

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
REPORT DATE: February 24, 2021
MEETING DATE: March 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 February 16, 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. An Emergency Meeting is requested for Monday, March 22, 2021 at 10:00 am to consider extending the Emergency Mask Ordinance.

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, February 24, 2021 the State Dashboard is reporting 225 cumulative cases for Longboat Key's 34228 zip code. This is an increase of 17 cases since my update for the February 16, 2021 Regular 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.