

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON COVID-19

### PALM BEACH COUNTY MANDATORY MASK ORDER - WHERE CAN YOU GET TESTED AND HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE VACCINATION

#### 1. PALM BEACH COUNTY MANDATORY ORDER

IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THE NUMBER OF CASES IS THREE (3) TIMES HIGHER THAN THE CANADIAN NUMBER OF CASES PER THOUSAND RESIDENTS. WATERSIDE IS ALSO HOME TO RESIDENTS THAT ARE WORKING OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY AND THIS IS ANOTHER SOURCE OF RISK.

Currently in Palm Beach County it is mandatory to wear a mask in all public spaces. Palm Beach County issues an Emergency Order directive on a weekly basis (and there is more going on). The last one under the title 2020-012 provides on page 3:

*“Facial coverings **MUST** be worn by all persons in public places where social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines is not possible or not being practiced. For purposes of this provision, **public places shall include any outdoor areas that are open and regularly accessible, including, but not limited to, common areas within private communities accessible to more than one housing unit**”. This is the right definition for what Waterside is.*

Certainly, our outdoor areas are open and regularly accessible and our common area areas are in a private community and they are accessible to more than one housing unit. In Waterside all common areas and facilities are accessible to all residents.

A simple example of a potential situation at Waterside, is the “petanque”, it is a common public area, so a **MASK MUST BE WORN** at all times as

**a large number of residents are playing the game at the same time making social distancing impossible.**

**A more delicate situation just to stress the point, you have two (2) couples walking on the site, a public space, if each couple maintains social distancing between them it is OK, if not then they need to wear a mask. If the men are walking side by side, and the ladies are walking side by side, then the men and the ladies need to maintain social distancing or wear a mask.**

**In a unit or on a patio, a dinner/gathering maintain social distancing or wear a mask.**

**Do not become a source of spreading Covid-19!**

**I am sure all of our residents can come-up with a series of ways to improve the County emergency order and maintain Waterside as a safe place to be.**

## **2. WHERE/HOW TO REGISTER FOR TESTING**

**For our snowbirds returning to Canada that require a negative test before boarding an aircraft. (this rule is subject to change and it is up to you to keep informed on the latest developments). The following locations provide rapid testing, with a result between 24 to 30 hours, via an email or text.**

**A. Delray Beach: South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road. Testing is available for individuals of all ages. Operating hours are 8 a.m. to noon from Tuesday to Saturday. Appointments are required and can be made at 800-209-7919.**

- B. West Palm Beach: FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches, 5444 Haverhill Road. The drive-thru testing site is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Test are done by appointment only and you can call 561-642-1000.**
- C. West Palm Beach: Found care, 2330 S. Congress Ave. Open Wednesday, testing is available for individuals of all ages, regardless of symptoms. Hours of operations are from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Appointments are required call 561-967-0365.**
- D. Boca Raton: Florida Division of Emergency Management, 901 NW 35th Street, Boca Raton. Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday. The testing is outside and waiting time is not very long, an appointment is preferable by calling 800-209-7919, you can also walk-in. The information is available within 26 hours in an email or a text. We have gotten a first-hand report that this site was well run.**

### **3. HOW TO REGISTER FOR VACCINATION**

**In Palm Beach County you need to send an email to:**

**[chd50feedback@flhealth.gov](mailto:chd50feedback@flhealth.gov)**

**They will send you a confirmation email reply and keep you posted on the progress of your registration. You need to provide your name, your United States address, your email address, and your date of birth. For a couple you can send one email with the information for both individuals. At this time, they are only registering individuals 65 years old and over.**

### **4. CONCLUSION**

**The Pandemic is a reality and you need to be cautious. Your Directors need to enforce the mandatory orders from the County, the State or the CDC. We are obtaining with every new order, an opinion from our law firm and from our insurance broker, to make sure your Directors understand**

**properly their obligations and that the Directors make sure you are following them.**

**Thank you for abiding to the various Palm Beach County orders and Waterside protocols, this will minimize the “police role” of the Board, staff and guards and help to keep everyone safe.**

**Thanks for reading and please keep the info handy. Take care.**

**Andre Mongrain, President**

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