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## For Immediate Release

**May 1, 2020** – The City of Altamonte Springs remains committed to a thoughtful approach to our COVID-19 response which considers the health and safety of residents and businesses in compliance with all federal, state and county executive orders. Effective Friday, May 1, the City has extended the Local State of Emergency by Executive Order for an additional seven days. City buildings remain closed to the public at this time.

### City Parks Reopening

City parks will reopen effective Monday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with limited access. All park patrons are urged to follow established guidance on personal hygiene, hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer. Those exhibiting symptoms of illness are strongly encouraged to self-isolate and limit personal interaction outside of their homes. Park visitors must maintain 6 feet of separation from others and adhere to social distancing guidelines in groups of 10 or fewer.

- Cranes Roost Park
  - The amphitheater, sidewalks, boardwalks and walking path will open for exercise and leisure activity.
  - All seating and plaza areas remain closed at this time.
- Eastmonte and Merrill Parks
  - Batting tunnels, pitching lanes, volleyball and tennis courts will open for individual public use.
  - All fields, playgrounds, pavilions, basketball and racquetball courts remain closed.
- Westmonte Recreation Center
  - Bocce, pickleball, the multi-purpose field and tennis courts will open for individual use.
  - All playgrounds, pavilions, pools and basketball courts remain closed.
- Lake Lotus, Hermits Trail, Turnbull and Sunshine Parks
  - All playgrounds and pavilions remain closed.
  - Lake Lotus tram service is suspended at this time.
- Lake Orienta Boat Ramp will open for public use.

### Drive-Through Testing Extended

Allied Health, in partnership with Seminole County and the City of Altamonte Springs, will continue drive-through testing from Monday, May 4 to Saturday, May 9 at the Altamonte Mall, in the first floor of the parking garage adjacent to the AMC Theater. Those who wish to get tested do not need to exhibit symptoms. Up to 250 tests are administered each day.

Appointments are required. For more information on how to make an appointment, visit [www.Altamonte.org/COVID-19](http://www.Altamonte.org/COVID-19).

### **Businesses to Flush Water Lines**

The City of Altamonte Springs recognizes that businesses are looking forward to resuming operations. In preparation for reopening, it is essential to flush water lines. Businesses must flush toilets and run faucets for 10 to 15 minutes before using or consuming the water. Flushing your water lines ensures that the water which has been sitting in the internal plumbing while your business was closed is removed before it is used for drinking or other purposes.

All residents must follow the State of Florida Executive Order 20-112 and established guidelines:

- Limit movement and personal interactions outside of your home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or activities as defined by the Governor's Executive Order.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and practice social distancing.
- Avoid gatherings of more than 10 people.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Discard the tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For the latest updates and information, visit:

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

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