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Public testing for COVID-19 to begin, effective immediately

April 14, 2020 – With COVID-19 tests available, Flagler County – in partnership with Florida Department of Health-Flagler, AdventHealth, Flagler Volunteer Services, and Daytona State College – is opening up testing to certain Flagler County residents.

“We first offered tests to those first responders and healthcare workers who had COVID-19 symptoms or have a weakened immune systems, and we still have tests available,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “We are now offering testing to certain Flagler County residents, with COVID-19 symptoms.”

Those County residents with either:

1) Underlying conditions (weakened immune systems) AND COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough or shortness of breath); or
2) 65 years old, or older AND COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath)

can call 386-313-4200 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to complete a short screening process, and potentially be given an appointment.

Residents that call and qualify will be given a weekday appointment time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Palm Coast campus of Daytona State College, 3000 Palm Coast Parkway Southeast.

This new option is in addition to already available testing for residents and workers, through:

• Primary and workplace healthcare providers
• The AdventHealth drive-up site at Daytona International Speedway
  o Please visit AdventHealthCoronaVirusTesting.com for details
• The Florida Department of Health - Flagler at their Bunnell Clinic
  o Please call 386-437-7350 for details
• A local Urgent Care Center, please call them directly for details and availability
  o AdventHealth Centra Care – Palm Coast, 386-225-463
  o AdventHealth Centra Care – Ormond, 386-317-9055
  o Mediquick – Palm Coast, 386-447-6615
  o Mediquick – Palm Coast, 386-597-282
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.

Check for current information on Flagler County’s website [www.flaglercounty.org](http://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:

Flagler County Government

- [Facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment](http://Facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment)

Flagler County Emergency Management

- [Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC](http://Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC)
- [Twitter.com/FlaglerEOC](http://Twitter.com/FlaglerEOC)
- [Instagram.com/FlaglerEOC](http://Instagram.com/FlaglerEOC)