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## Martin County issues a Local State of Emergency

Martin County issued a Local State of Emergency (LSE) today. The LSE gives the county operational flexibility to take timely emergency measures due to the heightened potential for spread of the virus:

- Waiving procurement rules for personal protective equipment for first responders and essential sanitation supplies for critical facilities like courthouses, jails and other public buildings
- Empowering the county administrator to adjust work conditions to protect employee and resident safety
- Limiting mass gatherings
- Providing eligibility for federal reimbursement

In particular, the LSE highlights that the CDC recommends modifications, postponements, and cancellations of mass gatherings of more than 50 people, and smaller gatherings that may bring persons together from multiple parts of the country; for organizations who serve high-risk populations, consider cancelling gatherings of more than 10 people; and for individuals to avoid gatherings and social events with 10 or more people as much as possible.

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