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Flagler County reiterates Governor's new executive order 'Safer at Home'

April 2, 2020 – Flagler County reiterates the "Safer at Home" Executive Orders 20-91 and 20-92 issued by Governor Ron DeSantis, which emphasize that residents are to stay home – especially seniors, and those with underlying medical conditions like asthma and serious heart conditions – in light of the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak.

"Residents and businesses should not focus on what the exemptions are," said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. "Instead, everyone is to focus on the fact – and it is fact – that you are safer at home. This is where people need to be if we are going to flatten the curve of this deadly disease."

Residents are able to go out for essential services and activities, such as grocery shopping, and exercising, but must maintain social distancing at all times. Flagler's beaches, parks, and trails remain closed.

The list of Essential Services and Activities exempt from the Governor's Safer at Home Executive Order can be found at www.FloridaDisaster.org under the heading Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers. If there is a concern with a business violating the order, please contact the business directly and share the concern. If that concern was still not resolved, please contact the Department of Business and Professional Regulation at 866-532-1440 or at http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/eo-complaints/.

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 unless you are engaged in essential services or activities
- Practicing social distancing at all times people should keep 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 bar, restaurant, or lodging establishment 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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