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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

In Re:
UPDATED MEASURES TO ENSURE
PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, I issued a public health advisory relating to protective measures for vulnerable populations, gatherings of private citizens and density of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis implemented Phase 1 of Florida's recovery, a plan in which the Governor's Task Force recommended encouraging individuals to limit their personal interactions outside of the home, permitting certain personal services to resume in the State of Florida, and advising individuals to wear face coverings in instances in which social distancing is impractical; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis implemented Phase 2 of Florida's recovery plan for the majority of Florida's counties, encouraging individuals to follow appropriate social distancing and safety protocols issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in their personal interactions outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Section 381.00315(1), Florida Statutes, I, Scott A. Rivkees, M.D., as State Surgeon General and State Health Officer, determine that a public health advisory is necessary as a result of COVID-19 to protect the

public health and safety, and hereby issue the following public health advisory, which shall serve to amend the public health advisory issued on March 25, 2020.

WEARING FACE COVERINGS

All individuals in Florida should wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, unless any of the following is applicable:

- A child is under two years of age;
- An individual has one or more medical conditions or disabilities that prevent wearing a face covering;
- An individual is obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
- An individual works in a profession where use of a face covering will not be compatible with the duties of the profession; or
- An individual is engaged in outdoor work or recreation with appropriate social distancing in place.

All individuals should follow CDC guidelines on what type of face coverings are available and should be utilized.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

All individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. These measures include, but are not limited to: distancing any unavoidable personal contact by a minimum of six feet; wearing a face covering when social distancing is not possible; washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol; avoiding unnecessary touching of eyes, nose, and mouth, and washing hands prior to doing so; and cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces, including entryway door handles.

High-risk health conditions include, but are not limited to: chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; serious heart conditions; immunocompromised status (as a result of cancer treatment, bone marrow or organ transplant, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, or prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications); cancer; severe obesity (body mass index [BMI]>40); diabetes; renal failure; and liver disease.

GATHERINGS OF PRIVATE CITIZENS

All individuals should refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people. For all gatherings of fewer than 50 people, individuals should practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering.

Issued this 20th day of June 2020, in Department of Health offices, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.
State Surgeon General