

COVID JANUARY 2022, RELEASE NUMBER 2

We released the first notice on the covid situation a few days ago and it is changing constantly due to the rapid transmission rate of the Omicron variant, so we will keep updating our comments and our decisions practically daily.

We have received some comments on the first release and they are all over the map. We now have 21 cases reported and we are sure there are more that are not reported to the office. If you hear something please let the office know so we can do some tracking via our surveillance camera system. There are a lot of rumors, but we cannot manage with rumors, we need facts. Of those 21 cases we do estimate that 13 have already left the site, and of the remaining eight, four already completed their confinement period, there was no need to go to a hospital as all of them were previously vaccinated, most of them with 3 doses.

The first change will be to the office operation, as we are all well aware, the cases of Covid and the highly transmittable Omicron variant are running rampant in Canada and in Florida. Tuesday morning, they announced that the positivity rate in Palm Beach County is at 30%, the Palm Beach County School District went back to in person classes Wednesday with no mask mandate for the students and those students are not vaccinated if under 15 years old. The number of cases is going to increase rapidly.

In an effort to keep the office staff safe, as they have a constant stream of people in front of them close to all day long, especially at the front desk, we will keep the office doors locked all day long. Signs will be posted on the property and on the door that residents should call the office or send an email to fill out work orders, etc. If they need to come to the office to get a parking pass or pick up their gate cards, they will come into the Florida room complete their form, leave their documents to be copied on the table and step outside the Florida room door. An office person will then go into the Florida room retrieve the documents, make the copies and return their documents and parking decal or gate cards to the table in the Florida room and the resident can then step back into the Florida room to retrieve their items.

If one of the office personnel gets Covid, the rest of them will have been exposed and they will all have to quarantine leaving the office unattended for a week or more.

As far as the maintenance staff is concerned, they will conduct themselves in a way to maintain at all time a social distance from any one approaching them. We do also request that if you need something from the shop area, please do not enter, and maintain social distancing.

Please limit to the minimum the number of outside visitors, the guard will wear a mask when talking to visitor and we expect that visitor will wear a mask.

When attending a meeting in a common area, like the club house, wearing of a mask is mandatory. Maintain social distancing at the pools, petanque, shuffleboard, tennis courts and on the swings, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. There is no such request from the local and state government. There is no emergency order declared like there was for several months last year. Last year we maintained one pool open for about 80 residents (except when under county order to keep them closed), now there is 2 pools for close to 700 hundred residents, this creates a real need for social distancing.

Please respect the pool rules and the add-on that are posted, chairs should not be bunched together and people from different households should not share the umbrellas.

Board members and staff will walk around the site and verify every situation that does require a change in attitude, if they mention something please abide by the directive, the same applies to the directive of the Social Club members or the responsible activity person. The Social Club is debating a possible postponement of the start of the season which would have very limited activities or even to cancel the season entirely.

We will in a next issue on the covid, make a decision on whether or not to open the library and if it will be open, an appropriate protocol will be released.

Please minimize, your outside of Waterside site. activities with individuals outside of your home.

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Andre Mongrain, President on behalf of the Board

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