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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Flagler County issues burn ban to protect against wildfire threat

May 22, 2020 – Flagler County enacted a burn ban effective on Saturday (May 23), and declared a state of local emergency to do so.

“I spoke to Anthony Petellat – district manager for the Bunnell District of the Florida Forest Service – who concurred with our burn ban,” said Fire Rescue Chief Don Petito. “Volusia County has a burn ban in place already. There are four fires in Flagler now and several more in surrounding counties. The conditions are becoming favorable for rapid fire growth so this action will help.”

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index in Flagler County is 451 on a scale where the driest condition is 800.

The burn ban prohibits the following:

- Discharge of fireworks
- Open burning, including the use of fire pits and containers
- Charcoal-burning barbecue grills (propane grills and cookers allowed if attended by an adult)
- Throwing matches or cigarettes (or other burning materials) from car windows
- Parking vehicles with catalytic converters in high grassy areas

All residents and businesses are reminded to abide by Executive and Emergency Orders, and follow Florida Department of Health and CDC guidance.

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

COVID-19 testing is available for Flagler County residents at a variety of locations, please visit www.FlaglerCounty.org, and following the links for COVID-19 and then select Screening & Testing for the latest options.

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COVID-19 health related questions or concerns should be directed to your regular healthcare provider or the Florida Health hotline at 866-779-6121.

COVID-19 business concerns should be directed to the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation at 866-532-1440.

All other COVID-19 government services questions or concerns may be directed your municipality or the Emergency Operations Center at 386-313-4200.

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:

Flagler County Government

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

Flagler County Emergency Management

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