

County of Monroe
The Florida Keys



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MONROE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 20-02

March 20, 2020

SUBJECT: CLOSING OF THE KEYS TO VISITORS

WHEREAS, the Mayor declared a State of Local Emergency on Sunday, March 15, 2020, in order for the County to take actions to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the acceleration of the number of cases of COVID-19 in the neighboring counties and the high volume of traffic between Monroe County and the mainland of Florida; and

WHEREAS, that declaration and Section 11-3 of the Monroe County Code vest the Emergency Management Director with the authority to issue emergency directives; and

WHEREAS, in the interests of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors to Monroe County, it is:

ORDERED that

1. The Florida Keys are closing to all tourists and leisure visitors.
2. Effective immediately, no lodging establishment shall accept reservations until further notice, including extensions to current reservations.
3. Effective Sunday March 22, 2020 at 6 p.m., all hotels, short term (as defined as less than 28 days) vacation rentals, and other transient rentals to include marinas, RV parks, and time shares shall cease renting to tourists for 14 days. This ban shall not apply to rentals to transitory military personnel, first responders, health care workers, construction workers actively engaged in projects in the County, and others engaged in formal business in the Florida Keys.
4. Per F.S. 252.46(2), this order shall take effect immediately upon being filed with the Monroe County Clerk.

Signed:


Shanda Weiner, Emergency Management Director

Date: March 20, 2020 Time: 11:00am

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency in advance.

Robert B. Shillinger, Monroe County Attorney

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