

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

**TO:** Town Commission  
**FROM:** Tom Harmer, Town Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** May 12, 2021  
**MEETING DATE:** May 18, 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 March 22, 2021 Emergency Meeting update to the Commission. All facilities are open with precautions and protective measures. 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.

On April 27, 2021 the Governor issued Executive Order 21-94 extending the State of Emergency for an additional 60 days through June 26, 2021. On May 3, 2021 the Governor signed Executive Order 21-102 suspending all local emergency restrictions on businesses and individuals related to COVID-19 effective immediately. This suspended the Town's ability to mandate mask wearing, however, private businesses, and property owners retain the authority to post requirements for masks on their property, and for the Town to "trespass" violators who refuse to comply with those posted requirements.

We continue to monitor the current trend in positives following Phase 3 re-openings, Spring Break, and the increasing numbers of seasonal visitors to the island. As of Wednesday, May 12, 2021 the State Dashboard is reporting 264 cumulative cases for Longboat Key's 34228 zip code. This is an increase of 1 case since my update for the May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting.

We will present up-to-date information from the Florida Department of Health regarding local positive cases, testing, and the CDC updated precautions for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Also, the status of vaccine distribution now available to all adults over the age of 18, and for 16- and 17-year old individuals with parental approval; as well as expanded vaccine sites by Federal, State, County, and retail locations.

### **Staff Recommendation**

None, information only.

**End of Agenda Item**