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## For Immediate Release

**March 20, 2020** – The City of Altamonte Springs is carefully monitoring the rapidly-evolving situation regarding COVID-19 and has issued the following important updates:

- **Effective Friday, March 20, the City of Altamonte Springs has extended the Local State of Emergency by Executive Order for an additional seven days.**
- **The City is canceling ALL events and programs until April 9 at this time.**
- **Eastmonte, Westmonte and Merrill Parks will continue to operate under shortened hours of operation and close at 8 p.m. daily.**
- **The City Library is closed until further notice. Library members will still have access to digital services, including e-books and audiobooks.**

To aid businesses and residential properties with construction, the City is offering licensed contractors expanded use of the Virtual Inspections program. This program utilizes online video conferencing to allow inspectors to remotely view the site using a webcam controlled by the owner or contractor. For more information, please visit [www.Altamonte.org/BFSD](http://www.Altamonte.org/BFSD).

The City continues to **strongly advise** that all residents follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hygiene guidelines which include:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and practice "social distancing."
- Avoiding gatherings of 10 or more people.
- 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.

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)