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Beach itself remains open, practice social distancing

March 21, 2020 – The beaches in Flagler County remain open with CDC social-distancing guidelines, and will remain open as long as beachgoers continue to self-regulate.

“There is nothing wrong with being outdoors as long as you are practicing social distancing,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “Fireflight has been providing surveillance, and the Flagler Beach Police Department has been closely monitoring the busiest areas – the section within the city limits.”

County-owned beach park facilities – such as restrooms and pavilions – are closed: Varn Park, Jungle Hut Park, Old Salt Park, MalaCompra Park, and River to Sea Preserve.

There are two things that could change the scenario: if Gov. Ron DeSantis were to sign an Executive Order to close the beaches in Flagler; or, if beachgoers violate social-distancing guidelines.

The CDC guidelines stipulate that all gatherings should be limited to 10 people or fewer, and 6 feet of distance should be maintained.

“Following these simple rules will allow us to keep the beaches open while working to keep our community safe,” Lord said. “We are going to have to limit personal interaction for some time to come, and being able to keep the beach open will ease the isolation people are feeling.”

Officials urge all residents and businesses to follow Florida Department of Health and CDC guidance, to include:

- Washing your hands often
- Stay home when possible
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Those who are sick and/or told to self-isolate
 - Staying home
 - Covering coughs and sneezes
 - Wearing a face mask around others
 - Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.

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