

**EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING COVID-19
REQUIRING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ADHERING TO
OPENING UP AMERICA 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 Seminole County (the "County") arising from and related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the Local State of Emergency has been extended eight (8) times by Executive Order No. 2020-002, 2020-003, 2020-005, 2020-007, 2020-011, 2020-013, 2020-014, and 2020-015 due to the ongoing health threat to those within the County related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the White House released Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts; and

WHEREAS, the steps listed in the Opening up America Again Guidelines will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives; and

WHEREAS, 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has updated and further restricted its distancing guidelines; 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 Businesses and Places of Assembly. All places of assembly and businesses in Seminole County may open, or remain open, under the following conditions, unless precluded by any order issued by the Governor for the State of Florida:

- a) All persons, employees, patrons, and participants must practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet apart.
- b) Businesses which require employee and patrons to be within six (6) feet, both employee and patron must wear a face mask/covering; unless the customer wearing the mask would impede the service, in which case the service provider would need to wear a face mask/covering.

- c) Business meetings, workshops, and training programs must ensure appropriate social distancing.
- d) Limit occupancy to 25% of the maximum allowable capacity under the fire code for retail and restaurants; and 50% for all other businesses and places of assembly, for non-residential, non-medical, and non-lodging uses.
- e) Groups of people greater than ten are not permitted to congregate in any public space that does not readily allow for appropriate social distancing.
- f) 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. 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), 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.

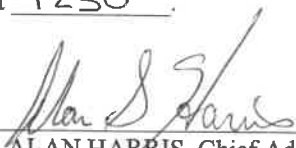
Section 3. Exceptions. This Order does not apply to employees and patrons of first response, government, healthcare/medical, veterinarian, shelter/rehab, childcare, utility providers, construction, and transit agencies.

Section 4. Applicability. This Order rescinds and replaces Executive Orders 2020-006, 2020-008, and 2020-016. This Order is in addition to the Executive Orders issued by Governor DeSantis and Seminole County. Any provision(s) within this Order that conflict(s) with any State or Federal law or constitutional provision, or conflict(s) with or are superseded by a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Order, with the remainder of the Order remaining intact and in full force and effect. This Order applies to incorporated and unincorporated Seminole County, but has no application outside of the County.

Section 5. Effective Date; Expiration Date. This Order shall become effective on May 4, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. This Order will remain in effect throughout the Local State of Emergency pursuant to COVID-19, unless earlier rescinded.

ORDERED this 30 day of April, 2020; at 1230.

By: _____


ALAN HARRIS, Chief Administrator
Office of Emergency Management