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Flagler County requires restaurants to 50-percent capacity, bars to stop selling liquor by 5 p.m. Tuesday

March 17, 2020 – Flagler County – pursuant to Gov. Ron DeSantis’ Executive Order 20-68 – new limitations have been placed on public gatherings.

All bars, pubs, and nightclubs are to suspend the sale of alcoholic beverages at 5 p.m. Tuesday for the next 30 days.

All beach gatherings are limited to no more than 10 persons, and distance themselves from other parties by 6 feet.

Restaurants are immediately limited to 50% of their current building occupancy, and must maintain a minimum of six feet between groups of patrons. Additionally, they must limit parties to no more than 10 individuals, as well as other personnel screening requirements and restrictions.

“We are urging our restaurants consider takeout and delivery options,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “The 50% capacity is intended to ensure social distancing – six feet of space between your family and other customers.”

Flagler County is committed to protection of our community and will work closely to implement additional public protective measures should they become necessary, including limiting gatherings to 10 people or fewer. We urge all of our residents and business to follow Department of Health and CDC guidance, to include:

- Washing your hands often
- Stay home when possible
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- If you are sick and/or told to self-isolate
  - Staying home
  - Covering coughs and sneezes
  - Wearing a face mask around others
  - Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.
Anyone with government services questions should call Flagler County’s main telephone line for clarification, 386-313-4000. All COVID-19 related questions should be directed to the hotline, 866-779-6121. Residents are encouraged to go to the Florida Department of Health website – www.floridahealth.gov – for daily updates at noon and 6 p.m. to stay well informed as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the state.

Check for current information on Flagler County’s website www.flaglercounty.org, and follow “Flagler County Government” or “Flagler County Emergency Management on Facebook or Twitter. The county’s social media team will provide updates through these official accounts:

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