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Flagler County reassesses public safety concerns daily when evaluating facilities, beach closures

April 6, 2020 – Flagler County reassesses public safety concerns everyday as it determines if and when its facilities and the beach should be reopened as the COVID-19 outbreak has yet to peak in the county or the State of Florida.

“It is critical that we base our decisions on what is best for our entire county,” said County Administrator Jerry Cameron. “We will reopen the beach and our facilities when doing so does not increase the public risk. We are in the people business and we are doing our best to save the lives of everyone in our community. One death because of a failure to take precautions is unacceptable.”

Flagler County currently has 32 known cases of COVID-19.

“Our numbers are still on the rise,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “We are being cautious because this is a highly contagious disease. If we err, we want it to be on the side of caution.”

Officials urge all residents and businesses 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
- 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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