



CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

MAYOR

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

March 27, 2020

Steve Dickson
Federal Aviation Administration Administrator
Office of the Administrator
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Dickson:

In accordance with FAA Compliance Guidance Letter 2020-01, I write to respectfully urge the Federal Aviation Administration to consider temporarily restricting inbound and outbound flights between Cuba and Miami International Airport due to the pressing public health emergency that coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) presents.

Currently, Miami International Airport (MIA) has 20 flights between Miami and Cuba operating on a daily basis. Recently, we learned that at least two travelers from Cuba who tested positive for COVID-19 traveled through MIA to their final destination in California.

Cuba has a long history of not reporting accurate information regarding health issues on the island, which poses a serious health risk to South Florida. Because the health care system in Cuba and their tracking methods are highly unreliable, it is especially important that Miami-Dade County take immediate action to limit travel between Cuba and Miami.

Therefore, in accordance with FAA Compliance Guidance Letter 2020-01, I respectfully urge you to consider temporarily restricting inbound and outbound flights between Cuba and Miami International Airport. Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter that is directly impacting the safety, health and well-being of the 2.8 million residents of Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", is written over a horizontal line.

c: Honorable Florida Congressional Delegation
Honorable Members of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
Lester Sola, Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department