Bald Head

Island

Village's Voice



A NEWSLETTER FOR BALD HEAD ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS

March 22, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Follow-Up on Close Contact of COVID-19 Patient

On March 18th Jeff Griffin, the Assistant Village Manager reported that an individual that visited the island had close contact with a healthcare worker who had been providing care for a positive COVID-19 patient. The individual that visited the island and the healthcare worker were tested and Mr. Griffin has confirmed that both tests were negative for COVID-19. NOTE: Federal and North Carolina laws place a significant emphasis on protecting the individual's identity and health status. This information is not typically shared with the Village and/or the public.

More COVID-19 Cases in Brunswick County

Brunswick County reported its 5th and 6th presumptive positive cases, both new cases are separate, travel-related, were not symptomatic on return and are currently self-isolating at home.

Key Points from Previous Message:

- Renters must leave today by 2:00 p.m. per declared State of Emergency & Voluntary Evacuation.
- Second homeowners have been advised to return home to be closer to primary care resources.
- The Village is concerned about having enough resources to respond to COVID-19 cases.
- There is a high probability that people on BHI are sick or will be sick with COVID-19.
- There is no "health system" on the island and the local ones are small.
- Symptomatic individuals must be transported independent of the ferry system.
- Ferries will be congested and within days will be allowing fewer and fewer passengers.

Resources:

Municipal Toolkit (hotline numbers, business and community assistance info, FAQ)

<u>Village FAQs</u> – We've added some credible social media resources for you to share with others.

Ferry Announcements

Brunswick County

NCDHHS

CDC

Thank you,

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