

## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Town Commission  
**FROM:** Tom Harmer, Town Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** December 9, 2020  
**MEETING DATE:** December 14, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Update

### **Recommended Action**

None, informational only

### **Background**

The Town Manager will review the latest information related to COVID-19 on Longboat Key.

There are no changes to the Town's operations since my December 7, 2020 update to the Commission. All facilities are open with restrictions, although requests for use of Town property for events are reviewed for appropriate CDC and COVID-19 safety measures, on a case-by-case basis. We continue to urge individuals doing business with the Town to utilize our virtual customer service via e-mail, website, and phone for their own safety as well as the safety of Town staff.

The Town's Emergency Mask Ordinance passed at a Town Commission Emergency Special Meeting on November 9, 2020, remains in effect until March 31, 2020.

We continue to monitor the current trend in positives due post Phase 3 re-openings, holiday travel, and the increasing numbers of seasonal visitors to the island. As of Wednesday, December 9, the Sarasota County Heat Map indicates 2 active cases in the Sarasota County portion of Longboat Key, the State Dashboard is tracking 5 cumulative cases. The State Dashboard is reporting 99 cumulative cases for the Manatee portion of 34228.

We have been advised that the State data is defaulting to Manatee County for the entire zip code. Therefore, it is not clear how many cases are in each County portion of the Town. This is one of the issues that Mr. Henry addressed at the December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting. After the meeting, Mr. Henry provided an update on the monthly positives since the beginning of the pandemic for Longboat Key overall, as well as the number of positives per week over the past month. He has committed to provide a weekly breakdown going forward that should help clarify the Town's data.

I will present up-to-date information from the Florida Department of Health during my presentation to the Commission on December 14.

### **Staff Recommendation**

None, information only.

**End of Agenda Item**