

NASSAU COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 4
(Emergency Management – COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Orders 2020-80 and 2020-82; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-87 that suspended the rental of vacation properties and prohibited new reservations or bookings and the acceptance of new guests for check-in; and

WHEREAS, the Governor had previously issued Executive Order 2020-80 that addressed individuals arriving, through commercial airports, from the New York Tri-State area (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut); and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-82 that addresses individuals arriving from an area with substantial community spread to include the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County issued Local Executive Order 3 that addressed individuals arriving from the New York Tri-State area by motorized vehicles and through the Fernandina Beach Airport; and

WHEREAS, Local Executive Order 3 required the lodging establishments that are subject to the local Tourist Development Tax agency to provide reports to the Nassau County Health Department and the Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has lodging establishments including hotels and motels and other public lodging establishments that are not subject to the Tourist Development Tax; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Governor's Executive Orders 2020-80 and 2020-82, Nassau County finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens to issue this Local Executive Order.

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 effect on April 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.:

SECTION 1. Effective April 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. any individual arriving in Nassau County by automobile, or any other method of motorized transportation or local Fernandina Beach Airport and Jacksonville International Airport, from the State of Louisiana shall isolate or quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days from the time of entry into Nassau County, Florida or the duration of the person's presence in Nassau County, whichever is shorter.

SECTION 2. Any person from the State of Louisiana who arrived in Nassau County on March 24, 2020 to April 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and is still in Nassau County as of the date of this order shall isolate or quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of March 24, 2020 or for the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter.

SECTION 3. This Order shall not apply to those performing military, emergency or health responders or individuals on Federal contracts.

SECTION 4. All persons isolating or quarantining shall be responsible for all costs associated with that person's isolation and quarantining including transportation, lodging, food, medical care and any other expenses to sustain the person during the period of isolation or quarantine.

SECTION 5. As required by Local Executive Order #3, the lodging establishments or any persons or entity(s) that are subject to the local Tourist Development Tax shall continue to report to the Nassau County Health Department the names of the individuals from the New York Tri-State area and now the State of Louisiana occupying a room within a lodging establishment or room within any structure that is subject to the Tourist Development Tax. The names shall be provided telephonically and by electronic mail to the Nassau County Health Department upon accepting a reservation or check-in at the lodging establishment or room subject to the Tourist Development Tax. The lodging establishments, or any person or entity that is subject to the local Tourist Development Tax, shall continue to provide all guests from the New York Tri-State area and now the State of Louisiana with a copy of this isolation and quarantine order and Governor's Executive Orders 2020-80 and 2020-82.

SECTION 6. The lodging establishments and short-term rental companies and individuals renting short-term rentals within Nassau County, outside of the Tourist Development District, shall also report to the Nassau County Health Department the information required in Section 5.

SECTION 7. The lodging establishments or any person or entity that is subject to the local Tourist Development Tax shall continue to advise anyone from the New York Tri-State area and now the State of Louisiana who is inquiring about rooms that there is a mandatory self-isolation/quarantine requirement for anyone arriving in Nassau County from the New York Tri-State area and the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 8. The lodging establishments and short-term rental companies and individuals who rent short-term rentals in Nassau County, outside the Tourist Development District, shall provide the same information to individuals as set forth in Section 7.

SECTION 9. The lodging establishments and short-term rental companies that are subject to the Tourist Development Tax shall continue to provide the Convention and Visitors Bureau, daily, the numbers of occupants and location of origin (State and City) for each occupant. In addition, all lodging establishments, within Nassau County, not subject to the Tourist Development Tax, shall also report the same information to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

SECTION 10. Individuals arriving and disembarking at the Fernandina Beach Airport from the New York Tri-State area and now the State of Louisiana shall provide their names, home addresses, and the address they are occupying in Nassau County to City of Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport personnel, or its designated airport representatives, to be submitted to the Nassau County Health Department. In addition, each person disembarking shall be provided with a copy of this order and the Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-80 and 2020-82.

SECTION 11. The Convention and Visitors Bureau shall notify all Nassau County lodging establishments and all short-term rental companies and individuals who rent short-term rentals, including those not subject to the Tourist Development Tax, of the Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-80, 2020-82, 2020-87 and this order. Further, the Convention and Visitors Bureau shall maintain a daily log indicating a daily count and origin of all visitors occupying lodging establishments or rooms subject to the Tourist Development Tax and said log shall be provided daily to the County Manger’s office.

SECTION 12. The failure of lodging establishments and short-term rental companies or individuals who “rent out” short-term rentals located within Nassau County, both within the Tourist Development District and outside the Tourist Development District, to comply with the

provisions of this Order will be considered a violation and subject the violators to a second-degree misdemeanor punishable by sixty (60) days in jail and/or a \$500.00 fine.

SECTION 13. Any person from the New York Tri-State area or State of Louisiana who violates the self-isolation or self-quarantine by failure to remain within the confines of the address within which they are staying for the mandatory length of time can be subject to prosecution under §252.50 or §381.00315(e), Florida Statutes, which, if convicted, is punishable up to sixty (60) days imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

SECTION 14. The County is adopting this Executive Order pursuant to the State Declaration of Emergency and Nassau County's Declaration of Local Emergency and pursuant to Florida Statutes, §381.0016.

SECTION 15. This Executive Order shall expire at the expiration of the declaration of the Local State of Emergency.

DATED this 2 day of April, 2020.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



MICHAEL S. MULLIN
County Manager

CONSENT:

/s/ Greg Foster

GREG FOSTER
Emergency Management Director