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Lee Commissioners adopt resolution to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19

Fort Myers, FL, March 30, 2020 – The Lee Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to approve a resolution adopting measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19 to the vulnerable population, limit the gathering of groups of people, limit exposure to people with cold- and flu-like symptoms and provide a means of conducting business for the workforce.

The resolution, approved in an emergency meeting, codifies concepts outlined in the Florida Surgeon General's Public Health Advisory of March 25.

The resolution will be posted online at www.leegov.com/covid-19/documents.

The Board's resolution supplements communication campaign efforts – both ongoing and previously taken – targeting a reduction in person-to-person contact. Key messages include: social distancing, slow the spread, and stay home.

The messaging has been deployed on the county's website, via social media, at news conferences, in videos, on billboards and other signage such as those outside stadiums. Additionally, the county has conveyed the message to people in Lee County via wireless emergency alerts to cell phones. The messaging is also part of an out-of-area marketing campaign launched through the Visitor & Convention Bureau for prospective visitors to stay home at this time.

These efforts have been carried out in tandem with partnering agencies such as the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The county and LCSO are coordinating and monitoring jointly to identify the effectiveness of the messaging, including LCSO flight videos, deputies on foot, in boats and on all-terrain vehicles.

Additionally in last two weeks, the county has shifted many services to online portals, moved much of its workforce out of county buildings and closed libraries, parks facilities, pools, playgrounds, fishing piers, beach parks and restrooms and public lobbies. The county eliminated cash payment on its three tolls bridges and suspended fees for boat-ramp users and LeeTran bus riders.

The resolution approved Monday remains in effect until it is repealed or the State of Local Emergency expires.

For additional Lee County government information, visit www.leegov.com/COVID-19 or Facebook: Lee County Government.

For more information about the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, visit www.coronavirus.gov.