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Flagler County urges residents to follow public health guidelines like cancelation of mass gatherings in light of Covid-19

March 13, 2020 – Flagler County officials are following the lead of Governor Ron DeSantis and urging residents to follow CDC and Department of Health guidelines in response to the ongoing spread of coronavirus. This includes asking event organizers to consider their attendees, as well as employees, and cancel or postpone events that attract large crowds – especially when those events are held indoors.

These guidelines also include travel limitations and public interaction, especially for those who are most at risk for complications from COVID-19, such as older adults and those with serious chronic medical conditions.

“We are doing this out of an abundance of caution,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “It will be well worth the inconvenience if this helps limit the number of cases we see.”

Prior to both the Federal and State Governments declaring emergencies in relation to COVID-19, Lord convened a pandemic working group that includes representatives from the health department, municipalities, the school board, Advent Health, and countywide first responder organizations.

Flagler County UF/IFAS Extension has postponed or canceled events it organizes or sponsors through the end of April 2020. The Extension Office remains open for business. Facility use to outside organizations that are not a part of UF/IFAS will continue to be supported until further notice.

Monday’s regularly scheduled Board of County Commission Meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Residents are encouraged to watch online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbH-zderuZg0xe1s84x05rQ>.

Emergency Management continues to closely monitoring recommendations from the Florida Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. Flagler County has established a COVID-19 webpage that is available as a pop-up box on our [homepage](#), and as a sub-menu item on the [Emergency Management](#) page.

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