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Effective immediately social distancing at beach only limitation, some additional in Flagler Beach

April 29, 2020 – Flagler County and its beachfront municipalities are announcing that, effective immediately, all beach limitations, implemented due to COVID-19, will be lifted based on the compliance seen over the past week – with the exception of social distancing. Following safe sanitation practices is strongly recommended.

“The goal remains to allow residents physical and mental health activities,” said Jonathan Lord, Emergency Management Director. “We recognize that a mental health activity can include sitting on the beach, as long as everyone is respectful of social distancing. Congregating in groups is not allowed.”

While all 18 miles of beach are open, there are additional restrictions within the city of Flagler Beach for the time being.

Handicapped parking and Beach access will be available just north of the Pier, at South 2nd Street and SRA1A.

Access to the beach is available at dune walkovers at the following locations: from 3rd Street North to the north city limits and from 9th Street South to the south city limits. The dune walkovers on the Boardwalk will remain closed. The adherence to utilizing only open Dune Walkovers is greatly appreciated, as our sea dunes are extremely fragile.

Fishing on the Beach and the walking of pets will only be permitted north of 10th Street North and south of 10th Street South.

“Compliance is the key. Thank you to our community for abiding by the guidelines that have been put in place over the last few weeks,” said Flagler Beach Police Chief Matt Doughney. “We expect compliance to continue as we move forward. We’ve got six miles of beaches in our City, so please spread out, stay separated and stay safe.”

All residents and businesses are reminded to 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

Charles Ericksen, Jr.
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Joe Mullins
District 4

Donald O’Brien, Jr.
District 5

- Wearing cloth face coverings when out in public – more information about why to wear one and where to get one is available at [on the COVID-19 page](#).
- 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.

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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