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KEYS

ly, things will remain the same — there won't be a spike — and our lives can go on.”

ARE BARS OPEN?

Bars remain closed, as per Gov. Ron DeSantis' executive order.

WHAT ATTRACTIONS CAN YOU VISIT?

Group attractions are limited to 10 people and all must follow CDC guidelines. Seating at pools and beaches must have six feet of separation between groups.

Physical distancing is advised in all spaces such as queues and lobbies with foot traffic in one direction.

Here are some attractions that will be open to tourists:

- Southernmost Point monument, Key West.
- The Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory.
- Fury Water Adventures Key West.
- Danger Charters, Key West.
- Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park, Key West. Beach, fort and trails are open for day activities. Café is closed, and restaurant availability may be limited.
- The Hemingway Home and Museum, Key West. Will open Tuesday.
- Florida Keys Aquarium Encounters, Marathon.
- John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Key Largo.
- Dolphins Plus, Key Largo.
- Theater of the Sea, Islamorada.
- Robbie's of Islamorada.
- Dolphin Research Center, Grass Key.
- Bahia Honda State Park, Big Pine Key. Beach and trails are open for day activities. Concession is closed, and restaurant availability may be limited.



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Members of Monroe County Fire Rescue helped staff two checkpoints that stopped visitors going to the Florida Keys. The checkpoints will be removed on Monday.

Some attractions such as ferries and seaplanes to Dry Tortugas National Park remain suspended. The Naval Air Station in Key West is closed to recreational visitors.

WHAT ABOUT THE CONCH TRAIN AND THE TOUR TROLLEYS?

The Key West Conch Tour Train will reopen Thursday, a few days after the Keys reopen to tourists. The Key West Old Town Trolley Tours will resume its 13-stop hop-on hop-off tour on Thursday as well.

Car rental companies nationwide are still providing services.

WHERE CAN YOU GO IF YOU GET SICK?

The Florida Keys has three hospitals: Mariners Hospital located in Tavernier, Fishermen's Community Hospital in Marathon and Lower Keys Medical Center in Key West.

Scott Atwell, CEO of the Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce, said the hospitals have tests available if guests are suspected of having the coronavirus.

The islands are getting ready for their "new normal" and will have precau-

tions in place for several months until a vaccine comes out, he said. Success will come with the collaboration of businesses and residents in being responsible.

"It's good that we're ramping up to this slowly

and not turning on the faucet all at once," he said. "Our staffs are able to learn these new procedures and everybody's going to be able to get comfortable doing the best that they can."

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Miami Total Home Sales and Prices Rise in 1Q 2020
1Q Market Performance Reflects Solid Market Fundamentals and Robust Demand

Miami-Dade County total home sales and prices increased year-over-year in 1Q 2020, according to the MIAMI Association of Realtors (MIAMI) and the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) system.

Miami total home sales increased 6.8% year-over-year, from 5,659 to 6,042. Miami single-family home sales rose 7.9%, from 2,662 to 2,871. Miami existing condo sales increased 5.8%, from 2,997 to 3,171.

The Miami real estate market continued its solid expansion through the first quarter of 2020. The robust fundamentals of the South Florida housing market in the first quarter are already minimizing the impact of COVID-19 on sales activity and demand. We are seeing sales, pending contracts and listings again trend upwards and expect there will be pent-up demand later in the year. Demand and insufficient supply, particularly in certain price ranges and neighborhoods, will continue to generate price appreciation.

Miami real estate had record low delinquencies, no subprime mortgage crisis, strong demand/low supply, low interest rates, strong population growth, demand from foreign buyers and tax refugees from tax burdened states, high consumer confidence and a strong job market.

Total Miami Sales Volume Jump in 1Q 2020

Miami single-family home dollar volume rose 8.3%, from \$1.4 billion to \$1.6 billion. Miami condo dollar volume increased 4.7% to \$1.3 billion. The sales do not include Miami's multi-billion-dollar new construction condo market.

Non-distressed sales comprised about 94.5% of all closed residential sales in 1Q 2020 vs. 92.9% in 1Q 2019. Only 5.5% of all closed residential sales in Miami were distressed in 1Q 2020, including REO (bank-owned properties) and short sales, compared to 7.1% in 1Q 2019. In 2009, distressed sales comprised nearly 70 percent of Miami sales.

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