

City of Key Colony Beach

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KCB Emergency Directive (2020-02) -- June 5, 2020

Today Mayor DeNeale, in consultation with City Administrator Moonis, is issuing the following Emergency Directive (2020-02) to make a more specific COVID-19 emergency order than Monroe County for Key Colony Beach. This is intended for the benefit of both our Residents and Guests. This directive supports Governor Ron DeSantis' Phase 2 initiative for reopening of Florida (Executive Order 20-139, which moves the State of Florida into Phase 2 of the "Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery.")

This KCB Emergency Directive orders all persons entering a City-owned facility are required to wear masks entering and while doing business in those City facilities.

This KCB Executive Order supports KCB Businesses to strongly encourage their staff and customers to wear facemasks during time in their respective businesses.

The reasoning behind the order is:

1. Limited medical facilities in the Keys;
 - a. Two emergent care hospitals and one temporary emergent care hospital,
 - b. Limited isolation beds in the Keys,
 - c. Our medical is sized for our Resident population of around 76,000;
2. We are 34% short term rentals, a very high percentage of our homes;
3. Our population is an average age of 63, bordering on the most at-risk population;
4. We do not know when this pandemic will peak and be well-controlled;
5. Miami Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties are still in phase one. Their beaches are closed along with other restrictions that would invite their residents to come to the Keys for relief;
6. We are about to invite many vacation renters to the first full week of the summer rental season in our close to 500 rental homes in KCB. Most will come from South Florida.
7. Stronger restrictions we had in place have kept us healthier than most tourist heavy counties
8. We are all for opening our economy, but as we learn more about COVID 19 we are seeing more studies that support wearing masks in public as the top way to stop the spread of the virus.
9. We are asking each of you to take it upon yourselves to wear a mask in public establishments and ask each of our businesses to require them of customers and staff.

As to inconsistencies between Monroe County Directives or Orders, the City's directive above shall control in the City of Key Colony Beach.

Violation of these orders are punishable with penalties or fines. Code enforcement will continue to educate businesses in violation before reporting to KCB Police.

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All persons in Florida are still encouraged to follow appropriate social distancing and safety protocols issued by the CDC and OSHA. The Governor's order also continues to say that senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions avoid crowds and that congregating in groups of more than 50 is discouraged. The State of Florida's Executive orders can be found at www.flgov.com as well as on Monroe County's COVID-19 response page at www.monroecountyem.com/covid19.

The above directed will be filed with Monroe County Clerk on Monday, June 8, 2020.



John DeNeale, Mayor



Date