requirements and guidelines with respect to the use of personal protective equipment, as set forth below in Section 2.

2. Covering of Nose and Mouth.

a. Except as provided herein, effective at 12:00 am on April 7, 2020, all employees and customers of grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, food distribution points, hardware stores and any other essential businesses where 10 or more people may be present at the same time, even while social distancing, shall be required to wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth at all times while inside such essential business. All individuals providing delivery services shall wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth while making deliveries.

b. A covering over the nose and mouth may include a face mask, homemade mask, or other cloth covering, such as a scarf, bandana, handkerchief or other similar cloth covering.

c. In addition to the requirements applicable to the essential business identified in subparagraph a above, all essential businesses are strongly encouraged to wear a form of covering over the nose and mouth as described above.

d. All essential businesses are strongly encouraged to implement policies for employees to use other personal protective equipment, such as gloves, subject to the availability of such items.

e. The requirements of this Section shall not apply to any outdoor activity permitted under any applicable City, County, or State order, except as provided herein with respect to persons providing delivery services.

f. Nothing herein shall operate to restrict any employee or customer from accessing any essential retail or commercial establishment to address any emergency or other exigent circumstance, even if a covering over the nose and mouth is not readily accessible at the time of such emergency or other exigent circumstance.

g. Medical and surgical face masks, such as "N95" masks or other similar medical or surgical masks are in short supply and should be reserved for health care personnel and other first responders with the greatest need for such personal protective equipment. Persons are encouraged to review and comply with the CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines on personal protective equipment, including with respect to the use of a medical or surgical face mask, such as an "N95" mask or other similar medical or surgical mask.

3. Effective immediately upon signing below, any person who has been diagnosed, or is reasonably believed to have been infected, with COVID-19 shall separate themselves from all individuals who are not infected to prevent the possible spread of the disease. Such individual shall continue to isolate themselves until a health care professional and the state or local Department of Health certifies they do not pose a risk of transmission to others.

4. This Directive does not affect or limit the operations of the City of Key West, any public utility, the Monroe County School District, or any County, State or Federal office or facility, except that such entities shall abide by the restriction of any County, municipal, State or Federal emergency order, as applicable.

5. The provisions of this Directive shall serve as minimum standards.

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

Signed 
Teri Johnston, Mayor, City of Key West

Signed 
Greg Veliz, Manager, City of Key West

Date: 4/5/20

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Time: 4:25 Pm

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