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Cloth facial coverings, social distance, staying home remain the best defense against COVID-19

April 9, 2020 – Wearing cloth facial coverings, keeping social distance, and staying home – when possible – remain the best defense in the fight against COVID-19 and Flagler County officials stress the importance of staying the course.

“The tools we have are few and they are somewhat rudimentary, but they are the best defense we have against this deadly disease,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “Our residents have been doing a good job following the guidance of the Florida Health Department and the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), and in order for us to make an impact, we must continue to do so.”

All Flagler County staff members are wearing cloth facial coverings.

“Internal interaction is limited as we have altered our operations, and have some staff working from home,” said County Administrator Jerry Cameron. “This isn’t just something we are asking residents to do, it’s something we are embracing for the greater good.”

All residents and businesses must abide by Executive and Emergency Orders, and follow Florida Department of Health and CDC guidance, to include:

- Staying home except when engaged in essential services or activities
- Wearing cloth face coverings when out in public
- Practicing aggressive social distancing at all times – people should keep a minimum of 6 feet of space between one another, and keep groups to less than 10, which includes while shopping and waiting in the check-out line
- Frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Avoiding close contact with people who are, or may be, sick

Additionally, those who are sick and/or told to self-isolate are to: remain at home unless seeking medical care, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a facemask around others, and disinfect touched surfaces daily.

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COVID-19 health related questions or concerns should be directed to your regular healthcare provider or the Florida Health hotline at 866-779-6121.

COVID-19 business concerns should be directed to the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation at 866-532-1440.

All other COVID-19 government services questions or concerns may be directed to a specific municipality or the Emergency Operations Center at 386-313-4200.

Check for current information on Flagler County's website www.flaglercounty.org, and follow "Flagler County Government" or "Flagler County Emergency Management" on Social Media. The county's social media team will provide updates through these official accounts:

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- [Facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment)

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- [Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC](https://www.facebook.com/FlaglerEOC)
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