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Beach, parks, community centers to close 6 a.m. Monday until further notice

March 22, 2020 – An emergency order signed Sunday afternoon not only closes the beaches in Flagler County until further notice, but also parks, community centers, pavilions, camping areas, and associated facilities, like parking lots and restrooms.

“The number of positive COVID-19 cases in the state – and elsewhere in the country – continue to rise,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “We have to balance individuals’ desires to be out and about with safety of the entire community. We are trying to limit areas where social distancing and sanitation may be more difficult to regulate.”

This emergency order also encompasses all facilities of the parks and community centers, including parking lots, restrooms, dune walkovers, and the dry sand beach.

The CDC guidelines stipulate that all gatherings should be limited to 10 people or fewer, and 6 feet of distance should be maintained.

“Following these simple rules will allow us to keep the beaches open while working to keep our community safe,” Lord said. “We are going to have to limit personal interaction for some time to come, and being able to keep the beach open will ease the isolation people are feeling.”

Officials urge all residents and businesses to follow Florida Department of Health and CDC guidance, to include:

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

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

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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:

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