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Flagler County to declare ‘State of Local Emergency’ as COVID-19 cases increase

March 15, 2020 – Flagler County at 5 p.m. Monday will declare a “State of Local Emergency” during the regular Board of County Commissioners meeting in line with the declaration made by Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday. Flagler County has not been notified of a presumptive positive case of COVID-19, but Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord is asking the Commission to approve the declaration in an abundance of caution.

As of Sunday evening, 136 Florida residents have tested positive for the coronavirus, and another 410 people are currently being monitored. Neighboring Volusia County has five cases, and St. Johns County has one. There have been four deaths statewide, and 678 people had negative test results.

“We are taking action to ensure we keep our citizens safe,” Lord said. “It’s prudent to be cautious right now. A little inconvenience is worth it to limit the number of cases we see.”

In line with the Florida Health Department and CDC guidelines, and with the rapidly expanding number of COVID-19 patients in Florida, Flagler County is immediately canceling all non-essential meetings, as well as events that involve gatherings of any size that involve seniors within county facilities or that are supported by the county.

In all county facilities that are generally open to the public, highly-visible signs will be posted on all entrances that advise users of the CDC guidance that recommends the following individuals should not enter the facility:

- Older adults / seniors
- Anyone who is sick (fever, cough, or shortness of breath)
- Anyone with serious chronic medical conditions like: heart disease, diabetes, lung disease
- Anyone that has travelled to a high risk country within the last 14 days, regardless of symptoms
- Anyone that has been advised to quarantine or self-isolate.

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.

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