

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY CORONAVIRUS RESEARCH VESSEL & KEYS MARINE LAB UPDATE

The Florida State University System (SUS) including the University of South Florida (USF) is suspending face to face courses until at least April 5th. See www.usf.edu/coronavirus for details. As a result, the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) is postponing student and scientific activities (e.g. cruises and Keys Marine Lab stays) until USF resumes face to face courses. This follows our strategy outlined in the [FIO Operational Guidelines During the Coronavirus Alert](#) document.

The earliest we will be able to reschedule a cruise or a Keys Marine Lab (KML) stay is April 6th, but it is entirely possible that the postponement of face to face classes and thus FIO cruises/KML stays could continue beyond April 5th. For those of you with cruises scheduled in the upcoming month, please stay in touch with [Rob Walker](#). Those of you planning stays at KML should remain in touch with [Lisa Tipsword](#). We apologize for any inconvenience and we will keep you updated. As the Coronavirus Alert develops, we will work with you to update cruise/KML stay plans. If you have any specific questions please contact me directly.

Respectfully,

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