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Flagler County to open two drive-through foodbanks for 2 hours on Tuesday

April 13, 2020 – Flagler County will open two drive-through foodbanks on Tuesday. One at Flagler Palm Coast High School that will open at noon, and the other at Hidden Trails Community Center that will open at 1p.m.

"“"We are doing this because many of our community's food pantries are unable to operate due to COVID-19," said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. "Given that there are so many people newly out of work, there is an even greater need."

Upwards of 80% of the goods to be distributed are fresh fruits and vegetables – the remainder will be non-perishables.

"More fresh produce is currently available because restaurants are not operating as they typically do," said Emergency Management Planner Nealon Joseph.

The entrance for the High School location will be via Transportation Way, off of State Road 100.

The foodbanks will be open to Flagler County residents only, who will be asked to answer a couple of questions to assess need.

Residents will not get out of their cars at these food distribution sites. They are asked to have cleared a spot in either the trunk or the backseat to keep the line moving smoothly.

Flagler County worked with Feeding Northeast Florida, Flagler Volunteer Services, and Flagler Schools to organize this temporary foodbank.

"We appreciate all of our wonderful partners," Lord said. "Everything takes coordination and cooperation, and it's wonderful how well everyone works together."

In addition to the foodbank, the Flagler Humane Society has limited availability of dry cat and dog food, for those unable to purchase those items. Please contact the Flagler Humane Society at 386-445-1814 for more information.

Charles Ericksen, Jr.	Greg Hansen	David Sullivan	Joe Mullins	Donald O'Brien, Jr.
District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5

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.

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.

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