

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**Vision:** To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 25, 2020  
**TO:** Residents and Visitors in Sumter County  
**FROM:** Sumter County Health Department  
**SUBJECT:** Florida State Surgeon General Advisory, March 24, 2020

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On March 24, 2020, The Florida State Surgeon General issued an advisory, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This advisory recommends that all persons 65 years of age or older stay in their homes to the maximum extent possible. This advisory also applies to persons younger than 65 who have the following medical conditions:

- Serious Heart conditions
- Chronic Lung Disease
- Moderate or Severe Asthma
- Immune System abnormalities (cancer treatment, immunosuppression from any cause)
- Severe Obesity

Residents and visitors are also advised to maintain social distancing in their home with other persons who reside there, continue respiratory etiquette and handwashing. Many cases of COVID-19 infection can be managed at home. If, however, you have uncontrolled fever, an inability to keep down fluids by mouth, or respiratory distress, please call 911 and explain your circumstances.

Thank you for your kind cooperation with this advisory.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sanford D. Zelnick", with a flourish at the end.

Sanford D. Zelnick D.O., M.S.  
Director  
Sumter County Health Department