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Flagler County officials urge residents to assume COVID-19 is within the community, Library closed but material pick-up available

March 17, 2020 – Whether or not Flagler County has an official case of COVID-19 – as report by the Florida Health Department – health and emergency management officials urge residents to assume that the disease is already within the community. Flagler County has been working with its municipalities and private sector partners and following the guidance of public health officials to better assist residents.

“This morning our Emergency Operations Center was partially activated to further enhance this service delivery,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “We are reviewing the latest public health guidance, which is constantly changing, and messaging that validated information to our community.”

Flagler County Public Library System is now closed to the general public but staff will work with limited services available.

“Use of online resources and e-books is recommended as much as possible,” Director Holly Albanese said. “You may call or use the online catalog to have items pulled from the shelves. Once an item is pulled you will be notified via phone, email or text message. The patron will then be required to call customer service prior to arrival, and staff will bring items to front door.”

A photo ID will be needed for Library pick-up. All fines will be suspended for the remainder of March. The County IT Department extended wifi reach into the parking lot so patrons won’t have to leave the vehicle to gain access. Please call the Library 386-446-6763 for additional information.

Flagler County has modified its Adult Daycare and Wickline Senior Services to become a meal delivery service, and all clients have been notified.

“We have implemented in-facility messaging, and have a multi-phase game plan that will allow access to public services, while limiting exposure to employees and the public,” Lord said.

Flagler County is committed to protection of our community and will work closely to implement additional public protective measures should they become necessary, including limiting gatherings to 10 people or fewer. We urge all of our residents and business to follow Department of Health and CDC guidance, to include:

Charles Ericksen, Jr.
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Joe Mullins
District 4

Donald O’Brien, Jr.
District 5

- Washing your hands often
- Stay home when possible
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- If you 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.

Avoid discretionary travel. This does not mean not to go to the store for necessary supplies when needed, remember to practice social distancing.

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:

- Facebook.com/FlaglerCountyGovernment
- Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC
- Twitter.com/FlaglerEOC
- Instagram.com/FlaglerEOC

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