

NASSAU COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 1
(Emergency Management – COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Orders pursuant to the State Declared Emergency, that address actions as to activities within the State; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a National State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners declared a Local Emergency pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager and Emergency Management Director have determined that access to the beach areas and beach activities should be restricted; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control should be followed; and

WHEREAS, beach access and activity restrictions are necessary for the public health and welfare during the term of the declared COVID-19 emergency.

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 11:00 a.m. today, no additional vehicular traffic shall access any beach areas in the unincorporated areas of Nassau County. Vehicles on the beach areas, as of

11:00 a.m., may remain on the beach areas until 5:00 p.m., today. Once the vehicle exits the beach, re-entry is not allowed.

Section 2. The beach access points will have barriers placed at the access points and the Sheriff's Deputies will supervise, with assistance from County employees, access and exit points onto and off the beach.

Section 3. All motor vehicles shall exit the beach areas, in the unincorporated areas of Nassau County, today, on or before 5:00 p.m. today.

Section 4. No vehicles, except for emergency and turtle patrol vehicles, or vehicles deemed necessary by the County Manager shall be allowed on the beach areas within the unincorporated areas of Nassau County from 5:00 p.m. today (March 21, 2020) for the duration of the declared emergency.

Section 5. Effective today at 5:00 p.m., no camping or sleeping on the beach areas within the unincorporated areas of Nassau County shall be allowed. Camping includes tents, blankets, towels or any similar items utilized for sleeping.

Section 6. All individuals that are allowed on the beach areas, subject to restrictions stated herein, shall adhere to the Center for Disease Control Guidelines. Said Guidelines prohibit more than ten (10) people gathering together.

Section 7. The Sheriff's Department shall have the authority to issue orders to beach users violating the provisions of this order, including orders to remove themselves from the beach. Failure to remove themselves from the beach shall constitute a trespass and is a second-degree misdemeanor.

Section 8. Additional Restrictions. The County Manager or Emergency Management Director shall have the authority to issue further restrictions as to beach use, including use of parking areas. Signage will be utilized, when possible, to notify users of the restrictions. Additional executive orders may be issued.

Section 9. 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