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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Safer-at-home goal: fewer people mixing in public – at any distance

**April 8, 2020** – Flagler County officials stress that its COVID-19 “Safer at Home” campaign was designed not only to remind its residents that home is the safest haven, but also that the goal is to have fewer people mixing in public – at any distance.

“By now everyone knows that the social distancing safety threshold is 6 feet but the more people who are mixing in public places, the easier it is to accidentally breach that buffer that each and every one of us need for individual and communal protection,” said County Administrator Jerry Cameron. “My staff, Health Department staff, the Sheriff’s staff, the staff of the municipalities, and hospital staff have been working hard to provide regular services while trying to keep everyone healthy and safe. Please stay home if you can.”

Residents can participate in essential services, like grocery shopping, and outdoor exercise like walking and riding bikes on neighborhood sidewalks – as long as they practice social distancing.

“Parks and the beach remain closed as we continue to combat the spread of this deadly virus,” Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord said. “If at all possible, send only one person per household to run those errands. We know this is inconvenient, but it’s necessary if we’re going to stop the spread.”

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.

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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](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](https://www.facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment)

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