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District Weekly Bulletin



This photo was submitted by Kim Burnell, Finance Department, as part of the photo contest for the cover of the annual District 2 Community Development District Audit Report. To view the entire audit report for District 2 or any of The Village Community Development Districts, please visit www.DistrictGov.org.

CDD Orientation

This valuable program is held each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the District office located at 984 Old Mill Run in Lake Sumter Landing. For additional information, please contact the District Customer Service Center at 352-753-4508.

CDD Orientation is cancelled Thursday, April 9, 2020 and Thursday, April 16, 2020.

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Executive Golf

Executive Golf Modifications

Effective April 8th, there will be no exchange of cash for payment of a daily trail fee or guest rate to play golf. Trail Fees must be paid in advance or via phone with a credit card. To accommodate residents and make this transition as seamless as possible, the following updates will take effect on April 8th:

- A new temporary monthly flat fee of \$ 20.00 per month for Trail Fees will be created to accommodate what are now daily cash trail fee golfers. This is in addition to the 6-month and yearly trail fees.
- Customer Service and Recreation Administration will be taking calls and payment from residents Monday – Friday from 6:45am to 5pm and Saturday & Sunday from 6:45am – 4:00pm.
- The Starter Shacks will provide a phone number to those residents wishing to purchase the monthly trail fee. In addition, Customer Service will continue to be available via email at CustomerService@districtgov.org and will contact residents via telephone to pay annual trail fees.
- Tee time hours are being modified to reflect the current available staffing levels of Executive Golf Operations. Hours will be from 7am through 4pm.
- A golfer will still have the ability to play by walking with a pull cart or carrying their own bag.
- Only single riders in golf cars will be permitted unless the individuals are co-habiting in the same home.

In addition to the changes in trail fee transactions, guests will temporarily not be permitted to golf. Eliminating all money transactions at the Starter Shacks provide for enhanced protection as we all make extra allowances to fight the spread of COVID-19. Please note that this will not impact the ability for residents (owners, non-owners or renters) to play. This only impacts those guests with a Guest ID that normally pay a guest rate to play golf.



Community Development Districts

COVID-19 District Action Plan

April 2, 2020 5:00 p.m.

The safety of residents, guests, staff and visitors in The Villages community continues to be of utmost importance to the District. As the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Florida Department of Health and Governor DeSantis on the prevention of COVID-19 continues to update, the District implemented the following facility and schedule changes. In addition to the closures below, please refrain from participating in gatherings of 10 or more people as recommended by the CDC.

The following changes to District operations will take effect at 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2020 to comply with the recent State of Florida Office of the Governor Executive Order No. 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency)

The District is doing its part in the fight against the spread of COVID-19 and the protection of its staff and residents of The Villages. Members of District Departments are working remotely and are happy to respond to your inquiries. All District Administrative Offices will be closed to the public and will have minimal staff present to provide services electronically. To contact a District department, please email us your information and we will be happy to respond via email or telephone.

- Customer Service Center – CustomerService@districtgov.org
 - Resident IDs, Gate Access Cards, Community Watch Programs, Executive Trail Fees, Guest IDs, RV Storage Facility Rentals, Adopt-A-Bench, General District Questions
- Executive Golf Maintenance inquiries
- Utility Billing – Utilities@districtgov.org
 - Utility/Amenity Bill payments or inquiries
- Finance & Bond Information – Bonds@districtgov.org
 - General finance or bond related inquiries or payoffs
- Recreation & Parks – RecreationDepartment@districtgov.org
 - The Enrichment Academy, Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Groups, Room Reservations, General Recreation Inquiries
- Community Standards – DeedCompliance@districtgov.org
 - Architectural Review & Deed Compliance inquiries
- District Board & Committee information – Jennifer.McQueary@districtgov.org
 - Public Records Requests
- District Property Management – PropertyManagement@districtgov.org
- Human Resources – HumanResources@districtgov.org



COVID-19 District Action Plan

April 2, 2020 5:00 p.m.

Community Development Districts

- Risk Management – RiskMgmt@districtgov.org
- Executive Golf Maintenance – CustomerService@districtgov.org
- Budget – CustomerService@districtgov.org
- Purchasing – CustomerService@districtgov.org

There is a drop box available in the breezeway outside of the District office. If you need to drop off correspondence, please utilize the locked drop box.

Community Watch Dispatch will continue to be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at (352) 753-0550.

Recreation Activities – the following recreation activities are closed or postponed until further notice. It is unlawful to trespass into any closed recreation or District facility (pools, dog parks, etc.).

- All outdoor court areas and outdoor equipment are closed.
- The Sharon Rose Wiechens Preserve is closed.
- All Recreation Centers are closed.
- All Dog Parks are closed.
- The Wilkerson's Creek Playground is closed.
- All swimming pools are closed.
- The Enrichment Academy (TEA) courses are postponed and will be rescheduled.
- Outdoor Excursions and Lake Sumter Line Boat Tours are cancelled.
- All Fitness Clubs are closed.
- The Southside Hot Tub is closed.
- The Mark Twain Library is closed.
- Softball is cancelled.
- Recreation Sponsored Leagues are cancelled.
- All recreation-sponsored events have been cancelled.
- Parks and the Fenney Putt & Play remain open.

While Golf remains open, Men's and Ladies Days at both the Executive and Championship Golf Courses have been cancelled until further notice.



Community Development Districts

COVID-19 District Action Plan

April 2, 2020 5:00 p.m.

The following District Board Meetings are scheduled to take place in April 2020. All other District Board & Committee Meetings are cancelled in April 2020.

- Village Center Community Development District
- Sumter Landing Community Development District
- Village Community Development District No. 8
- Village Community Development District No. 9
- Village Community Development District No.13

The following District events are cancelled:

- CDD Orientation
- Resident Academy
- The Villages Public Safety Department
 - Smoke detector changes
 - CPR classes

As additional information is received by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health, event cancellations and facilities closures will continually be reassessed. We continue to encourage you to follow all guidance provided by the CDC as it relates to social distancing and individual responsibilities pertaining to personal preparedness. Please visit www.DistrictGov.org and ensure you are signed up to receive e-Notifications for the most up-to-date information.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers



Submit Feedback,
Inquiry, or Concern

The Villages® Community Development Districts Customer Service

What are the options for Executive Course Trail Fees?

Currently there are the following choices below for Executive Trail Fees. Each trail fee covers up to four people in the home. Each trail fee begins on the date you purchase it. The trail fee covers the daily \$4 cart fee.

- Monthly Trail Fee- \$20
- Six-Month Trail Fee- \$105.93
- Annual Trail Fee- \$141.24
- Six-Month Priority* Member- \$79.44 (* If one member of household has purchased a Country Club Golf Membership.)
- Annual Priority* Member- \$105.93 (* If one member of household has purchased a Country Club Golf Membership.)

You can purchase the trail fees by completing the application on the following page and dropping it in the amenity box at your local postal station.

You can also call 352-752-4508 to purchase the trail fee over the phone with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover).

AFFORDABLE TRAIL FEES!

\$20.00
Monthly

\$141.24
Annual

\$105.93
Six-Month

\$105.93
Annual Priority*
Member

\$79.44
Six-Month Priority*
Member

- Trail fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Prices are subject to change without notice.
- All prices listed include applicable sales tax.

* If one member of household has purchased a Country Club Golf Membership.

FIRST-TIME PURCHASE AND RENEWALS

Download the Trail Fee Application from DistrictGov.org and drop it off at any Utility/Amenity box located at all postal facilities.

The Executive Golf Trail consists of multiple courses.

Use of a golf car requires a paid trail fee.

For more information or to purchase over the phone, call 352-753-4508.

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Executive Golf

TRAIL FEE APPLICATION

The Executive Golf Trail consists of 38 courses.
Use of a golf car requires a paid trail fee.

FIRST-TIME PURCHASE AND RENEWALS

- **DROP OFF APPLICATION**
Drop off application with payment to any Utility/Amenity box located at all postal facilities.
- **REGISTER/PURCHASE OVER PHONE**
For more information or to purchase over the phone, call 352-753-4508.

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\$20.00 HOUSEHOLD MONTHLY (Includes \$1.31 tax)	\$141.24 HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL (Includes \$9.24 tax)	\$105.93 HOUSEHOLD SIX MONTH (Includes \$6.93 tax)	\$105.93 ANNUAL PRIORITY* MEMBER (Includes \$6.93 tax) * If (1) Resident has purchased a Country Club Golf Membership	\$79.44 SIX MONTH PRIORITY* MEMBER (Includes \$5.20 tax) * If (1) Resident has purchased a Country Club Golf Membership

RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT

_____/_____/_____ (_____)_____
Date of Application Home Phone Number Email Address

MAILING ADDRESS IN THE VILLAGES*: _____ VILLAGE: _____

Household Trail Fee Applicants subject to verification that listed individuals reside at same address in The Villages.*

RESIDENT NAME(S) & RESIDENT GOLFER ID# (Please print clearly):

Golfer _____ Resident Golfer ID# _____ Golfer 2 _____ Resident Golfer ID# _____
Golfer 3 _____ Resident Golfer ID# _____ Golfer 4 _____ Resident Golfer ID# _____

Select Trail Fee Option \$20.00 \$141.24 \$105.93 \$105.93* \$79.44*
Tax Included Tax Included Tax Included Tax Included Tax Included
Please DO NOT send cash *If (1) Resident has purchased a Country Club Golf Membership

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER CHECK (Check #: _____)

_____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____
Credit Card Number Expiration Date Security Verification Code

Name Printed on Credit Card

PLEASE SIGN → _____
(Signature required for ALL payment types.)

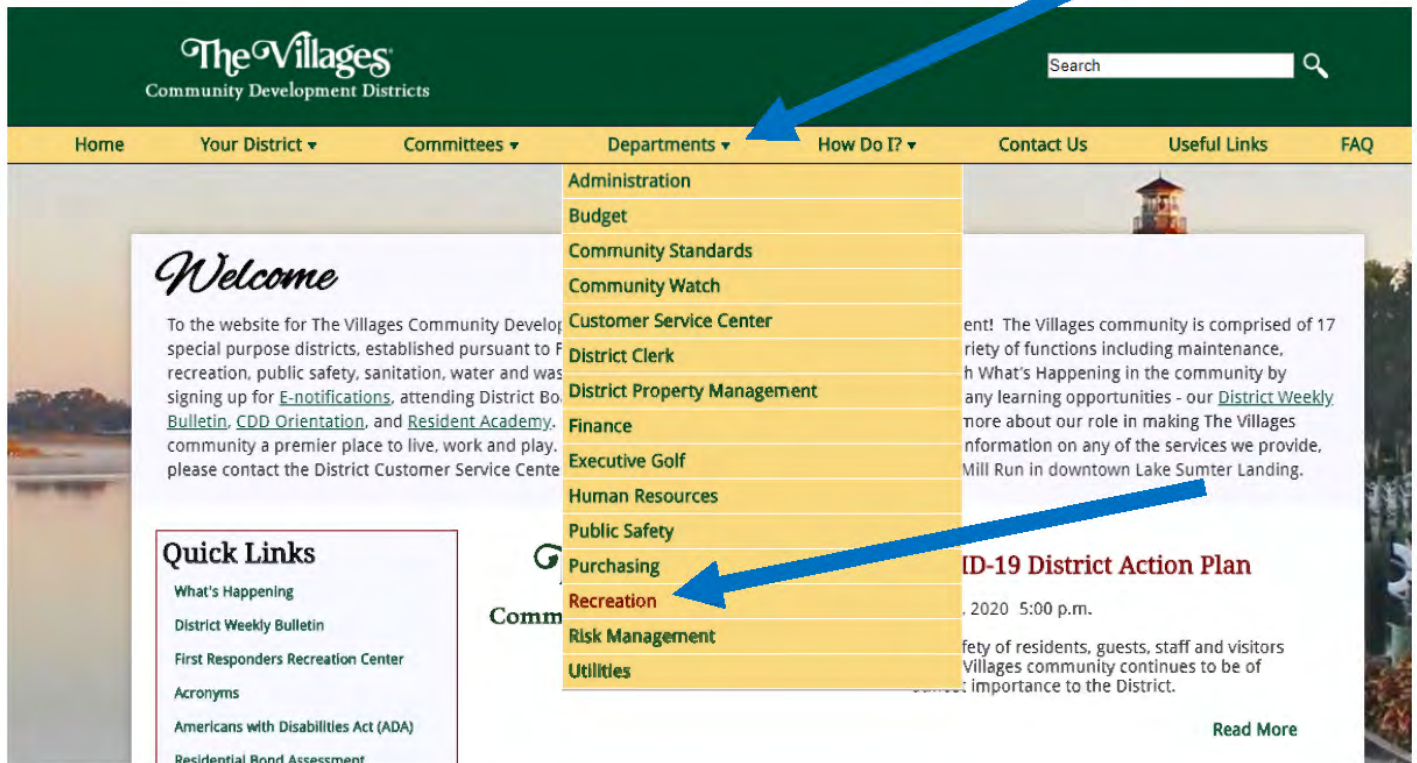
Make Checks Payable To: VCDD



Where can I find information about where I can fish in The Villages?

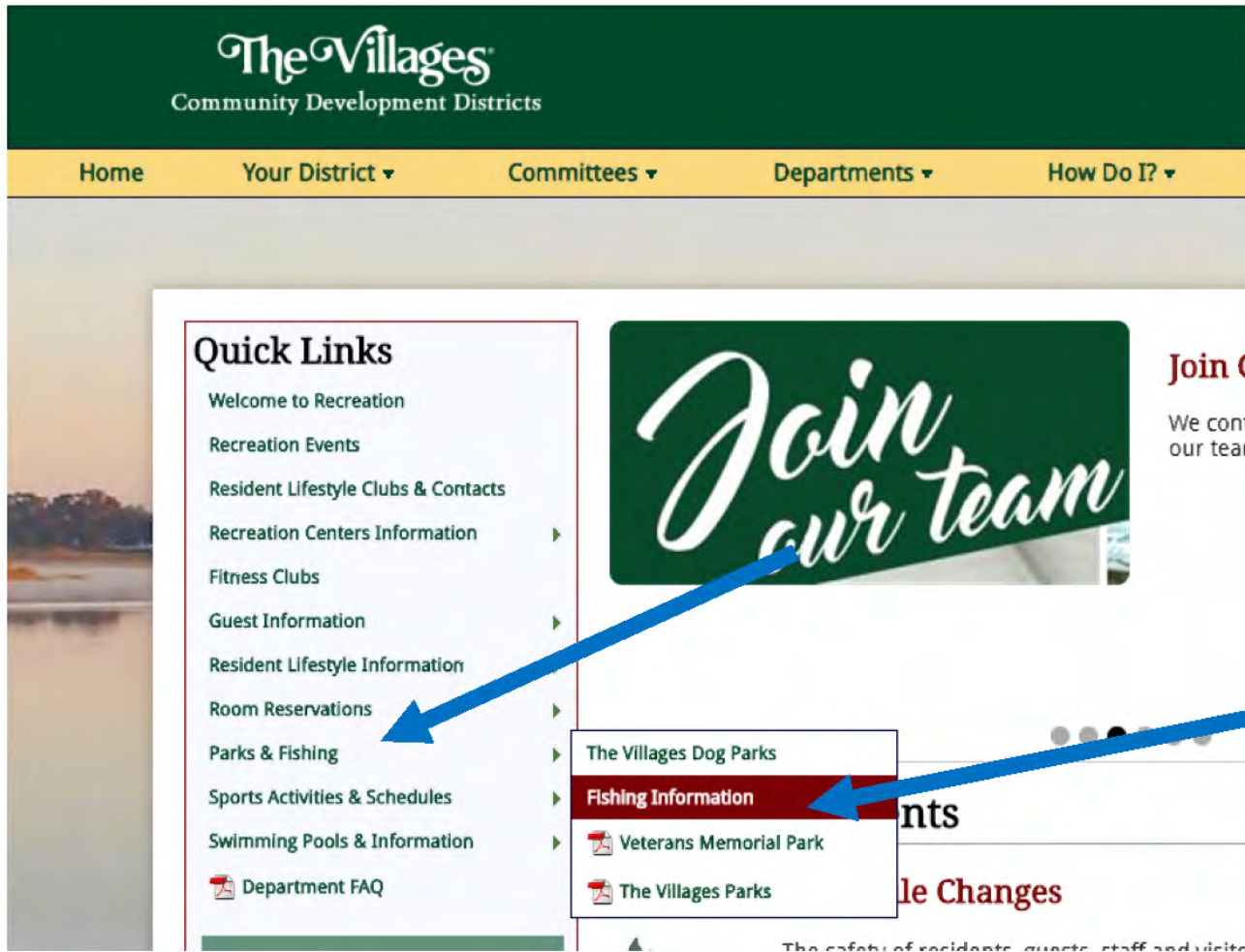
Florida is conducive to year-round fishing which makes The Villages a perfect community to offer ample fishing opportunities for those who wish to wet a hook and line. To ensure your fishing experience is enjoyable, it is important to know the rules and regulations for fishing these water bodies. The Village Community Development Districts and the State’s Water Management Districts oversee and manage many of the water bodies located throughout The Villages community. These water bodies serve several purposes for the community and also provide anglers fishable areas for their recreational enjoyment. To find a complete set of fishing guidelines and map of local fishing areas, follow the steps below.

Visit www.DistrictGov.org and click on Departments/Recreation.





On the left hand side under Quick Links, click on Parks and Fishing and then Fishing Information.



 [Fishing Information](#)

 [Fishing Map](#)

On this page, you will find links to Fishing information and a Fishing Map.

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Smoke & Vape Free Zone Policy

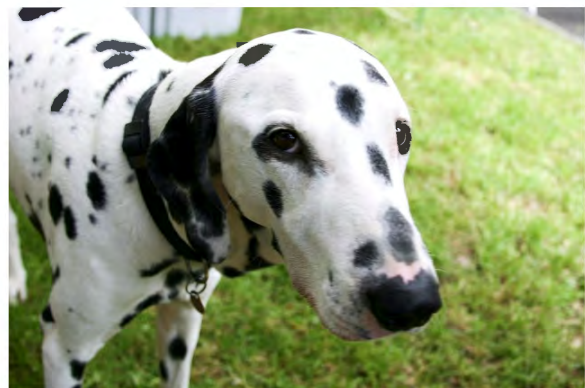
The Smoke & Vape Free Zone policy establishes a Smoke & Vape Free Zone that prohibits smoking within a minimum of 25 feet from any entrance to recreation center buildings. Smoking refers to the use of traditional tobacco products. Vaping refers to the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices. These are commonly called e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-hookahs and e-cigars.

*Smoking will be permitted only in designated areas where ash cans are located.



Pet Owners

Please be considerate of others and all properties. Dog owners are responsible for picking up after their pets. Do not use storm drains, postal or recreation facilities for disposing of solid waste or plastic bags. In addition, please follow all county ordinances including all dogs are required to be on a leash.



Information Provided by...

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Utilities

Preventative maintenance is occurring on the potable water system field valves throughout many areas of The Villages. Those customers serviced by Village Center Service Area (VCSA), Little Sumter Service Area (LSSA) and North Sumter Utilities (NSU) that will be impacted will be notified 24 hours in advance of a temporary interruption in service and will receive the following notification:

THE PUBLIC DRINKING WATER MAINS IN YOUR AREA WILL BE SHUT DOWN TEMPORARILY FOR NEEDED MAINTENANCE.

*AS A PRECAUTION, UPON RETURN OF WATER SERVICE, WE ADVISE THAT ALL WATER USED FOR **DRINKING, MAKING ICE, AND COOKING BE BOILED**, **FOR ALL OTHER HOUSE HOLD USES THE WATER IS ACCEPTABLE**. A ROLLING BOIL OF ONE MINUTE IS SUFFICIENT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, BOTTLED WATER MAY BE USED.*

THIS "PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE" WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE MAINTENANCE TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND A BACTERIOLOGICAL SURVEY SHOWS THAT THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CONTACT DEANNA SIMMONS, FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT AT (352) 259-2802 (NSU WWTP).

A notice with the addresses of the affected area along with this information will be left at the door of all impacted addresses. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in order to maintain the continued integrity and safety of the District Infrastructure.

A tentative schedule of the areas impacted in the upcoming week:

4/8 - 640 Ternberry Foest Dr & 680 Ternberry Forest Dr

4/9 - 470 Feliu Run & 1975 Hagood Loop

4/14 - 1274 Forst Acres Dr & 1688 Duffy Loop

4/15 - 1745 Buxton Ter & 1781 Chilton Ct

Information Provided By



The Villages Public Safety Department is working together with our surrounding agencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A daily safety bulletin is sent to the crew members to notify them of any changes in procedure, policy, and statistical data.

- Our goal at this time is to conserve what Personal Protective Equipment we have due to shortages.
- We are pushing the social distancing concept with our firefighters and have cancelled all department-led training and classes until further notice.
- All stations and apparatus were disinfected on Monday.

Information Provided By...



In our efforts to keep the Executive Golf Courses in optimal condition, routine closures are scheduled so that the courses can rest, rehabilitate and allow the maintenance teams time to complete vital agronomic practices.

Friday, April 3, 2020, Bogart Executive Golf Course will close for two weeks for necessary rest time. We thank you for your patience during this closure.

Due to the resurfacing of the Pimlico Recreation Center Parking Lot, both Pimlico and Churchill Greens Executive Golf Courses will be closed Friday, April 3, 2020 through Monday, April 6, 2020. We thank you for your patience during this time.

STAY HOME!

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is stressful for most people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Taking care of yourself, your friends, and your family can help you cope with stress. Helping others cope with their stress can also make your community stronger.

It is natural to feel stress, anxiety, grief, and worry during and after a disaster like the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone reacts differently, and your own feelings will change over time. Notice and accept how you feel. Taking care of your emotional health during an emergency will help you think clearly and react to the urgent needs to protect yourself and your family. Self-care during an emergency will help your long-term healing.

Things you can do to support yourself

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling. Many people are using video chats to feel connected to their friends and loved ones and report that it is helpful to relieve anxiety and stress.

Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of your daily activities for several days in a row.

Things you can do to support your child

- Take time to talk with your child or teen about the COVID-19 outbreak. Answer questions and share facts about COVID-19 in a way that your child or teen can understand.
- Reassure your child or teen that they are safe. Let them know it is ok if they feel upset, confused or even angry about the disruption to their normal life. Share with them how you deal with your own stress so that they can learn how to cope from you.
- Limit your family's exposure to news coverage of the event, including social media. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened about something they do not understand.
- Try to keep up with regular routines. If schools are closed, create a schedule for learning activities and relaxing or fun activities.
- Be a role model. Take breaks, get plenty of sleep, exercise, and eat well. Connect with your friends and family members.

Learn more about helping children cope and ways to support your own mental health at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/mental-health/>

Increase in Domestic Abuse:

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the efforts to flatten the curve by staying at home have also resulted in a rise in domestic abuse reports in the state of Florida. Abuse and domestic violence hotlines are seeing a spike in callers seeking help. Over 34,000 calls were placed to a hotline for vulnerable populations and at-risk children in March, according to the Florida Department of Children and Families. That is a 30 percent increase from the 26,000 calls received in February.

Domestic violence is a form of power and control, and in isolated situations this is more easily done. “Perpetrators of domestic violence commonly try to isolate victims and cut off their relationships with coworkers or friends or family,” Allison Randall told HuffPost, Vice President for Policy and Emerging Issues for the National Network to End Domestic Violence. “Not being able to go to work and connect with your colleagues, it can certainly increase your vulnerability.”

This global pandemic has not only health implications but social and economic impacts. As survivors stay at home with abusers, abusers have the ability to further control their actions. Research has found that domestic violence increases during a crisis. In China reports already show that domestic violence has nearly doubled in cities that went into lockdown for the pandemic, according to Sixth Tone magazine.

If you or someone you know is or has been a victim of domestic violence or abuse, there are resources available:

- The Florida Domestic Violence Hotline, which will direct you to the nearest shelter, is 1-800-500-1119
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline is open 24 hours a day. The number is 1-800-799-SAFE

If at any time you are a victim, or feel your life or that of a loved one is at risk, dial 911

Lake County Non-emergency (352) 343-2101

Sumter County Non-emergency (352) 728-6909

Marion County Non-emergency (352)732-9111

Source: <https://ncadv.org/statistics> ; <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2020/04/03/stay-at-home-orders-fuel-concerns-about-domestic-violence-abuse/> ;<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2020/4/6/1934600/-Amid-stay-at-home-orders-domestic-violence-police-calls-increase-nationwide> ;<https://americanspcc.org/child-abuse-statistics/>
<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/mental-health/>

Information Provided by Sumter County

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to pose an imminent health risk to the residents in Sumter County; and

WHEREAS, Florida State Statutes, Chapter 252 authorizes the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to declare that a Local State of Emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioner declared a Local State of Emergency on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Florida State Statutes, Chapter 252 limits each Declaration to seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners finds that the anticipated conditions created by COVID-19 pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Sumter County.

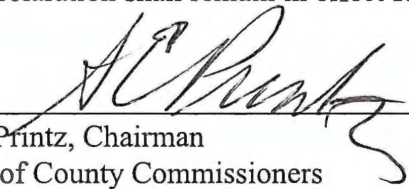
THEREFORE, BY CONSIDERATION AND INCORPORATION OF THE ABOVE RECITALS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. A stay-at-home advisory is in effect through April 30, 2020. Members of the public are advised to remain in their homes except:
 - a. For health and safety. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety or the health and safety of their family or household members, including pets. Examples of such services include, but are not limited to, seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional.
 - b. For necessary supplies and services. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members including pets, or to deliver those services or supplies to others. Necessary services include, but are not limited to, utility services. Necessary supplies include, but are not limited to, groceries and food, household consumer products, supplies they need to work from home, and products necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of the residence.
 - c. For outdoor activities. To engage in outdoor activities that follow the advice of social distancing and size of groups consistent with the guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for COVID 19. Examples of individual outdoor activities include, but are not limited to, walking, golfing, hiking, running, or biking.
 - d. For work. To work, and travel to and from a place of work.
 - e. To care for others and religious needs. To care for a family member, friend, or pet in another household and provide spiritual support.

Information Provided by Sumter County

2. Additional steps of personal responsibility. Members of the public are advised to take additional steps of personal responsibility including but not limited to:
 - Washing of hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after exposure in a public place, or after coughing or sneezing.
 - Avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
 - Use social distancing by increasing the physical distance from another person by six feet
 - Stay home when sick, except to get medical care.


3. This Declaration shall remain in effect for seven days unless extended or dissolved.

Signed: 
Steve Printz, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date: March 31, 2020



Attest: Gloria R. Hayward
Clerk & Comptroller

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Date March 31, 2020

Information Provided by Lake County

News Release

 Print  Save Link

Lake County issues two emergency orders to ensure health and safety of community amid COVID-19

RELEASE DATE: March 30, 2020

Tavares – Lake County Commission Chairman Leslie Campione today issued two emergency declarations: Protection of persons over 65 or with serious underlying health conditions



to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements to protect the health and safety of residents and visitors of Lake County.

“The orders were implemented to protect those who are most vulnerable, prevent the virus from spreading and prevent our healthcare systems from becoming overloaded,” said Campione.

Protection of persons over 65 or with serious underlying health conditions:

1. Residents 65 years of age, or those who reside with an individual over 65 are urged to stay home and take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.
2. Residents with serious underlying medical conditions that place them at a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or those who reside with an individual with such a medical condition, are urged to stay at home and take other such measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19. Consistent with CDC guidance, such conditions may include, chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; serious heart conditions; immunocompromised status, including those in cancer treatment; and severe obesity.
3. Employers are urged to allow employees who are over 65, those that have a serious underlying medical condition that places them at a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or those who reside with someone in these categories, the ability to work from home if able. Employers are also urged to provide flexibility with leave time to ensure such employees are protected.
4. Employers are urged to allow any employee who can work remotely the ability to do so

Social Distancing:

Minimum Standards for Businesses: All businesses in Lake County may remain open under the following conditions:

1. All employees and patrons must practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart.
2. Group meetings, including trainings, must be limited to 10 people or less.
3. Occupancy must be limited to 30% of the maximum allowable capacity under the fire code for non-residential, non-medical, and non-lodging uses.
4. Checkout points and staging areas, including storefronts, must be monitored for social distancing requirements by means of marking floors or similar actions to maintain 6 feet distance between patrons and employees.

Minimum Standards for Individuals: Social gatherings must be limited to no more than 10 people and all individuals must stay at least 6 feet away from each other.

The emergency orders will remain in effect throughout the Local State of Emergency.

Information Provided by Lake County

To sign up for the latest emergency notifications regarding COVID-19, text COVID UPDATES to 888777 or visit www.lakecountyfl.gov and follow Emergency Management at www.facebook.com/LakeCountyFLEmergencyManagement and www.twitter.com/lakeemergency. For the latest information, residents can call the Citizens Information Line at 352-253-9999.

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For more information:
352-253-9999

Information Provided by Marion County

MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Scott A. Rivkees, M.D., State Surgeon General and State Health Officer, issued a State of Florida Department of Health Declaration of Public Health Emergency for the State of Florida, as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, in response to eight counties in Florida with positive COVID19 cases, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52, directing the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, as the State Coordinating Officer, to execute State of Florida's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recover, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis' Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52 are hereby incorporated and adopted into this Emergency Executive Proclamation to the extent Marion County is obligated to respond thereto; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is a severe acute respiratory illness that may be fatal to certain vulnerable individuals, and may be easily spread from human to human; and

WHEREAS, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been documented in at least 20 Florida counties, including adjacent Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, an effective response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus requires coordinated action at all levels of government – federal, state, local, tribal – and all sectors of society, including businesses, schools, faith-based and community organizations, families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Marion County government, the Marion County Health Department, and affected municipalities are exerting maximum efforts to proactively prepare for the appearance of COVID-19 cases in Marion County; and

NOW THEREFORE, I KATHY BRYANT, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes 252.38, promulgate the following Declaration:

Information Provided by Marion County

SECTION 1

A state of local emergency exists within Marion County in order to proactively prepare for and respond to the effects of the COVID-19 virus occurring in Marion County.

SECTION 2

The Marion County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners shall have the power, authority and duty to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people of Marion County.

SECTION 3

The Marion County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management, shall provide overall coordination for county response and county agencies shall coordinate through the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management, regarding any assistance to be provided.

SECTION 4

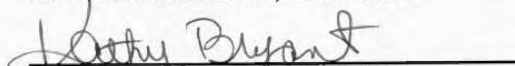
All county agencies will provide necessary assistance as requested by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management.

SECTION 5

The provisions of the Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless otherwise extended by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida.

DECLARED this 16th day of March, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**


KATHY BRYANT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, CLERK

Attachment

10 ways to manage respiratory symptoms at home

If you have fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your healthcare provider. They may tell you to manage your care from home. Follow these tips:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19
<https://tinyurl.com/u7oyx4s>



Social Distancing for COVID-19

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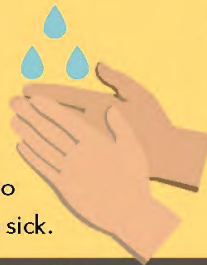
- Social distancing measures are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.
- It is important to stay 6 feet away from others.

Protect yourself and your community.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

If you don't have soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay home when you're sick.



Change your daily habits.

Avoid shopping at peak hours and take advantage of delivery or pick-up services with retailers.



Work with your employer.

Cooperate with leadership to change company practices, set up flexible shift plans, have employees telecommute, and cancel any large meetings or conferences.



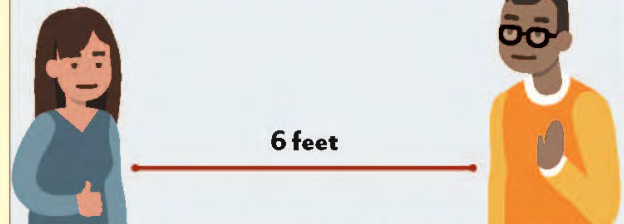
Look for communications from universities and colleges:

Regarding suspending classes, going to web-based learning and canceling all large campus meetings and gatherings.



Keep at least six feet between you and other people.

Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.



Avoid public transit if possible.

Don't travel to areas with active outbreaks.



Avoid crowded places.

Sporting events, community festivals, and concerts.



Learn more:

tinyurl.com/CDCgatherings

tinyurl.com/FLcdcprevention