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**Manatee County officials urge good hygiene
following Coronavirus confirmation by CDC**

Manatee County public health and safety officials met to discuss the latest steps in community preparedness. Director Jacob Saur advised “There is no need for alarm or cancel travel plans or community gatherings. The risk of transmitting the coronavirus for Manatee County remains low. This is a fluid event and as this progresses information and procedures will change.”

The School District of Manatee County is not planning any school closures at this time. The district is consulting closely with the Health Department and Manatee County Emergency Management regarding decisions.

The coronavirus can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth. These droplets may land on objects or surfaces. Other people may contract the virus by touching these objects or surfaces and then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. There is currently no vaccine to prevent the virus.

Preventive actions to help impede the spread of the virus include:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid contact with anyone in poor health;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue or use your arm;
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, before eating, blowing your nose and coughing and sneezing.;
- If soap and water is not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand Sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands when dirty. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

For local updates on the coronavirus, visit:

www.floridahealth.gov/COVID-19 or www.mymanatee.org/coronavirus

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