

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
REPORT DATE: January 27, 2021
MEETING DATE: February 1, 2021
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

Recommended Action

None, informational only

Background

At each Town Commission meeting the Town Manager provides a review of the latest information related to COVID-19 on Longboat Key.

There are no changes to the Town's operations since the January 19, 2021 Regular Workshop Meeting update to the Commission. All facilities are open with restrictions. Each request 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, 2021. I will seek Commission direction regarding calling an Emergency Meeting to consider an Emergency Ordinance to extend the requirement for face coverings as part of the February 1, 2021 update.

We continue to monitor the current trend in positives following Phase 3 re-openings, holiday travel, and the increasing numbers of seasonal visitors to the island. As of Wednesday, January 27, 2021 the State Dashboard is reporting 187 cumulative cases for Longboat Key's 34228 zip code. This is an increase of 12 cases since my update at the January 19, 2021 Regular Workshop Meeting.

I will present up-to-date information from the Florida Department of Health regarding local positive cases, and testing. Chief Dezzi will discuss the status of vaccine distribution as it relates to Longboat Key residents over the age of 65, which are in the first tier of individuals eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Staff Recommendation

None, information only.

End of Agenda Item