

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
REPORT DATE: June 16, 2021
MEETING DATE: June 21, 2021
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

Recommended Action

None, informational only

Background

At each Town Commission Regular Workshop 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 May 18, 2021 Regular Workshop Meeting update to the Commission. All facilities are open. 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 Governor's State of Emergency expires on June 26, and there is no indication whether it will sunset, or be extended for another period of time. We continue to monitor the current trend in positives following State re-openings, Memorial Day weekend, and the increasing numbers of seasonal visitors to the island. The Florida Department of Health Dashboard has discontinued tracking active cases by zip code.

We continue to request information from Chuck Henry, Sarasota County office of Florida Department of Health regarding local positive cases, testing, and the CDC updated precautions for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals and will provide the latest information available. The Sarasota County vaccine clinic at the Sarasota Square Mall will be closing on June 24. On June 25 clinics will resume operations at the FDOF Offices in Sarasota and North Port. Vaccines continue to be available at retail outlets. The goal of the FDOH is to transition access to vaccines to the retail pharmacies, grocers, and other businesses (much like obtaining flu shots).

Staff Recommendation

None, information only.

End of Agenda Item