

RESOLUTION 2020-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING COMPLIANCE WITH CDC GUIDELINES INCLUDING USE OF FACE COVERINGS, WASHING HANDS OFTEN, AVOIDING CLOSE CONTACT, CLEANING AND DISINFECTING AND MONITORING HEALTH DAILY, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; AND ; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is a respiratory illness caused by a virus that can spread rapidly from person to person, and may result in serious illness and death; and

WHEREAS, in response to the coronavirus disease outbreak of 2019 (“COVID-19”), Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51, declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida, and on May 8, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-114, extending the state of emergency for an additional sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, after Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-91 on April 1, 2020, imposing statewide restrictions on non-essential businesses and activities due to COVID-19 (Safer at Home Order), Governor DeSantis subsequently issued Executive Orders No. 20-112, (April 29, 2020, Executive Order No. 20-120 (on May 9, 2020), Executive Order No. 20-123 (May 14, 2020), Executive Order No. 20-131 (May 22, 2020), and Executive Order No. 20-139 (June 3, 2020), removing and decreasing the restrictions of the Safer at Home Order in order to provide for the phased re-opening of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the re-opening of the State of Florida will lead to more contact between individuals who gather together in public places, thereby increasing the transmission of COVID-19 among individuals and the spread of COVID-19 within Florida communities; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread through airborne transmission from infected individuals via sneezing, speaking, and coughing; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can be spread by individuals who are asymptomatic, and the infectious droplet nuclei can survive outside of the body and spread a great distance, although exactly how long they can survive and how far they can spread is not fully understood at present; and

WHEREAS, based on the manner in which the coronavirus is spread, and the positive correlation between infection rates and the absence of social distancing measures, it is prudent to be concerned that COVID-19 cases will increase exponentially within the City of Lake Helen if additional measures are not encouraged to stop or slow the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has published recommendations which include: wash your hands often, avoid close contact, cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others, cover coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect and monitor your health daily.

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that compliance with CDC recommendations throughout the City, subject to conditions, is now necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City of Lake Helen, City Commission encourages compliance with CDC guidelines and recommendations:

Wash your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- It's especially important to wash:
 - Before eating or preparing food
 - Before touching your face
 - After using the restroom
 - After leaving a public place
 - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After handling your cloth face covering
 - After changing a diaper
 - After caring for someone sick
 - After touching animals or pets
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- **Inside your home:** Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.
- **Outside your home:** Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
 - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
 - Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
 - Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at a higher risk of developing severe complications from contracting the virus.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker. Currently, surgical masks and N95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Subsequently, use a household disinfectant. Most common household disinfectants will effectively sanitize surfaces.

Monitor Your Health Daily

- **Be cognizant of your symptoms.** Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
 - This is especially important if you are running essential errands, going into the office or workplace, and in settings where it may be difficult to keep a physical distance of 6 feet.
- **Take your temperature** if symptoms develop.
 - Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, such as acetaminophen.
- Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission of the City of Lake Helen, Florida.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020

ATTEST:

City of Lake Helen, Florida

Becky Witte, City Administrator

Daisy Raisler, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Scott E. Simpson, City Attorney