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Flagler County officials stress the importance of COVID precautions during the holiday season

November 20, 2020 – With the approach of Thanksgiving and the holiday season, Flagler County officials are reminding residents and businesses to follow COVID-19 safety protocols – practice social distancing, wear a mask when you cannot, and wash your hands frequently for at least 30 seconds.

“Everyone knows holidays are traditionally a time for friends and families to reconnect and get together, but this year will be a little different,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “Currently the spread of COVID-19 is accelerating, and a vaccine for the general public is still months away. We are asking everyone to take appropriate precautions to protect your friends and family from this disease.”

Flagler County encourages residents and businesses to become familiar with the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) holiday guidelines and warnings, which includes understanding the following:

- Travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces.
- Indoor gatherings pose a greater risk than outdoor gatherings.
- Being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for 15 minutes, or more, greatly increases the risk of becoming sick.
- Large gatherings pose a greater risk than small ones.
- At gatherings – or anywhere outside of the home – attendees from different households should stay at least 6 feet apart regardless of the size of the gathering.
- Those who do not consistently social distance, wash hands, and wear masks pose a greater risk to others.


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