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## **What to expect when returning to the Town of Palm Beach for 2020-2021 season during Covid-19**

Information during the Covid-19 pandemic changes dramatically as public officials and health care workers adapt to new policies that effect the public. Keeping up with the most current information can be difficult at best, especially when dealing with multiple areas of the country like Town of Palm Beach Residents.

The following information includes the latest updates to local emergency orders, policies, and recommendations that will directly impact our citizens as they return from their Summer destinations.

### **Phase 3 updates for Palm Beach County**

- Palm Beach County Emergency Order 2020-28 (Phase 3 opening) requires facial coverings, social distancing, and cleaning/disinfecting requirements. All other county orders have been repealed as directed by Governor Ron Desantis.
- Town of Palm Beach Emergency orders 2020-01, 2020-02, 2020-03 and the curfew declaration are no longer necessary effectively bring the Town of Palm Beach in line with Phase 3 openings with the rest of Palm Beach County.
- Facial Coverings must be worn by individuals when utilizing indoor common spaces (e.g., a card room). Facial coverings must also be worn by individuals when utilizing outdoor common spaces (e.g., pools) **only when social distancing is not possible or being practiced**. In other words, for outdoor common spaces, facial coverings need not be utilized if social distancing is being practiced.
- Social Distancing must be practiced by all individuals, whether indoor or outdoor. For further guidance: **CDC Social Distancing Guidelines**
- Cleaning and Disinfecting businesses and establishments must adhere to “enhanced cleaning protocols.” Cleaning and disinfecting guidance can be obtained from the CDC website if needed. For further guidance see: CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility Guidelines.
  - HOAs must adhere to “enhanced cleaning protocols.” The term “enhanced” basically requires HOAs to clean more than they otherwise would have had COVID not been an issue. HOAs will have flexibility in meeting this requirement. Guidance can be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control website if needed. For further guidance: CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility Guidelines.



### **Updated Guidelines for Buildings and Associations**

- Preventative maintenance can now be resumed following CDC guidelines for exposure prevention.
- Continue to post signs urging residents to watch for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, fatigue, body aches, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, new loss of smell or taste, runny nose, and shortness of breath.
- Continue to post signs in the common areas with reminders to steps which owners can take to assist in mitigating the spread of infection (i.e. the reminders set out above) including wearing a face covering while in public areas, social distancing, frequent handwashing, and covering any coughs.
- Air BnB or frequent rental activities can now resume but must still comply with the mandatory facial coverings, social distancing, and disinfectant requirements of Palm Beach County Emergency Order 2020-28
- Residents who are sick should self-quarantine and contact their doctor as soon as possible.
- Advise staff to stay home when sick. Send home employees who become sick.
- Make sure you have updated emergency contact information for all owners including any residents who may be particularly vulnerable.
- Let your residents know to contact the Florida Department of Health's 24-hour hotline at 1-866-779-6121 if they are feeling ill or have any questions or concerns. Place hand sanitizer in high traffic areas.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces with disinfectant such as flats surfaces, lobby desks, countertops, kitchen areas, electronics, elevator buttons, and doorknobs. If someone in your building becomes sick from COVID-19, inform people who might have been exposed (do not share the sick person's contact information), have them self-quarantine, and contact the local health department. Palm Beach County Department of Health can be reached at (561) 840-4500.
- Stay up to date on developments in your community by signing up for Town of Palm Beach Civic Alerts and refer to the Town of Palm Beach Covid-19 webpage.

### **Updated General Guidelines for Building Occupants**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting close face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of the disease.
- It is highly recommended to avoid large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.



- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick. Including people that are 65 Years or older and/or people who have serious underlying medical conditions like:

Although our positive infection numbers are low here in the Town of Palm Beach Officials want to remind the public that this is a long-term event that will exist for many months to come. We understand that people are starting to get fatigued, but now is the time to remain diligent to defeat this virus sooner than later.

Now more than ever, every person must take personal responsibility for protecting themselves, their family, and their neighbors. This can be accomplished by wearing facial coverings, observing social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC, hand washing, and a thorough cleaning/disinfecting regimen. Keep in mind that flu season is right around the corner and it is possible to be infected with both Covid-19 and the flu simultaneously. Now is the best time to get your influenza immunization.

The Town of Palm Beach encourages building managers, employees, and residents to work together to develop a comprehensive plan that is suited for their individual needs. Educational materials and supporting material on the Covid-19 virus are available on the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>, the Florida Department of Health website <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/> and also by calling the Palm Beach County Department of Health at (561) 840-4500.