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Flagler County follows Surgeon General's health advisory: anyone over 65 should stay home for 14 days

March 25, 2020 – Flagler County Emergency Management is asking residents who are 65 years old or more – and those with pre-existing health conditions – to stay home for 2 weeks following the health advisory issued by the Florida Surgeon General.

Dr. Scott A. Rivkees on Tuesday issued a health advisory for anyone over age of 65 to stay at home for the next 14 days as a health precaution. Additionally, anyone with a pre-existing health condition regardless of age should stay at home for the same length of time.

“We are asking residents to follow this health advisory,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “It makes sense for those most at risk to stay home, as everyone works together to flatten the curve.”

The Florida Department of Health recommends:

- Get a flu shot if you are showing no symptoms of illness.
- If you depend on regular medical treatment like dialysis, wound care, etc., talk to your health care provider
- about special arrangements.
- Create a contact list of family, friends, neighbors, healthcare providers, community assistance programs, and drivers. Make sure phone numbers are up-to-date.
- Stay in touch with the people on your list and let them know you may need them for help if you
- become sick.
- Have a two–three week supply of the following:
 - Non-perishable food
 - Medical and health care supplies
 - Prescriptions: make sure they are up-to-date

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

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

- Frequent hand washing
- Stay home when possible
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick

Additionally, those who are sick and/or told to self-isolate should: remain at home unless seeking medical care, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a facemask around others, and disinfect touched surfaces daily.

Anyone with government services questions should call Flagler County's main telephone line to get further clarification, 386-313-4000.

All COVID-19 related questions should be directed to the hotline, 866-779-6121.

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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