

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-05
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-01 declared a local state of emergency based on the COVID-19 virus on March 16th; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-02 adopted certain restrictions established by the Governor's office and was intended to coordinate with the City of Gainesville's Emergency Directive; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §252.38(5)(a) Florida Statutes, provides that the County has the authority to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2020 the American Dental Association issued a statement that recommended that Dentists postpone elective procedures for at least 3 weeks due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Dental professionals and providers have a strong role in the mitigation of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Dentistry has recommended that Dental practitioners follow the recommendations of the American Dental Association and stated that "Concentrating on the provision of urgent dental care will serve the public and alleviate any emergencies from placing more stress on hospitals and emergency rooms. Clinics should establish procedures to provide care for these patients after taking appropriate precautions to limit the risk of spreading COVID-19, including screening of patients and caregivers prior to their arrival in our dental offices"; and,

WHEREAS, upon discussion with the Department of Health the County has determined that by limiting the exposure of dental personnel to the public that a vector of COVID-19 can be mitigated; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair of the County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the County's Code §27.07; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §252.38(1), Florida Statutes provides that the County shall have jurisdictional authority over the entire county.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

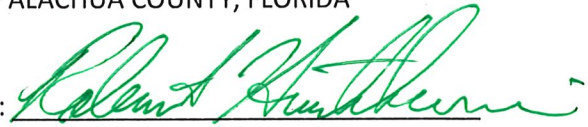
1. Dentists and those who practice under their license shall not perform any elective procedures and services until such time as a State of Emergency ceases to exist in Alachua County or this restriction is lifted in writing.
2. Prior Emergency Orders remain in force an effect unless modified or superseded.

Any violation of these emergency measure(s) shall subject the violator to arrest and criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 252.50, Florida Statutes or as any other violation of county ordinances

Pursuant to the County's Authority under §252.38, Florida Statutes, this Order shall supersede any prior order or order of any municipality within Alachua County to the extent that order is inconsistent with the terms of this order. However, any municipality within Alachua County may exceed the minimum requirements set forth herein except upon property owned by Alachua County which shall be solely governed by the provisions of this order.

Dated this 20th day of March 2020 at 1:08 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Robert Hutchinson, Chairman

ATTEST: J.K. "JESS" IRBY, Esq.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: 
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Attorney's Office