

**EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING COVID-19
REQUIRING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ADHERANCE TO THE CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Seminole County Chairman executed Executive Order 2020-001, declaring a Local State of Emergency under the provisions of Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, due to the serious health threat to those within the County arising from and related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, the Local State of Emergency has been extended three (3) times by Executive Order No. 2020-002, 2020-003, and 2020-005 due to the ongoing health threat to those within the County related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-83 to reinforce the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines implemented as a part of the “15 Days to Slow the Spread” initiative; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent health hazard and an increased risk of infection to residents of the County and healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical service workers caring for patients with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread amongst the population by various means of exposure, including the propensity to spread person to person and the propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time, thereby spreading from surface to person and causing increased infections to persons; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have consistently recommended avoiding close physical interaction between people in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, and the CDC has updated and further restricted its distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.6(b)(1)(F), Seminole County Code, grants the Chief Administrator of Emergency Management the authority to impose by Executive Order during a declared Local State of Emergency any reasonably necessary restrictions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the people and property of Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order is issued to protect the health and safety of the citizens, residents and visitors of Seminole County, to assist the healthcare delivery system in its ability to serve those persons infected by COVID-19, and to preserve the public's access to essential services and maintain the operation of critical infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Minimum Standards for Businesses. All businesses in Seminole County may remain open under the following conditions:

- a) All employees and patrons must practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet apart.
- b) Group meeting, training sizes must be limited to ten (10) people or less.
- c) Limit occupancy to 30% of the maximum allowable capacity under the fire code, for non-residential, non-medical, and non-lodging uses.
- d) Checkout points and staging areas, including storefronts, must be monitored for social distancing requirements by means of marking floors or similar actions to maintain six (6) feet distance between patrons and employees.

Section 2. Minimum Standards for Individuals. Social gatherings must be limited to no more than ten (10) persons.

Section 3. Penalties. Businesses and individuals that do not comply with this Order on a consistent basis are subject to monetary fines up to \$500 per occurrence, in accordance with Section 72.12, Seminole County Code, and Section 125.69, Florida Statutes (2019). Repeat violations could result in mandatory closure pursuant to Section 72.6(b)(1)(F), Seminole County Code, and other applicable Florida Statutes. This Order is enforceable by any county or municipal law enforcement official, code enforcement official, and emergency management official.

Section 4. Exceptions. This Order does not apply to employees and patrons of first response, government, healthcare/medical, veterinarian, shelter/rehab, childcare, utility providers, food preparation, construction, and transit agencies.

Section 5. Effective Date; Expiration Date. This Order shall become effective on Monday, March 30 at 12:00am. This Order will remain in effect throughout the Local State of Emergency pursuant to COVID-19, unless earlier rescinded.

ORDERED this 27 day of March, 2020; at 1742

By: _____


ALAN HARRIS, Chief Administrator
Office of Emergency Management