

NASSAU COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2
(Emergency Management – COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the County issued Executive Order Number 1 which restricted vehicular access to beach areas and camping on the beach; and

WHEREAS, the County is concerned with increased pedestrian traffic and gatherings on the unincorporated beach; and

WHEREAS, the recent closure of beaches in Duval County, Georgia and the City of Fernandina Beach will increase pedestrian traffic on Nassau County beaches and present potential health issues; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Nassau County residents and their use of the beach is the primary concern; and

WHEREAS, the increased pedestrian traffic, due to other beach closures, presents an enforcement issue as to gatherings and other CDC, Gubernatorial and Presidential guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, MICHAEL S. MULLIN, as Nassau County Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Local State of Emergency and County Emergency Management Plan and with the consent of the Emergency Management Director, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Effective at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2020, the beaches within the unincorporated areas of Nassau County will be closed. This closure bans all pedestrian traffic, vehicular traffic and horse traffic, except for law enforcement, emergency and turtle patrol personnel and vehicles, or individuals and vehicles deemed necessary by the County Manager

Section 2. The parking areas at Peter’s Point, Burney Park, Scott Road and the “Dunes Club” parking areas will be closed effective 6:00 a.m. on March 22, 2020.

Section 3. Any person on the beach after 6:00 a.m. on March 22, 2020, except law enforcement, emergency and turtle patrol personnel, or personnel deemed necessary by the County Manager, will be asked to leave the beach. Failure to leave the beach will be considered a trespass, pursuant to Florida Statute, and subject the violator to a second-degree misdemeanor.

Section 4. Any vehicle parked in the aforementioned parking areas after 6:00 a.m. on March 22, 2020, shall be removed from the parking areas. Failure to remove the vehicle will be considered a trespass and subject the driver or operator to the penalty of a second-degree misdemeanor and the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense.

Section 5. "Beach" is considered, for purposes of this Order, to mean the sandy wet portions of the Atlantic Ocean beach in the unincorporated areas of Nassau County.

Section 6. This Executive Order shall expire at the expiration of the declaration of the Local State of Emergency.

DATED this 21st day of March, 2020.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



MICHAEL S. MULLIN
County Manager

CONSENT:



GREG FOSTER
Emergency Management Director