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For Immediate Release

The City of Altamonte Springs is closely monitoring the status of the coronavirus (COVID-19). We are working diligently and carefully to make decisions to minimize the impact on our residents.

To ensure we are agile and able to respond as this health circumstance evolves, we have declared a Local State of Emergency for the City. This Local State of Emergency will remain in effect for the next seven days and may be extended by Executive Order as necessary in seven-day increments. Being prepared and proactive rather than reactive is essential.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis stated, *"Based on the recommendations of our health officials here in the state of Florida, I am recommending to local municipalities and private entities to strongly consider limiting or postponing mass gatherings in the state of Florida. Taking proactive measures will help us flatten the curve of this."*

In order to minimize the potential spread of the virus, the City is taking the following precautionary measures:

- Effective immediately, the City is canceling ALL events and programs for the next two weeks. These decisions are based on the best public health information available at this time. The City will continue to evaluate this rapidly-evolving situation.
- Program cancellations include, but are not limited to: Recreation Classes, Park Pavilion Rentals, Tournaments, City Outdoor and Therapeutic Pools, Senior, Library, Youth Sports and Special Needs Programs, as well as Spring Break Camps.
- World Food Festival at Cranes Roost Park has been postponed.
- All fingerprinting services are suspended at this time.

We continue to monitor reports and advisements from Governor DeSantis' Office, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Seminole County Emergency Management, the Florida Department of Health and others to reassess and adjust plans accordingly.

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We are imploring the public to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hygiene guidelines which include:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then discarding the tissue.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and practice “social distancing.”

It will take all of us working together to slow the spread of this virus and lessen its impact on our community. For the latest updates and information, visit:

- City of Altamonte Springs | www.Altamonte.org/COVID-19
- Seminole County Emergency Management | www.PrepareSeminole.org
- Florida Department of Health | www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | www.CDC.gov/coronavirus/
- World Health Organization | www.WHO.int/coronavirus

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