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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Stay home, keep social distance, wear cloth facial coverings

**April 7, 2020** – Flagler County Emergency Management has not changed its message, which mirrors that of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – stay home when possible, and when going out for essential services and activities, maintain social distancing and wear cloth facial coverings.

“We might sound like a broken record, but it is important to keep up the efforts we have started,” Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord said. “The growth in the number of cases of COVID-19 seems to be slowing, and it is critical that we don’t become complacent so that can continue.”

When out and about, people should keep a minimum of 6 feet of space between one another, and wear cloth facial coverings – like a bandana or handcrafted mask – especially when at a grocery store or other locations where it is difficult to maintain distance. Surgical masks and N-95 masks should be reserved for first responders and medical professionals only.

“If you have official masks, please donate them for first responder and healthcare use,” Lord said. “People on the front lines really need them.”

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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- [Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC](https://www.facebook.com/FlaglerEOC)
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