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Public Health Guidance for Mass Gatherings

GAINESVILLE – The Florida Department of Health in Alachua County is strongly urging attendees of Gator Nationals and other mass gatherings not to attend if you:

- are a contact to a known or suspected case of COVID-19
- are over the age of 65 with underlying health conditions
- are immune compromised
- are ill
- have been exposed to someone with a respiratory illness in the last 14 days
- have chronic health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes or lung disease
- have traveled internationally within the last 14 days, especially to destinations under a level 3 travel advisory
- have traveled to or from a geographic area with widespread community transmission of COVID-19

"These warnings are consistent with CDC and Florida Department of Health Guidelines." stated Paul Myers, Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County. "We all have a role in preventing the spread of infectious diseases and modifying personal behaviors protects individuals and our community."

Additionally, everyone is encouraged to:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

For more information on mass gatherings, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html

For more information, visit http://www.alachuacountyhealth.com/

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