



HERNANDO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ALERT



EVENT	Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
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REPORT #	2
EOC LEVEL OF ACTIVATION	Level 3 - MONITORING

CURRENT SITUATION

On March 3, 2020, Governor DeSantis declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Florida as a result of COVID-19. President Trump and the CDC issued the “15 Days to Slow the Spread” guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures. The guidance has been renamed to “30 Days to Slow the Spread” and extended until April 30, 2020. Today, Governor DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-91](#) to provide guidance to all those present in the State of Florida to limit movement and activities to only those deemed essential. This order takes effect on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. The order will expire on April 30, 2020.

DIRECTIVES IN THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER

Section 1: Stay At Home

- A. Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition (such as chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- B. All persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities.

Section 2: Essential Services

- Essential Services are defined in the executive order and maintained by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Essential services also include those businesses and activities designated by Executive Order 20-89 and its attachments. You can read the guidelines here: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/cisa-guidance-on-essential-critical-infrastructure-workers-revised-3-28-2020.pdf>
- Nothing in this order prohibits individuals from working from home; indeed, this Order encourages individuals to work from home.
- All businesses or organizations are encouraged to provide delivery, carry-out or curbside service outside of the business or organization, of orders placed online or via telephone, to the greatest extent practicable.

Section 3. Essential Activities:

- A. For purposes of this Order and the conduct it limits, "essential activities" means and encompasses the following:
 - i. Attending religious services conducted in churches, synagogues and houses of worship; and



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- ii. Participating in recreational activities (consistent with social distancing guidelines) such as walking, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, running, or swimming; and
 - iii. Taking care of pets; and
 - iv. Caring for or otherwise assisting a loved one or friend.
- B. Other essential activities may be added to this list with the approval of the State Coordinating Officer, in close coordination with the State Health Officer.
- C. **A social gathering in a public space is not an essential activity.** Local jurisdictions shall ensure that groups of people greater than ten are not permitted to congregate in any public space.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Remember, we can all help to prevent the spread of disease by:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Monitor trusted sources of information such as the Florida Department of Health at www.floridahealth.gov and the CDC at www.cdc.gov to learn the facts and to follow recommendations to prevent the spread of disease.

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