

EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS TO ABIDE BY CENTERS FOR DISEASE AND CONTROL PREVENTION GUIDELINES FOR SELF-QUARANTINING

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 four (4) times by Executive Order No. 2020-002, 2020-003, 2020-005, and 2020-007 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, on March 30, 2020, President Donald Trump, upon the recommendation of the CDC and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, extended the “15 Days to Slow the Spread” initiative to 30 days; and

WHEREAS, public health experts continue to urge individuals to avoid 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, some individuals who have contracted COVID-19, continue to ignore these guidelines by not self-quarantining and not social distancing appropriately; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.6(b)(1), 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 COVID-19 Positive Patients. All persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 must follow CDC guidelines for community transmission of COVID-19 and the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as follows:

- a) Remain in their home until medically cleared of COVID-19 by a medical doctor and/or the Florida Department of Health.
- b) No physical interaction with persons not residing in the home.

Section 2. Penalties. Individuals who do not comply with this Order face a monetary fine up to \$500 per occurrence, in accordance with Section 72.12, Seminole County Code, and Section 125.69, Florida Statutes (2019). This Order is enforceable by any county or municipal law enforcement official, code enforcement official, and emergency management official.

Section 3. Exceptions. COVID-19 positive individuals must abide by the provisions of Section 1 of this Order, unless traveling for medically-related reasons.

Section 4. Effective Date; Expiration Date. This Order shall become effective upon execution by the Seminole County Chief Administrator for the Office of Emergency Management. This Order will remain in effect throughout the Local State of Emergency pursuant to COVID-19, unless earlier rescinded.

ORDERED this 3 day of April, 2020; at 1330

By: 
ALAN HARRIS, Chief Administrator
Office of Emergency Management