

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
REPORT DATE: September 8, 2021
MEETING DATE: September 13, 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.

Due to increased positivity rates in both Counties, as well as in the Town, we have implemented COVID-19 precautions in all Town facilities. All facilities remain open but masks are required by staff and visitors when entering, and moving about in common areas. When at their work stations, employees are allowed to remove their masks. Plexiglass partitions are being used at work stations that deal with the public. 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. 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 monitor the current trend in positives following Labor 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 and now issues a weekly summary update each Friday afternoon.

We continue to receive weekly information from Chuck Henry, Sarasota County office of Florida Department of Health regarding local positive cases on the island and the status of vaccination efforts by our residents. I have invited Mr. Henry to attend the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting to provide an update on his office's efforts to respond to the latest spike in COVID transmission, availability of vaccine boosters, and to answer questions from the Commission.

Staff Recommendation

None, informational only.

End of Agenda Item